



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter

15th November 2024

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

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

Whole school attendance – **93.81%**

EYFS/KS RAW 98.09%KS2 3CB **100%** Base Blue 98.18%

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE 3CB -100%



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you so much for supporting Children In Need today. We raised £240 for this wonderful charity!

READING UPDATE

NON-FICTION NOVEMBER AND BOOK BINGO WINNERS

What is Non-fiction November?

This annual celebration of factual materials is a celebration of reading for information, to expand knowledge, and to explore individual interests. This year, the theme for Non-Fiction November is Why Don't You? (Hobbies and Leisure). Opportunities to read and explore non-fiction is an important role in helping children learn about the world and support their reading for pleasure! This month in school we are focussing on non-fiction in our reading lessons and reading conferences so don't forget to ask your children this month what they are reasoning in school!

Book Bingo Winner!

Book Bingo is played across school all year round and is an opportunity to celebrate pupils reading at home. Every time your child reads at home and has something written in their diary, they get a tick on their book bingo card. When they have a full line, they are awarded a raffle ticket. At the end of each term, **two names** are randomly chosen from all the tickets and those children receive a gold coin to choose a book of their own from the vending machine!

Sometimes we choose a child who has shown a love of reading during the half term and they are awarded a gold coin for the vending machine too. This term in 2JB Lola and Mila were our winners and Shay was the reading for pleasure winner Enjoy your books all three of you!

OUR NEW FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

Hopefully by now you will have met our new family Liaison officer, Mrs L Thubron who started with us on Monday. She has been chatting to the children around school and to parents and carers on the playgrounds at the start and end of each school day this week. If you haven't introduced yourself already, feel free to have a chat with her. The role of Family Liaison Officer was designed to be a support resource for parents/carers and families so please make the most of the support school can offer.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE VISITORS

On Tuesday, Year 5 welcomed visitors from the Sunderland's University's STEM team into school. They split the classes into three groups and helped each group complete three exciting tasks all relating to the planet Mars. The children thought about their own skills and which space related job would be best suited for them. built a replica of the Mars Rover using Lego and used coding blocks to program a Mars Rover around a course on the huge Mars Map. It was a great afternoon and the children worked really well collaboratively.



BASE BOWLING COMPETITION



On Tuesday six pupils from the Base were selected to represent the school in a ten-pin bowling competition. They had a wonderful time, supported each other worked as a team and bowled brilliantly. There were strikes and spares galore as they knocked the pins for six. They completed 10 rounds and received individual medals and certificates. Unfortunately, they couldn't match the win from last year as there were a lot more schools taking part this time. However, we are all extremely proud of their 5th place finishing position!

YEAR 5 VISIT TO SUNDERLAND EMPIRE

On Wednesday, 5GS visited The Empire theatre to watch the production of War Horse. We were amazed by the effects and sounds and were mesmerised with how the actors and props brought the story to life. We are looking forward to using what we saw to inspire our writing. The children represented the school fantastically and a member of the public went out of her way to express how impressed she was with the children's behaviour.



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Logan 6JM came to show me his wonderful English work. He was identifying time shifts within a text and was able to explain in detail how the author flipped between times through clever language structures. He was so enthusiastic about the book he is studying and showed a mature attitude to reading and literacy. Well done Logan!

Travis 5GS came to show me his amazing story plan. He boxed up the story from War Horse that he saw yesterday at the Empire Theatre and he has now planned his own version of the story. He was able to tell me all about his story with the horse as the main character. Well done Travis!

FLU NASAL SPRAY VACCINATION ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

You will have been sent an email from school regarding your child receiving their flu nasal spray vaccination on Monday 18th November. You will need to fill in the form on line to give consent if you wish your child to have the nasal spray vaccine following the link below. If you have any queries with the link please contact 0333 358 3397 who will be able to assist you. Please complete the electronic consent form using the link below before insert date (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/010c4bc7>

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:

<https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

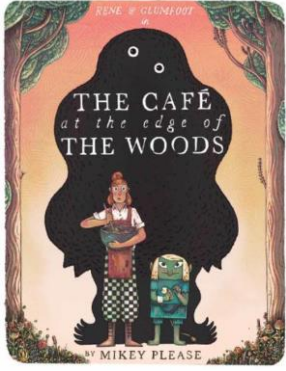
More information can be found here: <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/about-us/lunchtimes>

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. If the government decide to give out gift cards (we purchase Asda cards) for the Christmas holidays, then **you will only receive these if you are in receipt of free school meals.**

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE CAFÉ AT THE EDGE OF THE WOODS BY MIKEY PLEASE



Welcome to the Café at the Edge of the Woods, the utterly charming and mesmerising new picture book from BAFTA award-winning writer Mikey Please. Rene's dreams have finally come true! She's opened a café beside an enchanted wood, and with the help of a newfound waiter, Glumfoot, she is ready to serve the finest cuisine! But the locals seem to favour a most peculiar palette, requesting all sorts of disgusting things. Can Glumfoot's quick-thinking save the day? Join Rene and Glumfoot in this incredible other-worldly story full of magical humour, mythical creatures and culinary curiosities.

IMPORTANT HEALTHY AND SAFETY REMINDER

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils, we would like to remind you an important health and safety concern regarding the use of our outdoor play equipment before the start and after the end of the school day.

While we understand that children are eager to play, we must emphasise that the outdoor equipment is not to be used before/after school hours for the following reasons:

Lack of Supervision: Staff are not assigned to supervise children on the equipment until the start of the school day or after school finishes.

Safety Inspections: Daily safety inspections of the equipment are carried out prior to the start of the school day. Using the equipment before these checks could expose children to potential hazards.

Weather Conditions: Early morning weather can leave equipment wet, icy, or slippery, increasing the risk of falls and other injuries.

For these reasons, we kindly ask that parent/carers ensure their children refrain from using the outdoor play equipment before the start and after the school day. (this includes the *metal gym equipment in KS2, the trim trail on the field and everything on the Reception playground).

THE METAL GYM EQUIPMENT IS CURRENTLY OUT OF SERVICE FOR THE DURATION OF THE DAY AND IS LOCKED FOR REPAIRS.

We appreciate your support in keeping all of our pupils safe. We will also be reminding pupils of this safety rule too. Thank you for your co-operation and for helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

Mrs P Thomson

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Justice	1-2	20	Base Room (Blue)
Monday	Forest School	Mrs Walker/ Mrs Prinn	Reception – 2	20	Forest School
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6	20	3CB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	15	TBC
Monday	Games & Jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	30	6CS classroom
Tuesday	STEM	Mr Warner	5-6	15	5JW classroom
Tuesday	Sensory session	Miss Raistrick	Base & siblings	10 inc siblings	Base room (red)
Tuesday	Just Dance	Mrs Robson	1-6	10	Thrive classroom
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Creative Sparks staff and TA	3-6	15	Mail Hall
Thursday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	5-6	16	Hall/field

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Wednesday 20th November Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
 Thursday 21st November Choir singing at Durham Cathedral

Friday 22nd November	School photos Day
Monday 25th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential Week
Tuesday 26th November	RLC Intofilm festival
Monday 9th December	Phoenix Programme (Monday- Wednesday)
Friday 13th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
Friday 13th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 17th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Wednesday 18th December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Friday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Children return to school on Monday 6th January

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 – 2JB 2nd – 5JW 3rd – 6CS

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