



ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

Classes with 96% and above who were in the green zone this week

2PQ	98.18%
Base Yellow	98.03%
4SP	96.32%

Only three classes made it into the green zone this week for attendance but, congratulations to **2PQ** for the best attendance at **98.18%** and for winning the attendance trophy!

Whole school attendance this week was **91.41%**

Remember every school day counts!

SPORTS DAYS!

Huge thanks to all parents, carers and families who came to watch our KS1 and KS2 sports days this week. All our children represented our school values of care, aspiration, resilience and safety while competing for their house. Well done to the winners of the elite races which were: Harry and Elsie for KS1 and Lucy, Nana, Valerie and Jessie for KS2. Each house earned a remarkable number of points from all the events but coming out on top, for both KS1 and KS2, was PEGASUS (red) - well done for everyone in that house. Also, a special thankyou to our Year 6 helpers who helped us to run the KS1 sports day so smoothly.



BOOKS AND BREAKFAST

We are delighted to be launching our Books and Breakfast sessions for Reception & KS1 families. Parents and carers are invited to join us from 8:45am through the classroom doors to share books and stories with their child while enjoying some light refreshments. During each session, staff will provide a short demonstration of a reading or phonics activity that we use in school, along with ideas for how these can be supported at home. We are also excited that our KS2 Reading Ambassadors will be joining the classes to help celebrate a love of reading. Sessions will finish at 9:15am. Please see below for your child's year group date – we look forward to welcoming you!

Reception: *Friday 3rd July*

Year 1: *Wednesday 8th July*

Year 2: *To be confirmed*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

We have had a letter from Dame Rachel de Souza who is the Children's Commissioner, she is asking for as many children as possible to take part in a survey to hear about their experiences, views and aspirations. This is how your children's voices can be heard by government. To take part all you need to do is follow the link below and support your child to answer the questions.

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

PSHCE MENTAL HEALTH MORNING

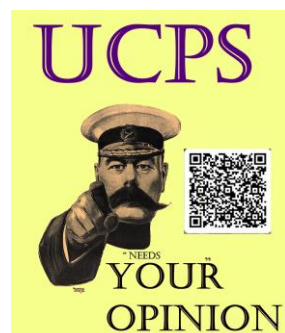
What a fantastic morning we've had at our Annual Mental Health Morning. Thank you so much to everyone who attended! It was amazing to see families talking about their feelings and strategies to help when things are tough! We were thrilled to work with lots of our community partners in school today and it was great to see so many families signing up to work with them. Children have worked together with their families on activities to identify their feelings, play 'how would you feel if....?' games, look at the effect language has on others, designing their own character and putting them through scenarios and creating their own happiness hives.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended from: Building Blocks, Washington Mind, Northumbria Police, SENDIAS, Sunderland Carers and Together for Children. Look out for more information next year when we hope to work more closely with those fabulous local groups for more events in school.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Swinburn and Mrs Thubron for their efforts in organising the morning, and to the teachers across school who organised the activities and of course to you all for attending.



REQUEST FOR HELP FROM MR ARTHUR



Next year, we will be looking at how to update and improve our school website. Before we make any changes, we'd like to know what you think. We would therefore be grateful if you could complete a short feedback form (5 questions) sharing your views on our current website. You can access the questionnaire through this QR code or by following the link below.

Thanks, Mr Arthur

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/A6ZUnBBQ5Z>

DONATIONS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we approach the warmer months and children continue to grow, we are currently running low on spare school uniform in school, particularly jumpers and particularly the larger sizes. If you have any items of uniform that your child has grown out of and you are happy to donate, we would be extremely grateful. All donations can be sent into the school office. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



YOUR LOCAL BREAD AND BUTTER THING HUB

Your local Bread and Butter Thing hub provides affordable, nutritious food through a weekly community food club.

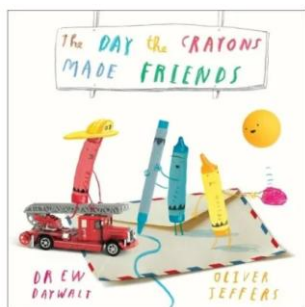
This charity are increasingly concerned about the pressure people in our communities are under. Costs continue to rise, and many families are quietly struggling to stay afloat. What they see day to day is that people often don't reach out until things have already become very difficult, and by then options are more limited.

These food clubs are open to everyone. There's no referral needed and no judgement. They're there to help people stay steady, not just at the point of crisis.

As a school we have been asked to encouraging people to join early, before things become overwhelming, to helps families keep going and reduce the likelihood of crisis. Please see the leaflet attached to the bottom of the newsletter for more information

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

THE DAY THE CRAYONS MADE FRIENDS BY DREW DAYWALT



Duncan's crayons just can't seem to stay put!

After convincing one group of crayons to go back to work after they wanted to quit and rescuing another group who got lost in the most inconvenient places, Duncan's crayons have disappeared once more. But this time they've gone into his room to make friends. From Red Crayon, who fulfils his dream of driving a fire engine, to Blue Crayon, who meets a fashion doll desperately in need of a head, to fan favourite Esteban, who is off to tame a teddy bear (or as he would call it, a wild beast), each crayon has an exciting story to share about the new objects they've met and the new adventures they've had.

SUMMER TERM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please could all parents use the gates on the KS2 (Year 6) yard when collecting the children from After School Clubs.

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Mindful Movement	Miss Coxon	Rec-2	RLC classroom
Monday	Film Club	Mrs Jones	1-6	Base Blue
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Edmunds/Mrs Green	1-6	Art Room
Monday	Games club	Mrs Calcutt	Rec-6	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Quinn	Rec-6	2PQ Classroom
Tuesday	Disney Club	Miss Clapperton	1-6	5GS classroom
Thursday	Timestable Rockstars	Mrs Burrell	3-6	3BB classroom
Wednesday	Creative Sparks	Culture Start (external provider)	3-6	Hall or Art Room

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week

New information added

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 22nd June	EYFS PSED stay and play 2-3pm
Wednesday 24 th June	EYFS Edinburgh Zoo visit
Thursday 25 th June	London Residential
Monday 29 th June- Wednesday 1 st July	Washington Academy Transition Days
Friday 3 rd July	Reception Books and Breakfast 8:45- 9:15am
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 1 Books and Breakfast 8:45- 9:15am
Wednesday 8 th July	RAW Library Visit
Saturday 11 th July	Summer Fair
Monday 13 th July	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Monday 13 th July	6CS Wilderness Trip
Tuesday 14 th July	6JW Wilderness Trip
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 End of Year Production 9:30am and 5pm
Friday 17 th July	End of Year reports sent out to parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	School closes for the Summer

SUPERSTARS

Remember to check out this week's **SUPERSTARS!** These are shared on our school Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Usworth-Colliery-Primary-School/61572535178981/#>
 Alternatively, you can also use the School Facebook link at the top of the school website.

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 demonstrating our school values and following the Colliery Code.

1st – 3BB 2nd – 4SP 3rd – 3RL

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NOTICES







 **Your local hub:**
WASHINGTON
Every Thursday at 2pm

Rainbow Family Centre,
34 Elliott Terrace, NE37 3AE

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50.
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Thursday at 2pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.

It's really easy to sign-up:

-  Text 07507 237 311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from:
"WASHINGTON"
-  Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.
-  You'll get a text every Tuesday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the hub on Thursday at 2pm.
-  Collect and pay for your goods from the WASHINGTON hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted.)

Where does our food come from?



Our weekly bags are made up of surplus food from supermarkets, food manufacturers and farmers. We never know what we're going to get from day to day, which means each week your bag of food will be different.

But it is always quality, fresh produce. You will probably need to top up from the shops as well, but our food will go a long way to helping you feed your family affordably.

Surplus food happens for lots of reasons – sometimes there is a fault with the packaging or there may just be too much of it for the supermarkets to handle.

Some of our food is beyond its BEST BEFORE date BUT that doesn't mean that you can't eat it. With proper storage - for instance in its original packaging and sealed with a clip or in an airtight container - lots of foodstuffs can be eaten long after their best before date, including:

- Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline.
- Biscuits and cereals can last for another six months.
- Baked beans and other tinned goods can last in your store cupboard for a whole year, as can sweets and bottled pasta sauce.
- And don't throw away that packet of dried pasta that you've found at the back of a cupboard. If stored correctly, it should still be safe to eat around three years after its best before date has expired.

We will never provide food that is after its USE BY date because this is about food safety, not food quality. You can eat food on its USE BY date or, if you have a freezer, pop it in. Just make sure you make a note of how long it will be freezer safe and how long it takes to defrost.

You can find out more about our food and our work on our website:

www.breadandbutterthing.org

or at

[@teamtbbt](https://twitter.com/teamtbbt)