

VERY IMPORTANT VISITORS IMPRESSED WITH OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR MATHS WORK



On Wednesday, we had some very important visitors in school. As part of our work with the Great North Maths Hub, we were delighted to welcome some ministers from Education Scotland who had come to England to investigate the way Maths is taught in this country and to see some examples of what it looks like in classrooms. We were very honoured to be selected and share all of the work we have done with the Hub over the last 8 years. They were also accompanied by Dr Debbie Morgan CBE (Primary Director of the NCETM) who has written a lot of the materials that we use in school to teach Maths including the wonderful NumberBlocks which you might have seen on CBeebies! The ministers could not praise our children or staff highly enough and were very grateful for the opportunity to see the wonderful work the children do in school - especially in their reasoning about structure within Maths. Well done for being so fabulous everyone! Mrs Moore

RESIDENTIALS FOR KS2

LONDON Places on the Year 6 visit to London planned for the 4th and 5th July this year are now open to book. An email has been sent out with some basic information and the cost of this residential. Paper copies are also available from the office

DERWENT HILL Places for the Derwent Hill trip for the current Year 4 & 5 pupils are also now open to book. Derwent Hill week next academic year will be the week beginning 25th November 2024. An email has been sent out with some basic information the cost of this residential. paper copies are also available from the office

We try to do everything in our power to keep the costs of these residentials down but due to the wonderful experiences we can offer though these trips we continue to offer them.

There are payment plan schemes available for both trips which can help spread the cost over a longer period. Please contact Mrs Hall in the office if you want any further information regarding anything about these residentials

HALF TERM FREE LUNCHES FOR KIDS

This half-term, the WCFP will be offering packed lunches for free to all local school children. No referral is necessary but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunches may be collected from the outlet in Unit O (upstairs, opposite Virgin Money) in The Galleries Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri: 12-3pm (see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

There are a range of activities planned to keep your children active and entertained over the half term holiday and I have attached flyers for any holiday clubs or events planned for next week that I have been able to find.

Washington Athletic Free Football Camps are running again this half term on Monday and Tuesday 10-3pm with drinks, snacks and lunch provided. See the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter or contact Terry on 07905653874 or wayc10@gmail.com

Marlborough Park Games & Leisure Room Performing Arts Holiday Club running Monday and Tuesday of half term All places are funded (via Together for Children) for all children, regardless of Free School Meal Status. A hot meal will also be provided. Please book online at www.whamtheatreschools.com

Holiday activities held at Farringdon Community Academy during the forthcoming half term break

Trampolining - Monday - Wednesday - 9am- 10am, 10am - 11am, 11am - 12pm - years 1-8

Swimming lessons - Tuesday / Wednesday 9am - 10am, 10am - 11am - years 4,5,6

Swimming lessons - Tuesday / Wednesday - 11am - 12pm - Years 7 /8

Boys Football camp - Monday - Wednesday - 9am - 12pm - years - 5,6,7,8

Girls Football Camp - Monday - Wednesday - 9am - 12pm - years 4,5,6,7,8

These are all priced at £1.00 per session and can be booked by this website :- <https://ssg.schoolactivity.co.uk/#>

SPOTLIGHT ON PSHCE – MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week. Across school, each class completed a range of activities focusing on how 'Our Voice Matters' which was the theme for this year. All of the activities we completed can be seen at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2023-10-19-20-34-43-subjects-in-the-spotlight> and more information can be found on the Children's Mental Health Week website.

Our 'dress in a colour that makes you happy' day on Friday raised £171.65 which will be split equally between our school and Washington Mind. Thank you to everyone who took part and donated - you made us all smile!



GARDENING CLUB TREE PLANTING

Over the last few weeks, the children from Gardening Club have helped to plant trees donated by the charity Earth Restoration Service. They worked together to dig the holes and then demonstrated their patience and resilience when putting on the cardboard protectors. Great work everyone! The children in Base also helped by planting some of the trees with their teachers.

YEAR 1 LITTER PIC

On Tuesday, Groundworks came into school to work with Year 1 as part of their Geography topic - How appealing is our local area? Over the past couple of weeks, the children have learnt about why nature is special and the impact it can have on our lives. They have also looked at how humans can affect nature. One way is through littering, the children looked at the impact littering can have on animals and designed posters to encourage people to put their rubbish in bins or take it home. To reduce the amount of litter in their local area they took part in a litter pick. Well done!



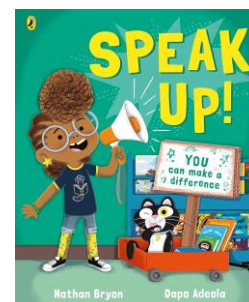
RECOMMENDED READ AND NEW RELEASES

SPEAK UP! BY NATHAN BRYON

Join the brilliantly passionate and instantly loveable Rocket as she organises a peaceful protest to save her local library!

Bookworm Rocket loves to collect new books on her weekly visit to the library, and to read all about inspirational figures like Rosa Parks. She is heartbroken when she discovers the library will be closing down! Can she use what she's learnt from Rosa and speak up to save the day?

This empowering, heart-warming picture book is a love letter to libraries and the power of reading. And it shows the incredible power we ALL have when we find our voice and speak up about the things that matter.



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

Monday 8th January - Children and staff return to school

Tuesday 9th January – EYFS/Y1 (5 year old) Dental Check

Thursday 11th January - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Thursday 11th January - 'Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Friday 19th January - Reception Stay and Play (Gruffalos)

Friday 19th January - Year 3 Class Assembly (2:15pm) 3RL

Monday 22nd January - Reception trip to Discovery Museum.

Thursday 25th January - Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Friday 26th January - Reception Reading and Phonics workshop

Monday 29th January - Reception Maths workshop

Friday 2nd February - Reception Stay and Play (Peter Rabbits)

Saturday 3rd February - Year 5 Science is my Superpower

W.C 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February - Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 7th February - Spring Term Parents' Meetings (Please note, appointments are available from 1:00-6:00pm)

Thursday 8th February - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit

Thursday 8th February - Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Monday 12th February - Reception trip to Chinatown

Friday 16th February - Reception Stay and Play (Elmers)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February -

Thursday 29th February – Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Wednesday 6th March - Year 5 Science is my Superpower

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Thursday 7th March - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit

Friday 8th March- Reception Stay and Play (Cat in the Hats)

Thursday 14th March - Wednesday 20th March - Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March- Reception Stay and Play (Paddington Bears)

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

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

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

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

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 – 3RL 2nd – 5GS 3rd – 3LC

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Whole school attendance – 90.3%

EYFS/KS1 – 2CB - 96.7% KS2 – 6JM - 95.2%

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NOTICES



This half-term, the **WCFP** will be offering our

LOVELY packed lunches for free
to all local school children

NO REFERRAL NECESSARY

CHILDREN MUST BE

ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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in Unit O (upstairs, opposite Virgin Money
in The Galleries) **Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri: 12-3pm**

A poster for Washington Athletic & Sunderland Council Half Term Free Football Camps. It features a soccer ball with stars and the text 'together for children SUNDERLAND'. The text reads: 'WASHINGTON ATHLETIC & SUNDERLAND COUNCIL HALF TERM FREE FOOTBALL CAMPS MON 19TH & TUE 20TH FEB 2024'. Below this is a URL: 'https://forms.gle/ctBHDFQUdHJRnswaA'. The time is '10.00 - 15.00' and it says 'EARLY DROP OFF FROM 9AM'. It also says 'LUNCH, DRINKS & SNACKS PROVIDED'. At the bottom, it says 'PLACES SUBJECT TO CRITERIA SET BY SUNDERLAND COUNCIL'. There is a logo for 'WASHINGTON ATHLETIC FC EST 2010' on the right.

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WASHINGTON FOOTBALL HUB
NE37 3HA

More Information

TERRY - 07905653874 wayfc10@gmail.com

MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB!

Try out all of your favourite performing arts activities such as:

TV & FILM SKILLS

BEGINNER ACRO & TUMBLE

MUSICAL THEATRE

DANCE STYLES

THEATRE IMPROV GAMES

MAGIC & CIRCUS GAMES

FUN!

MONDAY 19th
FEB '24

TUESDAY 20th
FEB '24

FEBRUARY
2024!

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CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION



PROUD TO BE A MEMBER

MEGA MULTI-CLUB ACADEMY AT
MARLBOROUGH PARK GAMES & LEISURE ROOM
66a Collingwood Court, Washington, NE37 3ED.

All participants **MUST** be wearing suitable clothing to undertake physical activity. I.e. No Jeans, Boots, Dresses or skirts.

For a comprehensive list, please visit <https://www.whamtheatreschools.com/uniform-policy>

It is vital that we're made aware immediately of any additional student needs, & any adjustments the team may need to make. This is so your child can enjoy their experience, and feel comfortable within our care.



Half Term Holiday Football camp at Farrington Community Academy

19th to 21st February



**£1
per
session**

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st February

**Session
9.00am - 12.00am**

**Open to children from school years 4,5,6, 7 and 8
(children from years 4,5 and 6 must be dropped off and
collected by a parent / carer)**

**Booking is via [https://ssg.schoolactivity.co.uk/
a.mcculloch@northerneducationtrust.org](https://ssg.schoolactivity.co.uk/a.mcculloch@northerneducationtrust.org)**

Half Term Holiday Swimming at Farringdon Community Academy

**£1
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Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th

Sessions

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