



NEWSLETTER

12th July 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

Today we are still on cloud nine from what was an incredible night at The Glasshouse in Newcastle, where our choir confidently performed at the annual NELT summer concert. Dressed to impressed, and raring to belt out their finely tuned performance, our pupils wowed the audience in performing songs from Moana. We are incredibly proud of each child who performed on the stage last night. They were truly amazing. Special well done to Victoria, Tilly and Rafe for performing solo parts. Watch out on socials for pictures from the night.

We are currently contacting parents who gave us feedback on the new uniform. If you haven't heard from us already, we will be in touch by the end of next week. We are currently finalising next year's uniform policy which we aim to have to you before we break up for summer.

The children have enjoyed a morning meeting their new teachers this week. Class arrangements are as follows:

NURSERY – Mrs Dobson and Mrs Willington

RECEPTION – Mrs Willington

YEARS 1 & 2 – Mrs Garnett

YEARS 3 & 4 – Miss Humpherson

YEARS 5 & 6 – Miss Dobinson

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.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Our school Sport's Day has been rearranged and will now take place on Monday 15th July with EYFS in the morning and KS1/KS2 in the afternoon. More details will follow nearer the time.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)

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 these 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 in 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 report by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	100.0%
Year 1+2	97.4%
Year 3+4	92.4%
Year 5+6	79.2%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Niven and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week in nursery, we have been reading, 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have really enjoyed this story and were very keen to make some gingerbread men biscuits. After transforming our home corner into a bakery, the children donned their aprons, and got stuck in, mixing the ingredients, rolling out the mixture and using the shaped cutters to create their biscuits. We really have some great bakers in our class!

Also this week, our school cook Lucinda, who is a fishing teacher, brought in a fresh cod and mackerel to show the children - she had caught these out at sea the previous evening. We all were really interested in looking at the fish.

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we have been reading, 'Mister Seahorse' as we continue our Seaside topic. We have been learning about the life cycle of a fry to a seahorse and how the daddy seahorse looks after the eggs! We have also made seahorses in the style of Mister Seahorse.

In maths, we have been practising our number bonds to 10 and using Ipads to play number games. The children are getting so quick at recalling our number bonds – they are certainly ready for Year 1.





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislalie

As part of our Science topic, we have been looking at shadows. The children made their own shadow window and character. We then used a torch to create shadows and made them bigger and smaller.

During P.E. we have been preparing for Sports Day, perfecting our skills for the upcoming races on Monday!

Towards the end of the week, we designed and made our own salad. The children chose their own ingredients and discussed how they would prepare it – by tearing, slicing, chopping, peeling or mashing. Once the children finalised their plan they were given the ingredients and equipment to make it. The children really took their time with this, ensuring their plate looked good. Once the salad was prepared, most of the children enjoyed eating it!

This week, we've also had a taster of what next year will be like with pupils visiting our class. Year 2 went upstairs to Key Stage 2, whilst the Reception children joined Key Stage 1 along with our current year 1's. During the visit, we completed a range of activities, including drawing the other half of our photographed faces, a memory matching game and creating our very own monster! I hope the children had lots of fun and are excited about their new class.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Miss Spenceley

Year 3 and 4 have been working hard this week completing their end of year assessments, and have all tried their very best, well done!

Amongst assessments, the children have been starting to think about their writing, where they will be writing their own ending to the story 'Stitch Head'. Will Stitch Head save the Professor, or won't he?

In Science this week, the children learnt about pollination and the parts of the flowering plant which play important roles in this process as well as the insects they rely on to reproduce. Later in the week, the children explored the different ways in which plants disperse their seeds after pollination in order for new plants to grow.

During PSHE this term, the children have been thinking about changes. The changes they experience as they grow up and the things they worry about and look forward to about growing up. This week, they made mobiles to address their feelings and thoughts about growing up and changes.

In PE, the children have been practicing their skills and preparing for Sports Day, which they are all looking forward to. We cant wait to see them having fun participating next week!





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week has been quiet for Year 5/6 after they had a busy time at Lockerbie last week. Although assessments have been taking place, we've managed to squeeze in some writing lessons - we have continued to write about Pandora, a fictional island, and this week our focus has been on writing about the anatomy and diet of the animals living on the island.

Children have continued with their computing lessons this week, creating a game which progresses in difficulty so that their player does not get bored. Children have made their own fictional world for the game and made decisions about what the player needs to collect to win and progress to the next level.

On Wednesday, some children from the class represented Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy at NELT's Summer Concert, an event held at The Glasshouse, Gateshead. Our children were phenomenal on stage, and we are incredibly proud of their performance!

Whilst Year 6 have had their transition days at Teesdale this week, it has been lovely to welcome some children from Year 4 into the class as they experience what it will be like as a Year 5 pupil in just a few months' time.

Next week, auditions are being held for Middleton's Got Talent - make sure your child is prepared to showcase their act for Tuesday, if they wish to audition.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
Monday 15 th July	Sport's Day
Tuesday 16 th July	Auditions for 'Middleton's Got Talent'
Wednesday 17 th July	Leaver's Assembly, 9:15 – 10:15am
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Show, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Thurs 18 th , Fri 19 th + Mon 22 nd July	Bikeability, Reception + KS1
Tuesday 23 rd July	Middleton's Got Talent, 9:30 – 10:30am