



USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter

22nd November 2024

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

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

EYFS/KS 1BD 97.92% KS2 3RL 95.65% Base Blue 96.36%

Whole school attendance – 93.46%

SPOTLIGHT ON PSHCE

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Last week in school we celebrated Anti bullying week with the theme RIP to bullying. We talked about saying RIP to bullying and ridding bullying from school. We learned what the acronym **RIP** stood for (**R**epeated, **I**ntentional and **P**ower imbalance) Ask your children to tell you all about this! In our assembly we looked at the story of David and Goliath and learned how you do not have to be big to be brave. We thought about how to be brave enough to share our worries and our concerns with trusted adults who are here to help us and to put a stop to bullying. In our classes each year group looked at a different aspect of the subject (e.g., teasing v bullying, showing respect and being a good friend) Follow the link below to see examples of our work.

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2023-10-19-20-34-43-subjects-in-the-spotlight>

STORING BIKES AT SCHOOL

Please make sure **all** bikes and scooters are **locked** and left in the bike storage area at the back of the school near the Y5 and Y6 entrance. We have moved the bike area to this part of the school because it is more secure. Please remind your children to lock their bikes in the storage areas provided and not leave them anywhere else on the yard. **Thank you**



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!

CHOIR AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL

This week the choir were privileged enough to sing at Durham Cathedral alongside other schools in our local area. They represented our school with enthusiasm and made us all very proud! Well done to you all. Also, a huge thank you to the adults that were able to come along, support us and watch the event.

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Georgia 1RD brought her art sketch book to show me the whole project she has been working on this term in art. She has investigated animal patterns and textures. She has replicated these in paint, crayon, paper, card, pencil and pens. The work she has produced is exceptional and it is clear she has practised and applied the new skills she has learned. She even did extra art at home which is of such high quality she has added it to her sketch book. Well done Georgia!

Sophie, Callie, Ranay, Alyvia, Josiah, Amelia and Treasure in 3C all came to see me because they had worked so hard to write beautiful setting descriptions of the jungle I was so impressed at their vocabulary choices and the way they helped the reader to see, hear, feel and smell the jungle through their descriptions!

INTOFILM FESTIVAL TRIP

Last week RAW had a fantastic morning at the IntoFilm festival watching Despicable Me 4. The teachers would like to thank all the parents who came along to help us. Next week RLC are visiting Newcastle for their intofilm trip!



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

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: HOT MESS - DIARY OF A WIMPY KID BY JEFF KINNEY



Greg Heffley returns in a side-splitting, summery Wimpy Kid story, as the two halves of his extended family come together with riotous consequences.

Get ready for the most hilarious Wimpy Kid book yet!

International bestselling author Jeff Kinney serves up heaps of laughs in *Hot Mess*, the 19th book in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. Greg Heffley is caught in the middle as the two halves of his extended family come together in a sidesplittingly relatable summer story!

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

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 – 3RL 2nd – 3CB 3rd – 5GS

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