

### RED NOSE DAY

The children have had a fantastic day today having fun and raising money for Comic Relief. As a school we have raised £166.50 which is a wonderful total. Each class picked their favourite joke and the afternoon assembly was all about sharing these jokes with each other. If you want a giggle, go to the bottom of the newsletter to read our favourite jokes

### SAFETY ONLINE

There has been a lot of coverage in the news this week about how difficult it is to keep children safe online including a national survey of children which found many young children had been subjected to inappropriate online content through their smart phones. Mr Arthur continues to work hard in school to ensure all our children are educated about the dangers and benefits of technology and we will continue to share any support or information we find that can help parents to keep up to date on how to support children in the ever-changing world of technology. This week's link is all about fake news

We need to be mindful that as young people spend much more time online, they will come across many types of news to include, fake, real, biased, exaggerated and AI generated impersonation. They are then only a few clicks away to exploring more and vulnerable to being dragged into things. Factors such as being easily impressionable young people especially at risk. Please visit the bottom of the E-Safety page on the school website to get some helpful tips and advice to help when deciding what to believe and what not to believe!

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/e-safety>

### SCHOOL REPORTS NEXT FRIDAY

On Friday you will be receiving your child's spring term report and their attendance information for the term. If your children is on the SEND register you will also receive their evaluated spring term support plan. At the end of this term, you will also receive their summer term support plan with new targets set.



### ART COFFEE MORNINGS NEXT WEEK

A reminder that next week we are holding our art coffee mornings

Parents/carers are invited to attend on Wednesday 20th March from 9:15 -11am – if your child is in Reception & KS1+ and on Thursday 21st March from 9:15 to 11am if your child is in KS2

You are invited to come and take part in some art activities with your children. There will be refreshments available and the opportunity to get creative - Miss Sheldon.

### FOOTBALL TEAM SUCCESS

After flooded pitches cancelled our first matches after the winter break and the debacle of last week's matches, The Colliery finally got to resume the season yesterday afternoon. First up were local rivals Marlborough in the rearranged fixtures from last week. A goal from Riley within 10 seconds of the kick off was the perfect start. Crosses flooded into the box from wingers Joey and Harrison, allowing Riley to add another 3 goals to his tally before half time. A screamer from Jayden L, fit again after being on crutches last week, brought us to half time 5-0 up. The second half was played at a much slower pace, although a jinking run by Luke led to him being brought down in the area. After dusting himself off, he calmly slotted the penalty into the bottom corner. Blake nearly added a 7th with an audacious karate kick shot but it was not to be and we ran out 6-0 winners in the local derby. Next up were George Washington, who provided a much sterner test. However, the team were not phased and that man Riley was able to latch on to a through ball and slot calmly past the 'keeper to give us a 1-0 lead, which was carried through until half time. The second half was very scrappy with few clear-cut chances; team captain Jayden B marshalled the defence imperiously alongside Seth, leaving Gideon with very little to do in goal. A late flurry of chances for the opposition didn't faze the team and they stood strong to hold on to 1-0 win. Two wins and two clean sheets was a very satisfying way to return to league football. This was the last of our scheduled league fixtures so we will now be seeking to rearrange the missed matches from previous weeks. By my reckoning, we have games against Wessington, Blackwell, St John's, St Bede's and Springwell to rearrange as well as the Columbia Cup fixtures. I will inform parents as soon as I have been able to arrange them. Also, look out for the results of the girls' team next week as they enter another tournament, attempting to make amends for missing out on the finals of the futsal tournament on goal difference.

### SCHOOL MEALS

From 1st April 2024 the cost of school meals is increasing to £3:00 per meal (£15:00 per week) payable in advance.

Unfortunately, our school meal provider is having to increase the cost of school meals due to rising costs for the supply of food and staffing.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please apply direct via the following link:

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



## EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

Don't forget our annual egg-cellent Easter Egg Decorating Competition. We love seeing the amazing creations that the children make each year. All entries must be labelled with your child's full name and class and brought into school on Thursday 28th March.

If you have never entered our competition before do not worry, follow these simple steps to help your child make a decorated egg:

1. Take an egg and hard boil it for 10 minutes.
2. Once cooled, decorate your egg or eggs.
3. Label your entry and bring it into school on Thursday 28th March.

We look forward to seeing what the children have created!

## YEAR 5 TRIP TO OUSEBURN

This week, Year 5 have been to Ouseburn in Newcastle as part of their current history topic The Industrial Revolution to help answer the question 'Who was responsible for the death of Lizzie Dowson?'. Prior to the trip they looked at lots of evidence of Lizzie's life in the classroom through newspaper reports, census data and maps. On the trip, the children loved seeing evidence of the industrial revolution in real life.



## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Shae** from **Base 2** came with his teacher because she was so proud of him. She explained that he has made monumental improvements in his social interactions both with staff and his peers, using wonderful vocabulary in the process. He has even reached out to his classmates to include them in his play this week, what a good friend! Well done Shae!

**Indi 6M** came to show me her fantastic fraction work. She has learned how to add and compare fractions but she is most proud of learning how to find multiple fractions of amounts using division and multiplication. She was so confident explaining what she had done and how she had calculated the answers. Very impressive Indi -keep it up!

**Seth 5W** after learning about Judaism in RE went home and researched the Hebrew alphabet and brought into school, not only the alphabet written in Hebrew but his own name in Hebrew too. It's so lovely to see children taking their learning in school and researching for themselves. Well done Seth we are so impressed with you and your hard work.

## RECEPTION SPONSORED DANCE-A-THON

Today Reception children took part in a sponsored dance-a-thon, where they danced every hour on the hour wherever they were in school including the dinner hall, the yard and in the middle of lessons. The final dance was at 3pm with their parents and carers!

This was to raise money for a new sensory light area in the classroom and we will let you know how much your wonderful children managed to raise. Thank you so much for donations and for taking part.



## RECOMMENDED READ AND NEW RELEASES NIGHT FLIGHT BY KATIE COTTLE

From author-illustrator Katie Cottle comes a breath-taking journey about light pollution and saving the birds. When Ellie moves from her quiet village to a bustling city, she finds that the many different birds she loves to watch are missing.

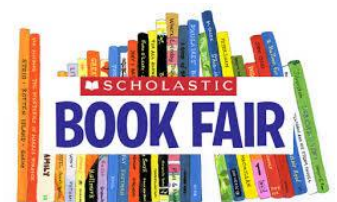
She stares out of her window, searches the skies on walks, but they are nowhere to be found. Then one night, she's visited by a giant starling which asks for her help. The birds are lost because of the shimmering glow from the city's bright lights.

Can Ellie help the birds find their way home? *Night Flight* is a hopeful, inspiring story about the power of using your voice.



## BOOK FAIR NEXT WEEK

We have the Scholastic Book Fair in school next week from Thursday 21st March until Wednesday 27th March. It will be open after school each night until 4pm if you would like to come and browse with your children



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPRING TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Monday	Construction	Mrs Kaur	1-6	12	Base 3
Monday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6	20	3LC classroom
Monday	Book Club	Miss Bell	3-6	10	4SB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	12	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Just dance	Mrs Lines	2-6	10	Base 2
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Miss Skeen	3-6	30	5GS classroom
Tuesday	Gardening	Mrs Lowe	3-6	15	3RL classroom/Wild garden
Tuesday	Dodge Ball	Mr Warner	5-6	20	Hall
Thursday	Review crew	Mrs Bloomer	1-2	10	TBC
Thursday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Burrell	Rec-2	12	Reception class

## SPRING TERM DATES COMING UP

Monday 18th March - Reception (RAW) trip to Hall Hill Farm

Tuesday 19th March - Y2 Dance Festival at the Sage

Wednesday 20th March - Reception & KS1 Art Coffee Morning (9:15am)

Thursday 21st March – Wednesday 27th March Scholastic Book Fair in school

Thursday 21st March - KS2 Art Coffee Morning (9:15am)

Thursday 21st March - Reception (RBD) trip to Hall Hill Farm

Friday 22nd March - Spring Term Reports

Monday 25th March (am) – 5GS to Newcastle Reform Synagogue

Monday 25th March – Rocksteady Concert (for parents/carers of pupils who have lessons)

Monday 25th March – Easter Performance for Y2 parents and carers (2:30pm)

Wednesday 27th March Easter Performance for Y1 parents and carers (9:30am)

Tuesday 27th March (am) – 5JW to Newcastle Reform Synagogue

Wednesday 27th March -SATs parent meeting (5pm.)

Thursday 28th March – Easter Egg Competition

Thursday 28th March - Break up for Easter Holidays

**EASTER HOLIDAY Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April**

## 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 – 4VM 2nd – 3RL 3rd – 6CS

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Whole school attendance – 90.47%

EYFS/KS1 – 96.96% - RAW      KS2 – 95.79% - 3RL

**Mrs Alison Forster      Headteacher**

### OUR RED NOSE DAY JOKES

EYFS	Where does a dog park? In a barking spot!
1RD	Where do frogs keep their money? In a riverbank.
1EP	Will you remember in a week? Will you remember me in a month? Will you remember me in a year? Knock Knock Who is there? You don't remember me!
2CH	What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef.
2CB	A: Knock Knock B: Who's there? A: The interrupting cow. B: The interrupting ... ? A: MOO!
3LC	Why did the chicken cross the road? Be-cawwww-se
3RL	Why can Elsa not hold a balloon? Because she'll let it go!
4VM	Why did the chicken cross the park? To get to the other slide!
4SB	What type of dog does a magician have? A Labra-cadrabra-dor!
5JW	What's a chicken's favourite shoe? Reebok bok bacock
5GS	Knock Knock Who's there? Boo Boo who? Don't cry it's only a joke
6CS	I don't want to brag, but I finished the puzzle in under a week and it said 2-4 years on the box.
6JM	A 4ft woman and a 9ft man escaped from prison. The police are searching high and low.