

USWORTH COLLIERY

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YEAR 6 AZTEC ARCHITECTURE

Year 6 had a wonderful day on Monday! We worked with Martin Architecture Workshops building Maya Ziggurats in the morning. It was a task that demanded team work and precision to create a structure as tall as the hall! All the groups did a great job and the final result was truly spectacular. In the afternoon, we turned our attention to building bridges. We had to focus on the strongest 2D shape -the triangle - to make our bridges as strong as possible. I think you'll agree they are pretty impressive. A massive well done to all of Year 6 for their perseverance and resilience in this great feat of engineering. *Mrs. Moore*



STAFFING

We have had some new lunchtime supervisors start with us over the last few weeks and we are happy to welcome them to Usworth Colliery. Both Ann Wilson & Gemma Miller will be working across KS2 supporting the children in the dinner hall and also the yard. We wish them a warm Colliery welcome.

REMINDER: COVID GUIDANCE

COVID continues to provide school with challenges. However, absence at Usworth Colliery has not been affected as much as other local schools so far.

It is very important that if your child has any symptoms of COVID at all, you take them for a PCR test. Do not bring them into school. If the test is negative, then they can return. If anyone else in the house has a PCR test, even if they do have symptoms, your child can still attend school (unless they have symptoms themselves). If anyone in the household has a positive test but your child tests negative, then they can still attend school. The guidance has changed temporarily **to if your child has no symptoms and tests positive on a lateral flow test then they do not need to take a PCR.** This is all according to government guidance. Please contact the school office if you have any queries about this.

The only reason your child should be absent is if they have symptoms and are awaiting a test result or if they have COVID.

I understand that a number of parents are concerned that we are not informing them of cases within their child's class. This is direct advice from public health. As we have done through the pandemic, we continue to follow advice from the government and public health. Thank you for your support.

RECOMMENDED READS: NEW RELEASES

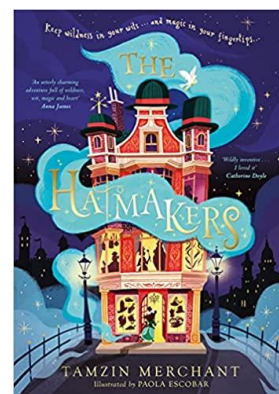
HATMAKERS BY TAMZIN MERCHANT

The first adventure in a spellbinding new magical world.

Cordelia comes from a long line of magical milliners, who weave alchemy and enchantment into every hat. In Cordelia's world, Making - crafting items such as hats, cloaks, watches, boots and gloves from magical ingredients - is a rare and ancient skill, and only a few special Maker families remain.

When Cordelia's father Prospero and his ship, the *Jolly Bonnet*, are lost at sea during a mission to collect hat ingredients, Cordelia is determined to find him. But Uncle Tiberius and Aunt Ariadne have no time to help the littlest Hatmaker, for an ancient rivalry between the Maker families is threatening to surface. Worse, someone seems to be using Maker magic to start a war.

It's up to Cordelia to find out who, and why...



REMINDER: TERM DATES FOR 2022

SPRING FIRST HALF-TERM from **Wednesday 5th January 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022**

SPRING SECOND HALF-TERM from **Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022**

SUMMER FIRST HALF-TERM from **Monday 25th April 2022 to Thursday 27th May 2022**

SUMMER SECOND HALF-TERM from **Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022.**

Friday 29th May 2022 is a TEACHER TRAINING DAYS and school will be closed to children.

School is also closed on **Monday 2nd May 2022** for the Bank Holiday.

School is also closed on **Friday 1st July 2022** in lieu of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee.

NOTE: Dates of events (such as parent/carer meetings and visits and visitor will be added over the next few weeks).

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Club Leader	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	All	The Base
Monday	Crazy crafts	Mrs Kaur	3-6	Art room
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Steel/ Mrs Prosser	3-6	The Base
Tuesday	The Movie Review Crew	Mrs Wall/ Mrs Bloomer	1-2	Small Hall
Tuesday	Performing Arts	Mr Wright	3-6	Main Hall
Tuesday	Fun Friends	Mrs Dickinson	All	Thrive
Thursday	Dodgeball	Mr Dickinson	4-6	Main Hall

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18 th January	Change 4 Life workshops in school with Years 4, 5 & 6.
Wednesday 19 th January	Change 4 Life workshops in school with reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
Wednesday 19 th January	Selected Year 5 girls attend Science is my Superpower at Newcastle University
Monday 31 st January	Reception trip to Chinatown in Newcastle
Wednesday 16 th February	Parent Meetings from 1.30-6pm (video calls)
MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY – HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 28 th February	Pupils return to school
w.b. 28 th February	Virtual book fair
Wednesday 30 th March	Y6 parent meetings about KS2 SATs at 5pm
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Monday 14 th to Wednesday 16 th March	Baltic Gateshead travelling bus art exhibition and workshops in school
Friday 1 st April	Spring reports sent home
MONDAY 11th APRIL – FRIDAY 22nd APRIL – EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 25 th April	Pupils return to school

FURTHER DATES TO BE ADDED OVER THE COMING WEEKS

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

DOJO POINTS

Check out our dojo/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 – 2CB 2nd – 4EP 3rd – 2EH

Mr Gary Wright

Headteacher