



NEWSLETTER

7th June 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

It's lovely to welcome our children back to school after their half-term week off. It's really hard to believe we are already in the last term of our academic year and there is still such a lot to fit it!

Staff members enjoyed a morning of Forest School training on our PD day, 24th May, which has upskilled them in supporting Mrs Emery, who has begun her Forest School leader training and will be able to deliver and lead exciting outdoor learning in the new academic year, in September 2024.

We had a visit from The Pathway earlier in the week who delivered an 'Open the Book' assembly as part of our RE curriculum. As always, we thank them for their continued support with our school.

Finally, well done to our Year 5 + 6 pupils, who have represented the school in and around trips, competitions and festivals which have taken place this week. A special mention to those who took part in the Athletics competition this morning – you all showed great sportsmanship and produced some excellent results! Well done! *(photos on last page)*

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 \(FOMS\)](#)

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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 so 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.childnet.org.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.childnet.org.uk](#)

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	76.2%
Year 1+2	93.5%
Year 3+4	95.8%
Year 5+6	95.4%



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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Niven, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

NURSERY

This week in nursery, we have been reading the story, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The home corner was transformed into the three bears house complete with different sized bears, bowls, spoons, chairs and beds. We have learned facts about different types of bears, made 'WANTED' posters for Goldilocks and put into order different sized bears, chairs and bowls. The children have even made their own porridge and added their own toppings.

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we started our new topic, 'Oh I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside' and we have read, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' as part of our English lessons. The children wanted to make the Lighthouse Keeper jam sandwiches, so we did! We discussed what we would need and how to do it, as well as the importance of handwashing. We have also made seagulls for our class display and mini lighthouses using fruit.





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What have we been up to?

Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

We have had a lovely week back after the half term.

In English, the children were introduced to their new text, 'Supertato'; the children asked questions and made predications about the story before we read it. The children enjoyed making Supertato and they also made a 'WANTED' poster for Evil Pea! We will continue to complete more interesting activities based on this book in the coming weeks.

In maths, Year 1 have been learning to divide by sharing into equal groups. Year 2 have been focusing on fractions; we introduced wholes and how to count in halves, thirds and quarters.

We have continued to learn about school days in the past and we re-enacted a Victorian classroom. The children got such a shock with our role play as it was quite different to how school is now.

Our new topic in PSHE is 'Changing Me'. This week, we played some matching games to see how animals, plants and humans change. The children discussed what they like about being children and what they will look forward to when they are an adult.

During our science lesson, we went outside in our grounds to look more closely at plants. The children identified the different parts of their chosen plant and labelled them.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson

Year 3 and 4 have had an exciting first week back, getting stuck into all their new topics.

To begin the week, they were lucky to have some visitors from the North Pennines AONB, showing them how to look at the different reproductive parts of a plant. This got the children looking forward to exploring more about plants in their science lessons (take a look at our Facebook post to see).

The children have been getting deep into descriptive writing this week, in English, looking at creating spooky settings using expanded noun phrases, similes and the senses, based on our new book, 'Stitch Head', by Guy Bass.

In RE, the children began to learn about the Jewish celebration of Shavuot, the giving of the Torah. Here they learnt about the 10 commandments that God gave to Moses.

In PSHE, the children have started to explore how babies change into adults, by looking at how baby animals have changed into fully grown animals, and discussed how babies need looking after but then become more independent as they grow.





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What have we been up to?

Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

WOW, what a busy week to start the half-term!

On Monday we learnt the rules of rounders as we participated in a small league at Parkside Academy. It was great to play with other small schools from the local area!

Tuesday was an exciting day as we visited Beamish for our school trip. We started the journey off in the 1900s village before moving on to the pit village. We spent most of our afternoon there as we participated in the James White investigation. In this investigation we found out what life was like for coal miner's and the dangers they faced at work. At the end of the investigation, children were invited to make suggestions on how working conditions for coal miners could be improved. This supported us in our formal letter that we wrote when returning to school on Wednesday. We even took a trip down the drift mine to experience what life would have been like for our local coal miner's.

It was great to welcome The Pathway back into school on Wednesday morning, where some of our Year 6s took part in role play activities, supporting the Pathway with their shared story.

On Friday our Year 6s were fantastic representatives at their athletics festival, participating in a range of track and field events.





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
Monday 10 th June	EYFS Trip to Wharton Park
W/C 17 th June	Healthy Week
Monday 17 th June	EYFS Father's Day 'Stay & Play', 2:00 – 2:45pm
Tuesday 18 th June	Years 1 and 2 Class Trip to Beamish
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 3+4 visit to Hay Meadow - AONB
Wednesday 19 th June	Lockerbie Talk, 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 21 st June	Yr 3 Trip to Binchester Fort
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Football Competition
W/C 24 th June	Careers Week
Tuesday 25 th June	Yr 4 Trip to Centre for Life
Wednesday 26 th June	EYFS Visits for Nursery and Reception – Sept 24
Friday 28 th June	Middleton's 'Pop Up Shop'
Monday 1 st -Fri 5 th July	Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Tuesday 2 nd July	EYFS Visits for Nursery and Reception – Sept 24
Monday 8 th July	EYFS 'Grab a Grown-Up'
Wednesday 10 th July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse
Thursday 11 th + Fri 12 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Friday 12 th July	Moving Up Morning
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
Thursday 18 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



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ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Friday 7th June our Year 6 pupils attended Education Enterprises Ltd Athletics competition at Bishop Barrington Academy, Bishop Auckland. All of the pupils took part in both field and track events and we came away with many placing in their races and disciplines. We were really proud of every single one of them for putting in the maximum effort, their enthusiasm for their own and each other's races.

