



NEWSLETTER

3rd May 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

As the warmer weather approaches, our pupils have been making the most of the great outdoors this week. Our youngest children in EY have been preparing to plant their favourite vegetables. KS2 pupils have been enjoying cricket in this week's PE sessions. It's lovely to make the most of our outdoor space, whilst catching a little glimmer of sunshine!

Over the coming weeks we do have a number of testing periods in different classes, so it's a good time to remind you of the importance of excellent pupil attendance.

We are almost ready to launch the uniform price list in preparation for new uniform roll out in September. Watch this space!

Have a lovely extended weekend - let's hope this warmer weather continues into the bank holiday.

Mrs Harris & Mrs Willington

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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.

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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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

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)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	79.4%
Year 1+2	97.4%
Year 3+4	95.8%
Year 5+6	97.7%



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What have we been up to?

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

Nursery have been exploring their side of nature this week, they have been reading, 'The Tiny Seed' and decided that we would plant our own seeds and watch them grow. We saved our pumpkin seeds from October 2023 and have planted these, hopefully enabling us to have our own pumpkin patch by October 2024! We have also planted onions, carrots and leeks along with our lovely sunflower seeds donated by The Pathway!

We have explored parts of a plant and nursery impressed us with their knowledge of ordering roots, stem, leaves and flower. Finally, our minibeast café outside is up and running; we have had some divine creations of worm spaghetti, slug soup, ladybird burger and spider sandwiches.

This week in Reception, the children have been learning about 2D shapes and created tangram designs, using the shapes, and practised their fine motor skills through cutting and sticking. In PSHE, the children talked about their family and friends and why they were important to them. They explored who is their family, why they are important to them and made party invitations for their friends.





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What have we been up to?

Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

We have had such a busy week in year 1/2. At the beginning of the week, we followed instructions on how to make bird feeders for our lovely garden area. This linked really well with our topic area – how to write instructions. Thank you to parents/carers, for sending in your recycled bottles so that we could all make one of our own!

In maths, Year 1 children have been continuing to complete worded problems. We have been focusing on the key vocabulary to find the correct calculation, and then using the bar model and number line to help us solve it. In year 2, we have been continuing learning about money. We have looked at making the same amount of money using different notes and coins, we have compared total amounts and added money to find out the total of shopping items.

This week, we have been finding out about the Victorian era in terms of the monarchy, rich and poor people, inventions and the industrial revolution. The children learned lots of interesting facts about this period of time. I wonder if they can tell you some of them...

During our art topic, Rain and Sunshine, we created a weather design using a range of textures. Once we were happy with the design, we used ink and rollers to create the final print. The children had so much fun completing their artwork!





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Skilbeck

This week, in Year 3 and 4, the children have been finishing off their recipes for a new creation for Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory; they have really been enjoying reading the story and have produced some fantastic recipes.

At the beginning of the week, the children explored 'light' in their new science topic, they have been identifying and classifying light sources and light reflectors, such as the Sun as a natural light source, and mirrors as reflectors of light.

The children finished off their art projects based on the work of artist, LS Lowry, who was famous for his urban landscapes. They produced their own oil pastel drawing of themselves as figures leaving school, after using LS Lowry's, 'Coming out of School' as their inspiration.

The children also had fun learning the fruits and vegetables in French lessons this week, and have begun to understand that some words use, 'un' and others use, 'une' before them, which is very different to the English language.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs in a few week's time. We have been focussing on completing and marking past papers together, and children have really felt a surge of confidence for this.

In writing, Year 5 have begun writing a non-linear narrative, based on the story of Kensuke's Kingdom. Children were eager to start their writing following a lesson on conjunctions, and were able to start their narrative from a further point in the story than the original.

Mrs. Emery very kindly brought her large OS map into school of the local area, which enabled the children to learn new skills to read the map. Children now know how to identify a footpath, road and river. Children were then encouraged to find where they lived on the map and use positional language to explain where this is in relation to Middleton-in-Teesdale.





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
MAY	National 'Share a Story' Month Local History Month
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
WC 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 14 th May	Tri-Golf Festival, Yrs 3+4
Tuesday 21 st May	Phototronics – Class Group Photos and Yr6 Friendship Groups
Thursday 23 rd May	Yr 6 SAT's Reward Outing to Rof 59
Thursday 23 rd May	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Friday 24 th May	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens for Summer Term 2
Monday 3 rd June	Rounders Festival, Yrs 5+6
Tuesday 4 th June	Yrs 5+6 Trip to Beamish
Thursday 6 th June	D-Day
Thursday 6 th June	KS2 Netball League (plus 13 th + 20 th June)
Friday 7 th June	KS2 Athletics Competition
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
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Football Competition
W/C 24 th June	Careers Week
Monday 1 st -Fri 5 th July	Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 6 Show, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday 10 th July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse
Thursday 11 th + Fri 12 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Wednesday 17 th July	Leaver's Assembly, 9:15 – 10:15am