



THURSDAY - MOCK ELECTION

On Thursday 4th July in school, we will be holding a mock general election. As always, we try to make lessons in school relevant to the children's lives and current events and so over the past two weeks the children have been leaning about democracy, the rule of law and elections in our county as part of PSHCE. They understand that they are currently too young to vote but in school we instil in the children that their voices and their opinions matter. The school council will run the election and all children will be given a vote and will place their vote into a school ballot box. Results will be shared with the children on Thursday afternoon.

FRIDAY- CELEBRATING WASHINGTON TURNING 60!

On 20th July 2024, Washington will be 60 years old. To celebrate this important local anniversary, each class will be looking at how our local area has changed over the past 60 years. From 2:30pm on Friday 5th July, we would love it if you could celebrate this event with us by attending our picnic. If you would like to join us, come along and bring your own picnic snacks to share with your family. Class teachers will picnic with children whose families are unable to attend. All classes will be participating and children will be able to leave with you from the field throughout the afternoon.

WASHINGTON ROTARY CLUB WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

It was so lovely to have Derek and Joan from the Rotary Club in our assembly on Monday giving out certificates to the children who entered the writing competition earlier this year. The first place in Unsworth Colliery certificate was awarded to **Olivia H in 6JM** who will receive a cheque for £25 along with her certificate. Well done to everyone who took part, the organisers said they were so impressed with the quality of your writing and you vivid imaginations!

POLITE REMINDER ABOUT PLAYGROUND EXPECTATIONS

As you know Unsworth Colliery is a smoke-free and vape-free zone. Please can all parents make sure they are not vaping when collecting or dropping off children. One of our key values is around keeping children safe and this includes from the risk of breathing in heavy metals and dangerous chemical compounds. Please, out of respect for others, **do not vape around the school gates or on the school grounds**
Also please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds either on a lead or being carried.

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Mrs Justice sent **Lana** to show me her amazing pictures. Lana loves to draw and has had two pictures published in a book of children's art. She is so proud and so are we. Well done Lana!

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.

[Free School Meals - Together for Children](#)

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. **We have received an email from together for children that they have received funding for the vouchers £60.00 per child. For the Summer holidays however, you only receive these if you are in receipt of free school meals.** If you have applied and you are eligible for the vouchers, you will receive a text from school when they are ready to be collected.



YEAR 1 VISTING THE LIBRARY

1RD had a great afternoon on Monday visiting Washington Library. The Librarians explained how a library works and how they can join. The children then enjoyed listening to stories before having time to explore all the different books the library has to offer.



YEAR 2 FIELDWORK AT THE BEACH

Year two carried out a field trip to our local beach this week to investigate our Geography enquiry question: How polluted is our local beach? We recorded where we saw litter on the promenade, beach and shoreline. We looked at how many litter bins there were and any other signs to stop people polluting the beach. We even had time to put our feet in the sand and enjoy the sunshine.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

BEA'S BAD DAY BY TOM PERCIVAL

Bea CAN'T WAIT for her birthday. There are only three days to go, and everything is going to be PERFECT! Then snow begins to block the roads ... and everything begins to go wrong. With no party, no cards, and maybe even no cake, can Bea find a way to be OK – even in the middle of a really BAD day? This reassuring and funny book is the perfect springboard for talking to children about setting expectations and finding balance amidst disappointment. Tom Percival's Big Bright Feelings series is the ideal starting point for discussions about mental and emotional health, positive self-image, building self-confidence and managing feelings.



ADVICE AROUND CHILDREN CYCLING AND SAFETY

Please see the advice from the child accident and prevention trust around children, cycling and safely

Your child's first bike

- By the age of five, many children will have started riding a tricycle, bicycle, bike with stabilisers or a balance bike.
- Kids' bike helmets are a must every time they go cycling as they can prevent serious head injuries if your child falls off or crashes into something.
- It will also help children get into the habit of wearing a helmet if they see the adults around them wearing bicycle helmets.
- Local parks and gardens can be safe places to ride until children are old enough to cycle on the road.

Biking safety for children aged seven to 10

- Children have better coordination and control and are usually more confident cyclists by the time they are around seven.
- They're still not ready to cycle in traffic, though, even if they're with an adult.
- Remind them to wear a bike helmet every time they go out on their bikes. Children are 'top-heavy' and more likely to land on their heads if they fall off their bikes.
- Some children might need help doing up the straps and making sure the cycle helmet is secure.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Events next week New dates added

Monday 1st July – 5GS NUSTEM Think Lab workshop Northumbria University

Tuesday 2nd July – RAW Pizza Express visit

Tuesday 2nd July – Y1 Fieldwork trip

Tuesday 2nd July -Y6 trip to Oxclose to see Shrek the Musical pm

Friday 5th July - Washington 60th Anniversary picnic

Monday 8th July - Y5 Heritage Day Beacon of Light

Tuesday 9th July – RDB Pizza Express visit

Wednesday 10th July – 5JW NUSTEM Think Lab workshop Northumbria University

Wednesday 10 July- Y4 Tennis experience (everyone active coaching)

Thursday 11th July - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Thursday 11th July - Y6 performance

Friday 12th July – End of Year reports

Friday 12th July - Summer Fair

Monday 15th July - Wilderness Trip 6CS

Tuesday 16th July - Wilderness Trip 6JM

Wednesday 17th July – Y5 Sports Festival at Oxclose

Friday 19th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer holidays

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM

| Day | Club name | Staff | Location |
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| Monday | KS1 Homework | Mrs Hilton | 2CH Classroom |
| Monday | Review Crew | Mrs Kaur | Base 3 |
| Monday | Mindful Colouring | Mrs Allen | 3LC Classroom |
| Monday | Lego | Mrs Green and Mrs Edmunds | KS2 Intervention Room |
| Tuesday | KS2 Homework | Miss Skeen | 5GS Classroom |
| Tuesday | Gardening | Mrs Lowe | 3RL Classroom/Wild Garden |

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| Tuesday | Yoga and Positivity | Mrs Comby | 3LC Classroom |
| Tuesday | Games and jigsaws | Mrs Dixon | 1RD Classroom |
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| Monday STARTS 13 th MAY | Football Skills boys/Girls | Mr Rutherford | School Field |
| Thursday STARTS 2 nd MAY | Football Skills Girls | Mr Rutherford | School Field |

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 – 4SB 2nd – 5GS 3rd – 3RL

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Whole school attendance – 94.78%
EYFS/KS1 1RD - 95% KS2 4VM - 100%

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