



# NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

As the year draws to a close, it's a chance to reflect on the successes of the year. We are truly proud of all of our pupils, for their hard work and dedication in all of their curriculum subjects. A special thank you and well done to our Year 6 pupils, for both their commitment to their studies and for being such wonderful role models to the younger pupils.

From September, there will be a new uniform policy, which was sent to you earlier today. The uniform can be worn from September, however there will be some lenience and the old uniform can still be worn during the Autumn term, if necessary. To avoid any wastage, we are asking parents for any old uniform donations to be brought to school over the next 2 weeks (please leave at Reception where they will be collected by Mr Burnip). We are planning to donate these uniforms to a charity in Kenya, where they will be gratefully received.

We hope you all have a lovely summer.

## 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.

## 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 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](http://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](http://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.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS YEARS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	92.1%
Year 1+2	95.8%
Year 3+4	96.0%
Year 5+6	94.1%



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What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Niven and Mrs Dobson

### NURSERY

This week in Nursery our story has been, 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. We created our own shoe shop, where the children enjoyed trying on different types of shoes and took turns in measuring their feet. The children also enjoyed designing their very own shoes, by adding fabric and gemstones to real shoes. Nursery also joined in with the Reception Class story of the week, 'Barry, the Fish with Fingers' and had great fun in helping them to make fish fingers for snacktime.

Our Nursery children took part in different races in their sports day, including obstacle race, egg and spoon race, bean bag balance and a running race.

### RECEPTION

Over the last week, Reception have been participating in Bikeability Balance Training. They have been learning and practising basic skills and balance to help them develop their confidence when riding a bike independently. The children loved the sessions and received a special certificate at the end for their hard work!

In class, we have been reading, 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' as we come to the end of our seaside topic. The children designed new gloves and new creatures for the story - it was wonderful to see their amazing designs. To finish the week, they made homemade fish fingers to share with their friends!





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## Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett and Mrs Aislabie

Wow! What a fantastic final week in Year 1+2 we have had. To begin with, we had a brilliant Sports Day, where the children tried their very best in each event and their behaviour throughout was exceptional!

Later in the week, some of the Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in Bikeability Balance Training. During the 3-day programme, the children completed lots of challenges and activities; this helped the children to gain confidence and skills to begin to ride a bike independently. Well done to all of the children who took part!

To end the week, and complete our English text, 'Supertato', we all dressed up as a Superhero fruit or vegetable. The children looked fantastic and enjoyed participating in a range of superhero activities throughout the day.

We are extremely proud of all the children's hard work, determination and success in Year 1+2 this year. As a class, we have had a fantastic year and enjoyed watching the children grow. I would like to offer our thanks once again for the support you have given. Have a lovely Summer!





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## Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Miss Spenceley

We cannot believe that it is already the end of the year, even though we have done so much it has flown over. We are so proud of what all the children have achieved this year!

During our final week, the children have finished writing their own endings to 'Stitch Head' and also listened to the real ending, they have really enjoyed this story and produced some wonderful writing along with it.

The children have also enjoyed learning about greenhouse design in our DT topic, and have looked at different structures, tested materials and finally designed and built their own.

It has been such a wonderful year in Year 3 and 4 and such a lot of fun teaching all your amazing children! Thank you for all your continued support, I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.





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## Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

The final week of term has been rather busy for Year 6, as they performed their end of year show, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to the school and their parents. The children have had great fun rehearsing the play this half-term and have made many of the props themselves. To add to the challenge of putting on a school play, many children had more than one part – so we really are proud of them all for putting on such a fantastic performance! I would like to give special recognition to Sam for playing the piano so beautifully during the performance – well done Sam!

As well as the Year 6 show, we also held their leaver's assembly, in which we celebrated each child individually. The children each received a goody bag containing their class of 2024 hoodie, pen, small bag of sweets and a thesaurus which was kindly donated by the Rotary Club. Congratulations Year 6, on being a fantastic cohort of Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy – Mrs Emery and I wish you every success for the future!

To end the week, we have concluded our art unit on Norman Cornish, by replicating some of his prints, creating a line drawing using the grid method for accuracy, before using oil pastels to bring the drawings to life.

All of the children in Year 5 and 6 have worked incredibly hard this year, and so we hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday!





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## Upcoming Events:

	Event
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	School breaks up for Summer
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens to pupils for New Academic Year



### END OF YEAR PLAYGROUND DISCO

To end what has been a fantastic year, Mr Burnip kindly brought the sound system outside and the children and staff all enjoyed a good sing and dance.

Thank you, Mr Burnip!!

