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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – THURSDAY 26TH MAY

We are really looking forward to our event planned next Thursday (26th May). Below is a reminder of what is happening on the day.

The events for the Jubilee celebrations will take place on Thursday 26th May:

NON-UNIFORM DAY where children can wear red, white and blue.

CROWN COMPETITION - create your own wearable crown at home and bring it in for a chance to win prizes.

SCHOOL LUNCH – Our school meal providers, Dolce, are offering a Jubilee themed lunch.

FAMILY PICNIC 2pm on the school field. You will be able to collect your children from their classes who will be on the field and then find a space to have a picnic together with family members. You can bring your own food, blankets or chairs. No alcohol, smoking (including vapes) or dogs.

There will be hot dogs and drinks available to buy from the main hall and there will also be an ice-cream van. Those children whose parents/family members cannot attend will have their picnic with their class teacher. We will make sure that they have a great time with their friends. The office staff are getting in touch with those families who have not completed the online form to state if they are attending or not.

Note: Thursday 26th May is the last day of the half term as school is closed to children on Friday 27th May.



LAWN BOWLING COMPETITION

On Thursday children from Y5 & Y6 took part in a Lawn Bowls Festival. They showed fantastic determination, communication and team work and finished joint third overall! Well done to all of those who took part - you deserve your medals! *Mr. McVittie-Mathews*



BASE EVENTS OF THE WEEK

On a very wet and windy Monday, The Base visited South Shields beach. We investigated the beach habitats and carried out a scavenger hunt. We had the beach to ourselves and kept warm playing games. On Friday in PE we all tried some yoga and enjoyed finding out the names of the different poses. This left us nice and relaxed for the rest of the day. *Mrs Jones & Mrs Steel*



YEAR 4 TABLES TEST

The government have introduced a new times tables test for all Year 4 children across the country. It was originally planned for 2020 but this will be the first year it takes place due to obvious reasons. This test takes place in June. They have to answer a range of multiplication calculations and it is all completed on-line. They have 25 questions to answer each within 6 seconds. There is a 3 second gap between each question.

The test will happen after half-term, so if your child is looking for extra homework, we suggest that they practice their tables (x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7, x8, x9, x10, x11 & x12). You can do this by testing the children yourselves or they can use Times Tables Rock Stars. We have been working hard on

learning our multiplication table facts all year, so this will be chance for everyone to show what they know.



SPORTS DAYS

At the end of June (weather permitting), we are planning the return of our annual Sports Days.

It will be very similar to prior the pandemic with each House Team in each class competing in each event. KS2 on **Monday 20th June at 1pm** and **KS1 and EYFS on Tuesday 21st June at 1pm.**

There will be a water station on each day to refresh the children. Please do not try to pass on any food or drinks to your children (however sweetly they smile) as they will be active for much of the event. There will be refreshments for adults to buy. On arrival, staff will be on hand to guide you towards the viewing area of the tracks so that you can watch the events unfold.

There will also be competitive races for the fastest children in each year group to try to get bonus points for their House. There will be parent races and staff races as usual. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on that day (white t-shirt, navy/black shorts and outdoor PE shoes). Let the Games begin! *Mr McVittie-Mathews*

RECOMMENDED READS: NEW RELEASES

PIZAZZ VS THE DEMONS BY SOPHY HENN

9 and a half year old Pizazz is simply super. No, really – she's a superhero. In fact, her whole family is! But while her mum, dad, grandparents and little sister all have cool powers like shooting lasers from their eyes or making fireballs, Pizazz's power is... jazz hands which create a glitter storm.

When evil baddie Copycat makes five not-so-super copies of Pizazz, it's up to our hero to defeat them all – but each copy is a different one of her demons, from Lazy Pizazz to Worried Pizazz. How on Earth can she defeat all five of her demons alone? She might need some help from some friends with no super-powers at all...

The latest hilarious comic-style instalment in Pizazz's adventures for newly independent readers is full of quirky fun, and grown-ups reading it aloud with children are bound to adore it too. There are loads of brilliant visual puns (Bernard the Hamster and her four copies – one of which keeps giving the stink-eye – is a recurring joke) and there are strong, smart messages about how we can overcome our own demons with compassion for ourselves and other people. Pizazz is a witty, relatable character, and there's lots for children to identify with in her worries and fears (plus, her passion for hair bobbles and black nail polish).





SUN PROTECTION

This is wishful thinking but ...just a reminder **IF** we get warm weather then your child will need a water bottle and also a sun hat. Please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before they come to school. If you want your child to re-apply the cream themselves, then they can bring in the bottle. Staff, however, will not be doing this, therefore your child needs to be able to do this independently during lunch break.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Club Leader	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	All	The Base
Monday	Crazy Crafts	Mrs Kaur	3-6	Art room
Monday	Little Kickers	Mr. McVittie-Mathews	1-2	Hall/Field
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Steel/ Mrs Prosser	3-6	The Base
Tuesday	Mini-movers	Miss Held/ Miss Scott	R-2	Small Hall
Tuesday	Running club	Mr Wright	3-6	Hall/Field
Tuesday	Wellbeing Worker Bees	Mrs Hickey	2-6	Breakfast room
Thursday	KS2 Football club	Mr. McVittie-Mathews	3-6	Field

DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Monday 23rd May	Selected Year 5 & 6 for countdown cricket competition
Wednesday 25th May	London trip meeting for parents (Year 6) 5pm
Thursday 26th May	Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school (non-uniform, assembly & family picnic)
Friday 27th May	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
MONDAY 30th MAY – FRIDAY 3rd JUNE – HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 6th June	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 7th June to Thursday 9th June	Edinburgh Zoo trip for reception
Wednesday 8th June	Selected Year 4 to skipping festival
Thursday 9th June	Selected Year 3 & 4 to Quadkids athletics competition
Friday 10th June	Selected Year 5 & 6 for countdown cricket competition
Tuesday 14th June	Class and team photographs to be taken
Thursday 16th June	1JB to Rising Sun country park
Friday 17th June	1EH to Rising Sun country park
Monday 20th June	Base to the Great North Museum
Monday 20th June	KS2 sports day 1pm
Tuesday 21st June	EYFS/KS1 sports day 1pm
Wednesday 22nd to Thursday 23rd June	London theatre trip – Year 6
Thursday 23rd June	Selected Year 5 & 6 to orienteering festival
Wednesday 29th June	4RB trip to Newcastle
Thursday 30th June	4EP trip to Newcastle
Friday 1st July	School closed – day taken for extra bank holiday for platinum jubilee.
Monday 4th July	4RB to Eden Camp
Wednesday 6th July	Selected Year 3 & 4 for countdown cricket competition
Thursday 7th July	4EP to Eden Camp
Wednesday 13th July	1EH to George Stephenson museum
Thursday 14th July	Selected Year 5 & 6 to girls' football festival
Friday 15th July	End of Year Reports to parents
Friday 15th July	1JB to George Stephenson museum
Monday 18th July	Moving Up Morning – children spending the morning in new classes
Tuesday 19th July	Whole School Presentation Event
Wednesday 20th July	Optional parent/carer meetings, if requested to discuss reports (3pm to 5pm)
Friday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10am
Friday 22nd July	Last day of school year 2021/2022
Friday 22nd July to Tuesday 6th September	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Monday 5th September	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 6th September	School open to children

DOJO POINTS

Check out our dojo/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 – 3RD 2nd – 4EP 3rd – 5CJ

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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**

Mr Gary Wright

Headteacher