



NEWSLETTER

11th April 2025

A message from our school leaders:

It's been a super busy week to finish the term at our lovely school. This week, we welcomed our Key Stage 2 families into school for some Easter crafts. We were delighted with the responses to see so many of you enjoying working alongside your child/ren. We have also had a brilliant response to Parent's Evening this week. If you were unable to make your appointment, please contact Mrs Morris in the school office.

Yesterday, some of our KS2 children headed to Gateshead Stadium to take part in the NELT Athletics Festival. Children competed against pupils from our other trust primaries, in events such as the howler, foam javelin, running and skipping. This was our very first trust athletics competition which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done to all the children who competed and a special well done to those who achieved a winning medal. We are so proud of you all.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

~~ Easter Competition Winners ~~

We had a super response to the School Council Competitions, with some fabulous and creative entries! Thank you for your support in this fun event.

Photographs of the winners can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Useful Online Safety Links

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- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
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BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check to books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk.

BE SMART WITH A HEART Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

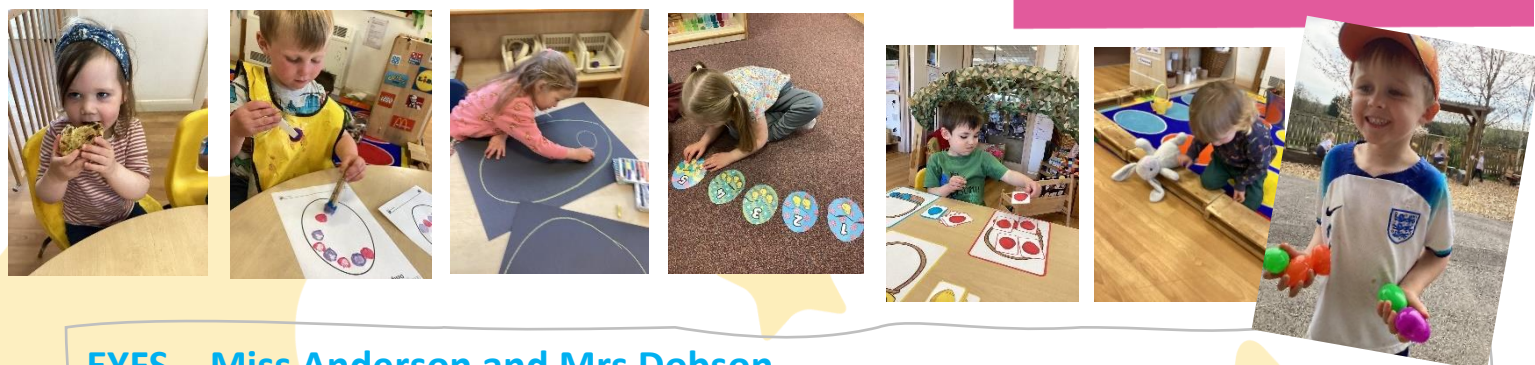
~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	95.6%
Year 1+2	93.1%
Year 3+4	98.9%
Year 5+6	99.5%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week in nursery we have been learning all about Easter. The children have enjoyed singing the song, 'I'm a Spring Chicken', tasting hot cross buns at snack-time while learning all about the Easter story. They have also been busy making a home for the Easter Bunny, drawing repeating patterns on Easter eggs, sorting different coloured eggs into Easter baskets and matching the correct number of chicks to the correct number. To end the week, the children all had a wonderful time looking for eggs in an Easter Egg Hunt, which was organised by our Friends of Middleton School.

RECEPTION

Receptions focus books this week have been, 'Egg to Chicken' and, 'Doras's Eggs'. We learnt all about the life cycle of a chicken and the children wrote sentences about chicks. They also answered comprehension questions about Dora's Eggs and recited some fantastic detail.

In maths, the children have been learning about numbers 1-20. We have looked at how numbers 11-20 are made, by starting with 10 and adding the rest on. We have also learnt the order of the numbers by singing a number song. The children have created their own number lines using post it notes and writing the numbers down themselves.

We have also had lots of Easter fun! The children have planted carrot seeds, completed an Easter egg hunt with The Friends and released our butterflies!

Another wonderful week in EYFS. Have a lovely Easter holiday everyone!





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Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabe and Miss Spenceley

As we approach the Easter break, we are pleased to share highlights from what has been an engaging and productive term. Our budding historians have taken an insightful delve into the life of Queen Elizabeth II, exploring both her personal history and the broader impact of her reign.

In our English lessons, we have concluded our non-chronological reports about Queen Elizabeth II. This provided an excellent opportunity for the children to showcase their writing skills, as well as their creativity in presenting important facts and information effectively.

During our history sessions, students engaged in thoughtful discussions, employing a diamond ranking tool to identify and analyse what they believe to be her most significant achievements throughout her notable reign.

To conclude the week, we embraced the Easter spirit with craft-making activities. The highlight being an Easter Egg Hunt, organised by the Friends of Middleton School, which the children loved!

We wish you all a delightful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the Summer term!





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What have we been up to?

Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

Our final entry in the Spring newsletter! It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming a Christmas holiday!

The children have had a busy final week of term with lots of fun activities. We thoroughly enjoyed having parents and grandparents in school on Tuesday afternoon for the KS2 Easter crafts, where our pupils could share in creating crafts such as pom-pom sheep with their family member. On Thursday some of the children from Year 3/4 represented our school in NELT's athletics festival, which was held at Gateshead stadium. They all had a wonderful day, competing in their races and many had success, bringing back medals! Well done!

With only a few swimming lessons left, it was wonderful seeing their progress this week, especially as the 'shallow end swimmers' were challenged by having a go in the deep end. They fought through some nerves and took to it like fish to water.

In maths, our Year 4's have continued to practise their times tables, in readiness for the upcoming times table check. Practise, practise, practise, has been the phrase of the term.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break.



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What have we been up to?

Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

Another busy week in Year 5&6!

To begin the week, children in the class researched facts about tourism in Antarctica before debating for and against the idea – most of the class agreed that tourists should not visit Antarctica and provided excellent reasons why. E.g. Tourist ships can cause oil spills which will pollute habitats and kill ecosystems.

During writing this week, we have looked at the two grammatical features; relative clauses and parenthesis. Children then applied these to their writing, in the build up of writing a non-chronological report.

On Tuesday afternoon, children enjoyed spending time with their parents and peers making Easter crafts. It was lovely to see so many of you getting involved with colouring, decorating and making pom poms!

On Thursday, some children from the class, represented the school at NELT's Athletic Festival – we are very proud of their accomplishments, with some children bringing home medals!

To end the week and term, the class thoroughly enjoyed participating in an Easter Egg Hunt provided by the Friends of Middleton School.

We hope that you all have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term!





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Upcoming
Events:

APRIL	Event
Mon 28 th April	School Re-Opens for Summer Term
Tues 29 th April	Countryside Learning at Raby Castle – Yrs 3+4
MAY	
Thurs 8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary Celebration
Mon 19 th May	Yrs 3/4 Tri-Golf Festival at Barnard Castle Golf Club
Fri 23 rd May	Phototronics – Year 6 Leavers and Class Photos
Fri 23 rd May	Tri-Golf Comp for selected Yrs 3/4, at Barnard Castle Golf Club
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th May	School Closed for Half Term
JUNE	
Mon 2 nd June	School Re-Opens to pupils
Fri 6 th June	Yrs 5/6 Athletics Comp at Bishop Barrington, B.A.
Mon 9 th June	KS2 Family Brunch for Father's Day, 9-10am
Wed 11 th –Fri 13 th June	Residential Trip to Robinwood
Mon 16 th June	Bikeability, Level 1 – Years 3+4
Tues 17 th – Fri 20 th June	Bikeability, Level 1 + 2 – Years 5+6
Mon 23 rd June	Sports Day
Mon 30 th June	Yrs 5/6 rounders Fest at Teesdale Leisure Centre, B.C.
JULY	
Tues 1 st July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse, Gateshead
Thurs 10 th + Fri 11 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Wed 16 th July	FOMS All the Fun of the Fair
Fri 18 th July	School closes for the Summer Holiday



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NELT Athletics Festival

We are thrilled to share the highlights from the recent NELT Athletics Festival, where our children truly shone! With a fantastic turnout from numerous trust schools, the atmosphere was electric as athletes competed passionately in various events. We are so proud of how all the children participated; they demonstrated incredible teamwork, supporting each other through every challenge. Their sportsmanship was commendable, and we witnessed exemplary behaviour throughout the day.

A special thanks to all the spectators who cheered enthusiastically, inspiring our young athletes to give their best. It was delightful to see them enjoying themselves, showcasing not only their athletic skills but also some impressive dance moves during breaks! The sun was shining brightly, adding to the spirit of the occasion.

A heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved for making this event such a resounding success. It was such a fun-filled day, and we couldn't be prouder of our young athletes. We look forward to more events like this in the future!





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