



# USWORTH COLLIERY

## Weekly Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

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

EYFS/KS 1BD 100%    KS2 4EH 100%    Base Blue 95.96%

Whole school attendance – 93.76%

Super achievement 1BD and 4EH 100% Well done

**Please note that many of our Christmas events have now been confirmed and added to the Autumn Term Dates list at the bottom of the newsletter. Please look out for more information coming your way next week to pre book tickets to visit Santa.**

### NO PENS DAY

On Wednesday we joined schools across the county taking part in No Pens Day. We focused on developing our speaking and listening skills, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. By ditching the pens, the children were given an opportunity to learning in a different way – through discussion, debate, role-playing, group activities, and hands-on problem-solving. It was a fun and engaging way to break from the usual routine and spark new ways of thinking about learning. If you would like to see some of the activities the children took part in follow the link below!

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2024-11-29-13-00-00-subjects-in-the-spotlight>



### DRESS DOWN DAY – FRIDAY (6<sup>th</sup> December)

Again, this year we are holding a dress-down day for the children to help to fundraise for the Christmas Fair. Children can come to school in their everyday clothes rather than school uniform for the fee of a donation to the tombola stall. Please can we ask for any individually wrapped bars/bags of chocolate or sweets that we could use on our tombola stall or any bottles for our bottle stall (bottles can include anything that comes in a bottle (toiletries, sauces, drinks etc). If your child is bringing alcohol, it must be dropped off by an adult and given to a member of staff. **Thanks again for your support!**

### 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**

### WASHINGTON LEISURE CENTRE FREE HOLIDAY AND FOOD ACTIVITY CAMP

For the parents/guardians of children who are entitled to means tested free school meals Washington Leisure Centre have lots free spaces per day on their Christmas holiday camps. Children who attend will get a free hot meal as well as sports activities including swimming.

Dates are: Mon 23rd and Mon 30th December, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January ages 5 – 11 years.

From 10am – 2pm

Please call Washington Leisure Centre on 01914166642 to book your child's place and for more information

## WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

**Poppy 2EP** came to show me a story she had written at home all about a mouse and a tiger who were enemies but become friends and promised to be kind to each other. A beautiful story with a great moral – I think someone was listening to the assembly last week about being brave even when you are little – just like the mouse in her story!) Well done Poppy!

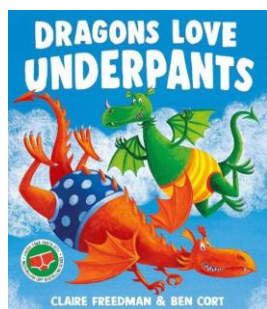
**Charlotte 3RL** brought me her writing which was fantastic. She had written all about a little boy called Toki who made friends with a giant chameleon. In her story, she had used expanded noun phrases with commas and her handwriting was very impressive. Well done Charlotte

**Daniel 1RD** had been doing some maths work this week. He was able to sort pictures into whole and parts of a whole and he cut and stuck all of the pictures in the correct columns independently. Well done Daniel.

**Jasmine 5GS, Chigadi 5JW and Oliver 5JW** all brought me typed diary entries writing from the perspective of a soldier in WW1 on Christmas Eve when for a few short hours the war stopped and the two sides played football and wished each other Merry Christmas. They had all worked so hard to capture the emotion and atmosphere of that time and I think they all did a splendid job.

**Luna 2EP** brought me some work she has been doing at home. In class she had been learning about subtraction and difference. At home she wrote a list of odd numbers and subtracted another odd number from each one making sure each calculation had a difference of 2. Wonderful problem solving and practising school work at home. I was so impressed!

## RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES DRAGONS LOVE UNDERPANTS BY CLAIRE FREEDMAN



A hilarious picture book adventure to make the whole family laugh. Huge scaly DRAGONS roamed the land. In long gone days of olde. They LOVED to wear big underpants. In colours bright and bold.'

With flaming holes in their undies, a pack of pant-loving dragons embark on a knicker-nicking adventure through the Kingdom of Pantasia in this hilarious new story from the creators of the bestselling Aliens Love Underpants!

***This is definitely one for our reception children who have really enjoyed reading ALIENS LOVE UNDERPANTS this term!***

## 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1DB visiting Hardwick Park
Tuesday 3 December	Penathalon athletics at Gateshead Stadium
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1RD Asda visit
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Heights and Weights Check
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress Down Day (and bring tombola prize)

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Carole Singing at Washington Manor
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Assembly
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Phoenix Programme (Monday- Wednesday)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	1RD visiting Hardwick Park
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	The Akademiks - Rock Band Assembly
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair/Santa visit
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Eye Tests
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	3RL morning visit to Wharton Park (Natural Christmas)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	3CB visiting Wharton Park (Natural Christmas)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance 9.30am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	RLC Northern Stage Theatre Visit
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas performance 9.30am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir Singing at Willow Brook Care Home
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	RAW Northern Stage Theatre Visit
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Christmas Crafts at Washington Manor
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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:

1<sup>st</sup> – 4EH 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6CS 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2EP

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