

THANK YOU - UNIFORM RECYCLING

Thank you so much to everyone who has so kindly donated uniform to our recycling programme. This is such a great programme that helps our children and their families as well as helping us do our bit towards saving the planet. Any school items are gratefully received and can be dropped off at school at any time.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

As we continue to strive for excellence at Usworth Colliery Primary School, I want to address a crucial aspect of our children's education—attendance.

Regular attendance is essential for your child's academic success and social development. It ensures they do not miss out on important lessons, school activities, and the development of their friendships which are fundamental in these formative years. Research shows that students with higher attendance rates are more likely to achieve better grades and enjoy school more thoroughly. Currently, our school's attendance rate stands at 93%. Meaning we are ranked 48th out of 72 schools! We are aiming to improve this figure to ensure all our students can benefit as much as possible from the education we provide. **Every day counts**, and missing school can significantly impact learning, especially when it comes to complex subjects that build on previous knowledge. In our ongoing efforts to support every student's education, please note that attendance letters will be sent out next week as part of our regular reviews. These are intended to inform you of your child's attendance record **and provide support if there are challenges affecting their school attendance**.

We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually. Together, we can provide them with the best foundation for a bright and successful future.

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Josiah 2CH and Callie 2CH came to show me their beautiful writing. They have been practising using expanded noun phrases and they have both done a fantastic job of creating atmosphere through this. I was also very impressed with their presentation and beautiful joined up handwriting.

GARDENING CLUB AND THEIR WONDERFUL WORK TRANSFORMING THE KS1 QUAD (and a plea for equipment)

Gardening Club have been working hard to develop areas of the school by removing weeds and planting seeds. They are currently working to clear the KS1 quad which is being upgraded and made safe for use by our younger children. The club currently have a selection of gardening gloves, trowels and forks however some have seen better days. If you have any old tools or gloves that you could donate, they would be greatly appreciated. Here is a picture of how this club is making a real difference in school!



1RD VISIT TO THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM

On Thursday, 1RD visited the Discovery Museum as part of their history topic. They learned all about George Stephenson and the Rainhill trials. The children worked in groups to create their own locomotive. We then tested how far they could travel using an air pump. The children had a great day and enjoyed exploring the museum.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Over the next couple of days your children will be bringing home with them a letter to give consent for them to have their class photo taking on Wednesday 12th June. If you have more than one child at school, each child needs their own form completing. If we do not have a consent form your child/children will not be able to have their school photo taken so please complete the consent forms and return them to school no later than Friday 7th June.

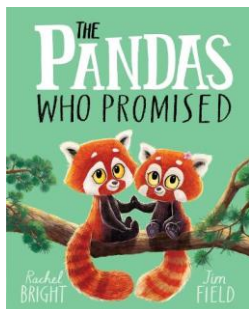
YEAR 3 WATER WORKSHOP

This week, year 3 were fortunate enough to participate in a workshop provided by Northumbrian Water called The Ripple Effect. To begin, the children learnt about water and the importance of saving water. They then worked in groups to create a performance of the water cycle stages. Back in class, the children developed their knowledge on ways to save water by acting out scenarios where people regularly waste water in their homes



HELPING THE HOMELESS

One of our Y4 pupils is currently collecting crisp packets that can be recycled and used to make sleeping bags for the homeless. She is collecting for a local company 'Nite Lite CIC' The foil inside the crisp packets acts as an insulator helping the sleeping bag stay warm. However, it takes 150 crisp packets to make one sleeping bag. She is asking for your help by bringing into school any empty crisp packets (only the ones with foil insides) which she will then take to the company. For more information see the images at the bottom of this newsletter.



RECOMMENDED READ AND NEW RELEASES THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED BY RACHEL BRIGHT

High on a misty mountainside, red panda cubs Popo and Ketu live happily with their mama. As the sisters grow, they promise Mama that they will always stay close to home. But while cautious Popo is content to spend her days in the family's cosy treetop nest, bold Ketu dreams of excitement and exploration. So when Ketu creeps off down the mountain in search of adventure, Popo must make a choice: will she keep her promise to Mama, or look after her sister?

An action-packed, heart-warming tale of being true to your word *and* true to yourself, from the creators of the international bestseller *The Lion Inside*.

SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 6th May - school closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May - RAW visit to St Mary's Lighthouse

Thursday 9th May – 1EP Discovery Museum

Friday 10th May – 2CB Class Assembly

Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May KS2 SATs Week

Thursday 16th May - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Friday 17th May – 2CH Class Assembly

Saturday 18th May – Science is My Superpower Visit to Newcastle

Monday 20th May - Y4 Beamish 4VM

Tuesday 21st May - Y4 Beamish 4SB

Tuesday 21st May - Y5 Athlete visit to school

Friday 24th May - 4VM Class Assembly

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Tuesday 4th June – Y5 Green careers workshops

Wednesday 5th June – Y5 Science is My Superpower Visit to Newcastle

Thursday 6th June – Base Stay and Play 1:30pm

Friday 7th June – 4SB Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th June – Class photographs

Wednesday 12th June - Y6 Kooth Mental Health workshop

Thursday 13th June - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Thursday 13th June – Geography Fieldwork Showcase

Friday 14th June - Base 1 Beamish

Monday 17th June – 1EP Washington library

Tuesday 18th June – NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6

Friday 21st June - PSHCE/Mental Health Open Morning

Friday 21st June - 5GS class assembly

Monday 24th June – 1RD Washington library

Tuesday 2nd July – RAW Pizza Express visit

Friday 5th July - Washington 60th Anniversary picnic

Monday 8th July - Y5 Heritage Day Beacon of Light

Tuesday 9th July – RDB Pizza Express visit

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
 Friday 19th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly
 Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer holidays

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
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
Tuesday	Yoga and Positivity	Mrs Comby	3LC Classroom
Tuesday	Games and jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1RD Classroom
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These clubs start slightly later due to Terry's availability

Day	Club name	Staff	Location
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 – 5GS 2nd – 3RL 3rd – 1RD

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Whole school attendance – 93.44%

EYFS/KS1 RDB - 96.07% KS2 97.31% - 6JM

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NOTICES



New Collection

Please collect your empty crisp packets to help make sleeping bags for the homeless

HELPING THE HOMELESS.

A local company, "Nite Light CIC" are starting a project which recycles crisp packets and makes them into sleeping bags.

These are waterproof! and warm due to the foil acting as an insulator.

It takes 150 Crisp packets to make just 1 sleeping bag!

Can you help us, by donating your empty crisp packets (foil inside only)

Place them into the box provided.

Thankyou
Team Harden!