



14th June 2024

FRIDAY - NON UNIFORM DAY TO RAISE PRIZES FOR THE USWORTH COLLIERY SUMMER FAIR

We will be having a non-uniform day on FRIDAY 21st JUNE. Instead of bringing in money, we are asking if parents could send a small donation of any items for the festival.

We would be grateful for any donations for the festival stalls: a general tombola – any unwanted or unused gifts, chocolate or sweets, a bottle tombola – anything ranging from soft drinks, toiletries, ketchup or wine and bottle bags.

As always, thank you so much for your support.



FRIDAY -PSHCE AND MENTAL HEALTH FAMILY OPEN MORNING

On Friday 21st June from 9am-1030am, we are hosting a PSHCE and Mental Health family open morning in school (in the hall) and we would love to invite you to collect your child from class to come to the main hall and see what it's all about! In our school, we teach PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) on a weekly basis covering a wide range of issues and topics, always taking our lead from the children and teaching what is appropriate and necessary for the class and year group. Many lessons are drama or discussion based so we record our work in large 'floor books' and often use stories and scenarios to introduce and teach certain topics. There will be a chance for you to look through your child's floor books and have a go at some of the activities and techniques that we use throughout school to promote PSHCE and good mental health. There will also be a comfy reading area where you can sit and read with your child. We have invited ambassadors from the local area to come along and promote their mental health services which are available to everyone. Hopefully we will see you there! Mrs. Swinburn.



CELEBRATING WASHINGTON TURNING 60!

On 20th July 2024, Washington will be 60 years old. To celebrate this important local anniversary, each class will be looking at how our local area has changed over the past 60 years. From 2:30pm on Friday 5th July, we would love it if you could celebrate this event with us by attending our picnic. If you would like to join us, come along and bring your own picnic snacks to share with your family. Class teachers will picnic with children whose families are unable to attend. All classes will be participating and children will be able to leave with you from the field throughout the afternoon.

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Chloe R 6JM and Izabel 6CS both came to show me their phenomenal writing from this week. They were writing an explanation text based on the class novel 'The Girl on Ink and Stars'. They were tasked with making up information and data about how tourism had declined on this fictional island. When I read it, I thought it was a real place as their writing was so believable. The girls were so proud of what they had achieved and so they should be! Well done girls.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals, then we urge you to complete the online form.

[Free School Meals - Together for Children](#)

If your child is in reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they automatically receive a free lunch as part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. You have to apply for free school meals. **THEREFORE, IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT YOU APPLY, IF YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY AND YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 2. THEY WILL NO LONGER GET FREE MEALS WHEN IN YEAR 3 IF YOU HAVE NOT APPLIED.**

We get updated lists of those who have applied on a weekly basis. Also, your child does not automatically receive free school meals even if a sibling in school does, you still have to apply for each child individually. Any questions then please contact the school office.

We have received an email from together for children that they have received funding for the vouchers £60.00 per child. For the Summer holidays however, you only receive these if you are in receipt of free school meals. If you have applied and you are eligible for the vouchers, you will receive a text from school when they are ready to be collected.

GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK SHOWCASE

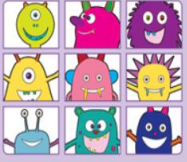
Thank you to all those who joined us yesterday afternoon for our Geography Showcase. It was lovely to see the hall so busy and I was so proud of our Geography Ambassadors who lead the activities and helped the younger children and some of the adults to access the tasks. It was a great opportunity for our children to show off their map skills and for parents and carers to see the high quality work our children access and enjoy in Geography. The children took part in a wide range of activities including using and creating sketch maps, following directional language, locating places from pairs of co-ordinates and making their own map of the world. Please have a look on our twitter Page for more photographs.



Key stage 1

WELL DONE YEAR 1 AND YEAR 4

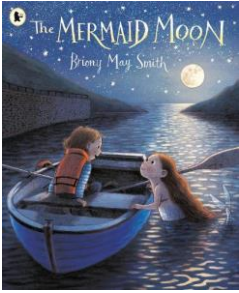
Phonics screening check
Pupils' materials



This week the Year 1 children completed their phonics screener and the Y4 children completed their multiplication check. We are so proud of how well they performed and how confidently they went about these assessments. The phonic assessments are a culmination of all the reading teaching the children have received since reception and of course all the reading practise they have done at home. I know I know that Mrs Prinn, Mrs Dixon and Mrs Walker were very impressed with all the Year 1 children they assessed. Mrs Moore assessed the Y4 children who took part in the Multiplication Check and she commented on how confidently and quickly they were able to recall some of the trickier tables facts. Well done everyone!



RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES THE MERMAID MOON BY BRIONY MAY SMITH



Once, there were two best friends. One was from the sea, a mermaid named Merrin, and one was from the land, a human named Molly. Merrin has never been to Molly's house; how can she visit when she is a mermaid, and has to stay underwater? But then comes the night of the Mermaid Moon, when sea creatures can fly through the air! And this year, Merrin is finally old enough to join in. Together, she and Molly visit the Mermaid Moon festival, eat ice cream, and ride on a swing in Molly's garden. But trouble arises when it is time for Merrin to leave. If she doesn't get back home before the moon sets, the Mermaid Moon magic will disappear from the earth forever... In this magical picture book perfect for all young mermaid lovers, two best friends – one who lives on land, the other in the water – share an exciting adventure on the night of the Mermaid Moon: the one time each year mermaids can leave the sea.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

- Monday 17th June – 1EP Washington library
- Tuesday 18th June – NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6
- Monday 20th June - Base 1 Beamish
- Friday 21st June - PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning
- Friday 21st June – Non Uniform (bring something in for Summer Fair!)
- Monday 24th June – 1RD Washington library
- Tuesday 25th June – KS1 Sports Day (pm)
- Friday 28th June – KS2 Sports Day (pm)
- Monday 1st July – 5GS NUSTEM Think Lab workshop Northumbria University
- Tuesday 2nd July – RAW Pizza Express visit
- Friday 5th July - Washington 60th Anniversary picnic
- Monday 8th July - Y5 Heritage Day Beacon of Light
- Tuesday 9th July – RDB Pizza Express visit
- Wednesday 10th July – 5JW NUSTEM Think Lab workshop Northumbria University
- Thursday 11th July - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
- Thursday 11th July - Y6 performance
- Friday 12th July – End of Year reports
- Friday 12th July - Summer Fair
- Monday 15th July - Wilderness Trip 6CS
- Tuesday 16th July - Wilderness Trip 6JM
- Friday 19th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly
- Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer holidays

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Hilton	2CH Classroom
Monday	Review Crew	Mrs Kaur	Base 3
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3LC Classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green and Mrs Edmunds	KS2 Intervention Room
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Miss Skeen	5GS Classroom
Tuesday	Gardening	Mrs Lowe	3RL Classroom/Wild Garden
Tuesday	Yoga and Positivity	Mrs Comby	3LC Classroom
Tuesday	Games and jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1RD Classroom
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Day	Club name	Staff	Location
Monday STARTS 13 th MAY	Football Skills boys/Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field
Thursday STARTS 2 nd MAY	Football Skills Girls	Mr Rutherford	School Field

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

HOUSE POINTS

Check out our house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1st – 5JW 2nd – 3RL 3rd – 3LC

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Whole school attendance – 94.78%

EYFS/KS1 1RD - 99.05% KS2 4VM - 97.44%

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