



NEWSLETTER

21st June 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

Over the week there have been many educational visits which have taken place, which has been lovely for the children to be able to transfer their skills and learning of the classroom to the outdoors. We would like to praise all of our children for their fantastic behaviour, impeccable manners and respectfulness for others, whilst representing our school.

It was lovely to receive some special visitors for the EYFS 'Stay & Play' session earlier in the week; this was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we look forward to having more events like this in the future.

Over the next couple of weeks we are looking forward to participating in both Healthy week and Careers week, where we will be joined by professionals from a wide variety of jobs, which will provide our pupils with knowledge, understanding and aspirations for their future career choices.

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 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.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.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	92.1%
Year 1+2	95.4%
Year 3+4	99.1%
Year 5+6	93.5%



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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 story, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have all enjoyed listening to the story and they have also had lots of fun acting out the story, each taking a turn to be the different sized goats and troll. We have been talking about size and different words that you can use to describe different sizes, such as small, tiny, medium, large, To finish off the story, the children have been very creative in making their own troll masks.

RECEPTION

Our maths in Reception this week has been measuring different items around the school and making predictions which one would be heavier, lighter or equal and encouraging children to explain their reasoning. We have also been practising our positional language using the bee-bots building up from what we learnt last week.

We have been reading, 'Commotion in the Ocean' this week which the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different creatures in the sea. The children now know that a group of jellyfish is called a 'Bloom' and an octopus has eight tentacles, not legs!





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislalie

This week, we had our school visit to Beamish. All of the children were very excited! During our visit, we experienced an infant classroom in Victorian times, where the children sat in rows and used slates to do their work. The children were expected to be smart, sensible and silent. The teacher talked about the punishments the children got if they didn't follow these rules....it was very different to how school is now!

Whilst we were there, we visited the coal miners' cottages and saw how they would make a rug for the colder months. Then we travelled on the bus that took us to the 1900's town. Here we visited the solicitor's office, dentist, sweetshop and bakery! I think the children enjoyed the sweet shop best!

Soon after, we walked along to the 1950's town where we danced to music from a Jukebox, visited the hairdressers and went to the fish and chip shop. To end the day, we travelled back to the entrance on a tram.

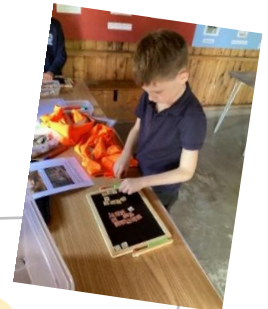
Throughout the day, all of the children were extremely well behaved and well-mannered, and this did not go unnoticed. We are very proud of the children, and it was an absolute pleasure taking them to Beamish!





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Miss Spenceley

It has been such a fun week this week in Year 3 and 4! To begin the week, we put on our botanist hats once again and enjoyed visiting the AONB Hay Meadow, doing quadrant surveys and learning about the different plants that grow there. We also learnt about how pollination works and how important the bees and other insects are in helping create new plants.

In English, the children continued to develop their skills in writing character descriptions, using co-ordinating conjunctions to join their sentences.

To end the week, Year 3 put on their historian hats and had a brilliant trip to Binchester Roman Fort, to learn more about the ways the Romans lived in Britain and learn more about the work archaeologists do to find out about the past.

Meanwhile, the Year 4's explored clay and ancient techniques to make clay figures. They then made their own sculptures in the style of the ancient Sumer.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

It was lovely to see so many parents this week, as we held an information session around our school residential to Lockerbie Manor. Hopefully many of you have had your questions answered.

As 'Healthy Week' approaches, and the weather is beginning to improve - we have focussed our attention on staying safe in the sun, making posters for others to see how we can protect ourselves in the sunshine. As well as this, we have applied our existing knowledge to scenario's of how to stay safe near roads.

Year 6 have had a visit from Teesdale's transition co-ordinator, Mrs. Bell, this week, where they have been reassured and informed about their transition days and what life will be like in September at Secondary School. This provided children with the opportunity to have any questions answered that they had about moving to Teesdale School in just a short, few months' time.

On Friday, we sent our football team to participate in a Football Competition at Staindrop Academy. They played fantastically as a team and showcased our school in the best light. We are very proud of their efforts!





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
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, 2:00-3:00pm
Wednesday 26 th June	EMBLEMATIC School Uniform in school, 3:00-4:30pm
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, 9:15 – 10:15am
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
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Show, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Thurs 18 th + Fri 19 th July	Bikeability, Reception + KS1
Tuesday 23 rd July	Middleton's Got Talent, 9:30 – 10:30am