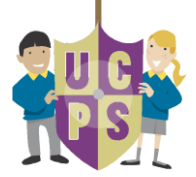




USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



8th November 2024

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

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

Whole school attendance – 93.81%

EYFS/KS 2JB **100%** KS2 3EH **100%** Base Yellow **100%**

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE FOR ALL THREE OF THESE CLASSES WELL DONE!

OUR NEW FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

As you know we highly value having a family liaison officer as part of our school team and when Mrs Siggers left we worked hard to look for someone who could fill this complex role. I am so pleased to announce that our new family Liaison officer, Mrs L Thubron will start with us on Monday. She has a background knowledge of working in schools, supporting attendance and safeguarding but is also experienced working with children with SEND and their families. We are really looking forward to welcoming her to our school and I'm sure she will be an asset to our pastoral team and a great support for parents and children.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND ODD SOCK DAY



Next week is anti-bullying week and as always in school we will be using this week to support children to identify, prevent and address bullying both in school, in the community and online. This year we are theming our week as 'RIP to bullying' so remember to ask your child next week about what they have been learning and what RIP

stands for. On Tuesday we will be encouraging the children to take part in 'Odd Sock Day' where they can come to school wearing odd socks. Odd Sock Day is a fun, accessible event that's part of National Anti-Bullying Week to help raise awareness of bullying and encourage people to celebrate their individuality, express themselves and celebrate what makes us all unique.



CHILDREN IN NEED - NEXT FRIDAY



To support the wider community and to demonstrate our key value **care**, on Friday 15th November we will be taking part in Children in Need Day by holding a non-uniform day. The children can come to school in a spotty outfit or just dress down in casual clothes. Children can bring a small amount of money into school on the Friday to donate, we will collect this in and send it to the Children In Need charity.

WINNERS OF THE WE LOVE SUNDERLAND RUBBISH REIMAGINED COMPETITION



Well done to Base Blue for **winning** the "We love Sunderland Rubbish Reimagined Competition". 10 children from the Base worked hard during recycling week to create an amazing and unique sculpture. The judges loved the design with the greenery, forest, play area and the lake. As a winner of the competition, the prize is to have the winning model displayed at Arts Centre Washington. Well done everyone who took part - Blake, James, Kamsi, Jack, Thomas, Jacob, Lana, Drake, Alice, Isaac

SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

Please remember if you have not already done so and you are wanting your child to have their school photo taken on Friday 22nd November, a consent form will need to be handed into school no later than Friday 8th November. If you have more than one child in school, you will need to complete a separate form for each child. Forms can be collected from the school office. If we do not have a consent form for your child, their photo will not be taken.

UCPS GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday evening, the girls football team participated in the Autumn Cup tournament at Biddick Academy. When we got there, the girls were raring to go and were planning their tactics for their first match. We started strong with a hard fought 0-0 draw against Biddick Primary. In our next game, we played Holley Park and the girls fought hard to try and get as many chances in the opponents' box as they could. Unfortunately, Holley Park's attack managed to slip through our defence to tap in a goal which ended the game in a 1-0 loss. In our third game we faced Blackfell. The girls defended strongly with some amazing blocks, saves and tracking back from all players. However, Blackfell did the same causing us to struggle to break through and score. This game ended in another 0-0 draw. In our final game of the tournament, we faced George Washington. The girls held a strong team talk before the match and decided to go all in on their attack. They started strongly from the first whistle and had a number of good chances but sadly were not able to convert them into goals. This game also ended in a 0-0 draw. All players played brilliantly and really showed how far they have developed since their first game together. Zoe was particularly impressive with her well timed tackles and strong kicks to fend off attacking players running down the wing. Zoe's hard work, focus and determination to improve earned her player of the tournament. We now pause matches for the winter break with our next games being a series of Futsal matches in January/February.

Miss Skeen

FLU NASAL SPRAY VACCINATION ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

You will have been sent an email from school regarding your child receiving their flu nasal spray vaccination on Monday 18th November. You will need to fill in the form on line to give consent if you wish your child to have the nasal spray vaccine following the link below. If you have any queries with the link please contact 0333 358 3397 who will be able to assist you. Please complete the electronic consent form using the link below before insert date (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/010c4bc7>

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Meadow, Erin and Jayden 1RD came to show me their wonderful writing. They had been looking at a picture of a firework display then orally rehearsed their sentences. They were then able to write a sentence about the fireworks using a capital letter to start the sentence and a full stop at the end. They also tried really hard to form all of the letters correctly and make them the right size. I was so impressed and their teacher was very proud indeed. Well done all of you!

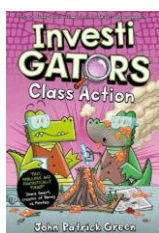
Gavin Junior Base Red came to sing the song Peace and Harmony to me while accompanying himself on the ukulele. He was so confident and so proud of himself. Well done Gavin Junior!

Jessica 6JM came to show me her maths work. She was calculating the area of rectangles and had worked so hard. She could explain what she had been doing and how she had done the calculation. I was so impressed with her hard work and self-belief. Well done Jessica!

Bryan RLC has written his first sentence in reception. He looked at a picture of an alien and wrote about the object the alien was holding. He wrote "It is a map." and he could read his sentence to me. Wow how fantastic is that?

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

CLASS ACTION - INVESTIGATORS! BY JOHN PATRICK GREEN



Crack the case with the InvestiGators! Join Mango and Brash in InvestiGators: Class Action for the eighth adventure in the laugh-out-loud full colour, comic book series perfect for fans of Bunny vs Monkey. The InvestiGators are back . . . to school? Mango and Brash have always been a class act, now it's time to find out whether these alligator detectives can go undercover as school kids! When chaos breaks out in the classroom Mango and Brash rush to find the culprit. Is it a coincidence that the school is the same one that Agent Mango went to? Is his family in danger? And most importantly is Friday still pizza day?

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
Tuesday	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 18th November	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Monday 11th November	Senior Citizens Remembrance Tea 2pm
Wednesday 13th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Friday 15th November	RAW Into-film festival
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need Raise Money Non- Uniform Day
Wednesday 20th November	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Thursday 21 st November	Choir singing at Durham Cathedral
Friday 22nd November	School photos Day
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 – 2EP 2nd – 1RD 3rd – 5GS

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