



REMINDER - PARENTS/CARER MEETINGS - WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

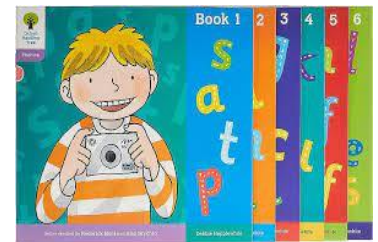
We are holding parent/carer meetings on Wednesday 7th February and you are now able to sign up for appointments using our electronic form to arrange a time to meet your child's teacher, discuss how they are doing at school and also get the opportunity to see their work. You will need to complete a separate form for each child and tick all the time slots that you are available. Then the office will get back to you with your allocated ten-minute meeting time. All instructions are on the form. Please use the link to access the form or scan the adjacent QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/PLT387yyFJ>



PLEA FOR READING BOOKS

As part of our phonics teaching, we use Floppy's Phonics reading books. These books are sent home as reading books but are also used in class as part of the teaching. We have spent £4000 on these reading books and already we have sets of books that where there are no copies of certain titles. Please can you make sure all reading books are brought back into school daily to be re-used. We have limited funds and really want to be able to spend any funds we do have on resources to support your children rather than replacing lost books. If you do find any school books at home, please just drop them back into school in so we can replenish our stock.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Last night, 8 girls from Years 5 and 6 entered into the first ever Washington Girls' Futsal league. Despite many of them never having played for the team before, every single one of them did extremely well in front of new head coach, Miss Skeen.

Our first match started off extremely tightly with chances for both teams at a premium. Some stout defending from Lola and Abi kept the opposition at bay and when the opposition did break through, Olivia made some excellent saves in goal. As the game wore on the girls began to tire and we found ourselves 3-0 down. This, however, seemed to galvanise the team with Ruby and Lilly beginning to boss the midfield. Our breakthrough came when an excellent through ball from Christine was clinically dispatched by captain for the night, Ocean. Unfortunately, the final whistle went before we could turn our dominance in to more goals.

The second match saw us face a very tough looking JFK team. We matched them tackle for tackle but found ourselves 2-0 down with two very unfortunate own goals. Once again, the girls dug deep and fought their way back with two quick-fire goals from our captain drawing us level. As time ticked down, we probed for a winner, which looked like it was going to come when a thunderbolt shot from the boot of Jessie seemed destined for the top corner, only to graze the crossbar. The final whistle followed shortly after, leaving us with a very creditable 2-2 draw.

The next round of fixtures is in two weeks' time and, if the girls play in the same way, I'm sure we will be in for two more very enjoyable matches. Well done girls!

Mr Millett and Miss Skeen

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

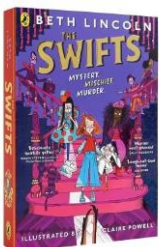
This week **Indi, Chloe and Lilly 6JM** came to show me their fantastic narrative writing. They had adapted a playscript into thrilling stories. They used similes, metaphors, high quality vocabulary and descriptive language to bring the murder scene in Macbeth to life. Superb writing girls, Well done!

Aleksander Base 2 came to sing me every letter of the alphabet. He knew all the songs, could recognise all the letters and could put them all into alphabetical order on the jigsaw base. He was amazing and his singing was beautiful. Well done Aleksander!

Jenson 1RD has done some super independent writing all about the Lost and Found story. He has used capital letters, full stops, beautiful handwriting and finger spaces. His teacher was super proud of him today! Keep up the hard work Jenson the difference in your handwriting is amazing!

RECOMMENDED READING NEW RELEASES

THE SWIFTS BY BETH LINCOLN



Discover the hilarious New York Times bestselling mystery adventure perfect for fans of Robin Stevens and Lemony Snicket. On the day they are born, each Swift is brought before the sacred Family Dictionary. They are given a name and a definition, and it is assumed they will grow up to match. Unfortunately, Shenanigan Swift has other ideas. So what if her relatives all think she's destined to turn out as a troublemaker, just because of her name? Shenanigan knows she can be whatever she wants - pirate, explorer or even detective. Which is lucky, really, because when one of the Family tries to murder Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude, someone has to work out whodunit. With the help of her sisters and cousin, Shenanigan grudgingly takes on the case, but more murders, a hidden treasure and an awful lot of suspects make thing seriously complicated. Can Shenanigan catch the killer before the whole household is picked off? And in a Family where definitions are so important, can she learn to define herself?



RECEPTION VISIT TO THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM

This week Reception went to Discovery Museum to find out about toys in the past. They read, Lost in the Toy Museum and went on a treasure hunt with Bunting Bear. They had to read and solve clues to find examples of old toys in the exhibits. They all made a thaumatrope to take home. A thaumatrope is an optical illusion toy from 19th century. We had a great day! Thank you to the parents who came along with us.

SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT - RE



To celebrate World Religion Day which was on Sunday 21st January, we held a whole school assembly looking at differences and some different religions practised across the world. Then during RE Lessons across the week the children learned more about the different faiths in the world. The aim of this special day is to promote understanding and peace between all religions and our children have enjoyed learning about diversity in our world. Follow the link below to a page on the school website to have a look at the work that we produced in school.



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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

By now you should have received a text offering your child a place on an afterschool club
All clubs will start the week beginning Monday 22nd January

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 - Year 5 Bikeability
 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

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 – 6CS 3rd – 5JW

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Whole school attendance – 93.55%

EYFS/KS1 – 1EP with 94.51%KS2 – 4VM with 96.09%

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