



# USWORTH COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone who achieved 100% attendance this week!

EYFS/KS1 2EP 94.74%      KS2 4EH 97.78%      Base Yellow 99.18%

**Whole school attendance – 92.54%-**



### YEAR 2 VISIT TO THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM

This week and last, the children in Y2 visited the Discovery Museum and took part in a hands-on investigation into Victorian Newcastle through the events of the Great fire of Newcastle and Gateshead in 1854. The children heard local accounts of the events, investigated Victorian objects and costume and even re-enacted the story through puppet theatre! What a great way to start our new History topic!

### GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE

On Thursday evening, the girls football team visited Washington Leisure Centre for the first round of the Futsal tournament. We kicked off the tournament by facing Rickleton. The girls fought hard and showed determination but sadly the game ended in a 4-0 loss. After the game, the girls showed amazing resilience and teamwork by immediately starting to discuss how they could improve and which tactics they could use in their next game. In their next and final match, the girls implemented their new tactics and played strongly throughout. The game ended with the girls securing a 0-0 draw against George Washington. The managers player of the day was Darcy for her outstanding end to end midfield play. The players player of the match was Jasmine for her excellent goalkeeping and confidence between the posts. Well done girls!



### WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

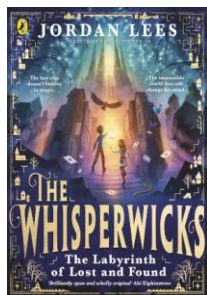
**Fletcher 3RL** came to show me his amazing handwriting. This year Fletcher has tried so hard to improve his writing, focusing on letter size, orientation and joining. The difference in the quality his writing since September is phenomenal! Well done Fletcher keep it up!

**Callum and Olivia 6CS** have been to show me their incredible setting descriptions that evoke atmosphere in their writing on Macbeth. They were able to use some wonderful high level vocabulary alongside some very clever figurative language to transport me to the Scottish moors. Well done, keep up the hard work!

## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASE

### THE WHISPERWICKS THE LABYRINTH OF LOST AND FOUND

#### BY JORDAN LEES



A boy who doesn't believe in magic. An impossible world that will change his mind. Eleven-year-old Benjamiah Creek believes in science, logic and the power of reason. He definitely does not believe in magic. But when he receives a mysterious gift in the post - a doll that can transform into a bird - he is led into the impossible (and most definitely magical) world of Wreathenwold, where dark secrets are lost amongst a vast labyrinth of streets. Benjamiah soon finds himself swept along in a dangerous quest - led by the fierce and brilliant Elizabella, who is determined to solve the disappearance of her missing brother. Will Benjamiah ever find his way home and discover his puzzling connection with this strange, enchanted world?

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Places in clubs have now been allocated. You should have received a text if your child has been given a place. All clubs except Forest school will start next week (Forest school will start on 27th January).

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups
Monday	Lego	Mrs Edmonds/Mrs Green	1-6
Monday	Mindful Colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6
Monday	Forrest School	Mrs Prinn/Mrs Walker	Rec-2
Monday	KS1 Homework	Miss Coxon	1-2
Monday	Jewellery Making	Mrs Dixon	1-3
Monday	Book Club	Miss Brown	3-6
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6
Tuesday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	3 and 4
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Henderson	3-6
Tuesday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6
Thursday	Hama Bead Crafting	Mrs Burrell	1-3
Thursday	Skipping	Miss Armstrong	2-4

### SPRING TERM DATES

Events next week      New dates added

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	EYFS Peter Rabbit Stay and Play
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	KS1 Cricket Festival
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	1DB Beamish Museum
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	RAW Library Visit
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr3/4 Mini Basketball Event
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	RLC Library Visit
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Science is my Superpower
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Gruffalo stay and play
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Lego League Team Event
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability Week (Year 5)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Cat in the Hat Stay and Play
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	RAW to the Discovery Museum
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	RLC to the Discovery Museum
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Swimming Competition
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closes for half term</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Staff INSET DAY (no pupils in school)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>School opens for all pupils</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	5GS trip to Ouseburn
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	5JW trip to Ouseburn

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	KS1 Girls football event
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Phoenix Programme Final Presentation
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for <b>Y1</b> parents (am)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1/Y2 Easter Performance for <b>Y2</b> parents (pm)
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School closes for the Easter Holidays</b>
	<b>Children return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>

## 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:

1<sup>st</sup> – 3RI 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4EH 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5GS

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