



RED NOSE DAY

This year, Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March. Children are welcome to come into school in non-school uniform and can wear Comic Relief t-shirts and noses if they wish. Any donations will be greatly appreciated for this worthy cause. As well as this, we will be having a joke-telling competition within school to help us do something funny for money! Each class must come up with their best joke, ready to tell in Friday's assembly, so start trawling through joke books or looking for side splitting jokes to offer to your class! Only the funniest will make it through to the 'Joke-off' on Friday! Good luck!

WORLD BOOK DAY



It was fabulous on Thursday to see so many amazing costumes for World Book Day. You all looked wonderful! Even the staff got involved, dressing up as Little Miss and Mr Men characters.

This year we all read the story 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. Across school, every year group completed an activity relating to the book. These activities ranged from writing setting descriptions to drawing pictures of the children's own magical story settings. Please check out what we got up to by going to our 'Subject Spotlight' page on our website.

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



SCHOOL COUNCIL COMPETITION WINNERS

The Student Council were keen to hold a drawing competition over the half term break and they decided to use the theme of the recent Chinese New Year celebrations. After we learnt about the new Year of the Dragon in assembly, the pupils were given the brief to draw their own dragon for the competition. There was an overwhelming response with some outstanding entries from all across the school. Have a look at the winning entries selected by the Student Council representatives. Well done everyone, there will be a new competition coming soon.



EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION



We are delighted to announce our annual egg-cellent Easter Egg Decorating Competition. We love seeing the amazing creations that the children make each year. All entries must be labelled with your child's full name and class and brought into school on Thursday 28th March.

If you have never entered our competition before do not worry, follow these simple steps to help your child make a decorated egg:

1. Take an egg and hard boil it for 10 minutes.
2. Once cooled, decorate your egg or eggs.
3. Label your entry and bring it into school on Thursday 28th March.

We look forward to seeing what the children have created!

MESSAGE FROM NHS IMMUNISATION SERVICE

All parents/carers should have received an email from school regarding immunising children against measles. Here is the letter in case you have missed it

Measles Outbreak

You may have seen in the news that there have been serious outbreaks of Measles over the last few months. Outbreaks are now occurring widely in England, with children being the ones mostly affected. This is because many of them have missed out on the opportunity to have their MMR vaccinations for numerous reasons.

Children are offered 2 MMR vaccinations before they start school. If you think your child has not had both doses and you want them to be vaccinated, please contact the immunisation team on **03333583397, option 3, option 1** and we can take consent and arrange this for you. **Alternatively, you can contact your own GP.**

The link below provides some information regarding the signs and symptoms of measles as well as the potential complications.

Measles - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Measles cases are rising. There is no specific treatment for Measles and the MMR vaccination gives the best possible protection against illness

Yours sincerely

The North East-Central, School Age Immunisation Service

WASHINGTON ATHLETIC YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

I know many of our children and parents are already heavily involved with Washington Athletic Youth Football Club. As a school we work closely with the club and offer them the use of our premises. This week when I met with Terry Rutherford, he was telling me about all the work they are doing to promote 'football for all' in the Washington area. Did you know they now have 33 youth teams? They have also started a women's football team and women's football sessions at the Washington Community Football Hub on Tuesday nights 7-8pm. They are now also offering walking football on Wednesday evenings at the Hub from 7-8pm and this is for anyone aged 18 upwards. As usual, they will be providing holiday clubs during the Easter holiday which I will include in the newsletter when I have more details. Terry has also agreed to run two after school clubs in school during the summer term for to promote both boys' and girls' football -so watch out for these when we send the summer term after school club lists out!

If you are interested in finding out more about what WAFC can offer you and your family, joining adult football sessions or enrolling your child with WAFC, follow the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/minikickerswaftc/>

WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Chloe 6JM came to show me her wonderful fraction work. She has been finding fractions of amounts and also the whole number when given a fraction of the number. She used bar models and division calculations to solve all sorts of real life problems!

RECEPTION SPONSORED DANCE-A-THON

On Friday 15th March 2024, Reception children will be taking part in a sponsored dance-a-thon, where they will dance every hour in school.

This is to raise money for a new sensory light area in the classroom. Parents/carers are invited into school to celebrate our final dance of the day at 3pm. All children should have a sponsorship form but if you require another one please ask a member of Reception Staff. Please could any money raised be sent into school by Friday 22nd March 2024.

Thank you

Reception Staff

RECOMMENDED READ AND NEW RELEASES

THANK YOU BY JARVIS



A beguiling tale that encourages little ones to be grateful and express thanks for the wonders of the world, *Thank You* is adorned with a host of richly evocative images.

'I thank the moon for the night time. I thank the sun for the day. I thank my boots for knowing the way.'

There is so much to be thankful for! In this happy and hopeful picture book for the very young, we see the world through a child's eyes as he thanks all of the things that give him joy – the sun, his bicycle, the jelly in his bowl, and so much more.

Jarvis creates beautiful collage art in this first book of gratitude; a book that inspires children to think about what they might like to say "thank you" to, too!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPRING TERM

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 - 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)
 Monday 11th March (am) – 5JW to Ouseburn
 Tuesday 11th March (am) – 5GS to Ouseburn
 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
 Monday 25th March (am) – 5GS to Newcastle Reform Synagogue
 Tuesday 27th March (am) – 5JW to Newcastle Reform Synagogue
 Wednesday 27th March -SATs parent meeting (5pm.)
 Thursday 28th March – Easter Egg Competition
 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 – 3CL 3rd – 1EP

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Whole school attendance – 94.86%

Thrive 100% EYFS/KS1 – 1RD - 100% KS2 – 4VM - 97.84%

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