



NEWSLETTER

4th April 2025

A message from our school leaders:

Next week we have parent's evenings planned for all classes. We expect all parents to attend these meeting to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class, to find out the progress the pupil is making and to gain an understanding of any areas that will be a focus for your child going forwards. Please contact the school office if you have any issues attending a meeting.

Next Tuesday, we warmly invite our Key Stage 2 parents into school on Tuesday afternoon, at 2pm, for an Easter Craft session. This will be a good opportunity for you to see the class in action and to spend time with your child making some Easter crafts. Please complete the attendance slip via Class Dojo if you are planning to attend so we can ensure we have enough resource for all our families. We hope to see you there.

As the weather begins to warm up, please remember to send children to school with sun hats and apply suncream before school as necessary.

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.

~ ~ OTHER NEWS ~ ~

The School Council have organised two Competitions – an 'Easter Bonnet' and a 'Decorated Egg'.

Please see the posters at the end of this newsletter for the last entry dates.

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 to 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.

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

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~ THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE ~

Reception	95.6%
Year 1+2	95.8%
Year 3+4	95.2%
Year 5+6	94.2%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

We have had a lovely week in Nursery this week, where our story has been, 'Only One You'. We have talked about how there is only 'one of us; about blending in and standing out when we need to, about knowing when to listen and if something gets in our way - to move around it and also about looking for the beauty all around us, wherever we are. We have been sorting animals into birds and fish, playing a fish matching game, practicing our cutting skills and using watercolours to paint our own, 'Only One You' fish. The children had lots of fun using the magnifying glass to look at and describe the patterns on different types of fish. The children have also been looking at the sound 's' and words that begin with 's'.

RECEPTION

Receptions focus book this week has been, 'Egg to Bee' and the children have learnt all about the life cycle of a bee. They have also learnt about queen bees, worker bees, drone bees and their individual jobs. The children have written sentences about bees and drawn bees doing their jobs. In maths, we recapped pattern and learnt how to recognise odd and even numbers, using numicon. The children have even combined their learning by making patterns with odd and even numbers. This week our beautiful butterflies have begun to hatch from their chrysalids! The children have loved watching them stretch their wings and have collected flowers from the garden for the butterflies to drink from. We have also learnt about the easter story in RE. The children have learnt the main events of the story and drawn their own El Salvador cross.





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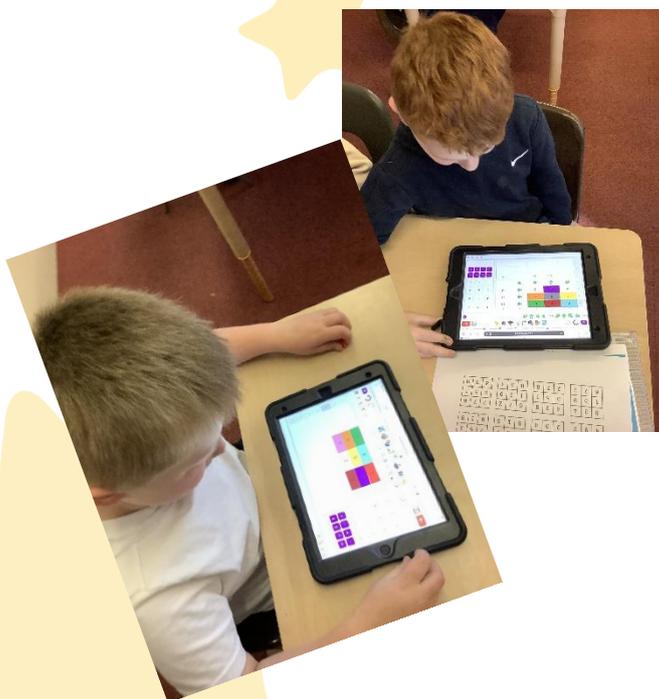
Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabe and Miss Spenceley

Another week has flown by in Year 1+2. We have been busy completing the end of term assessments, where the children have had the opportunity to showcase what they have learnt so far this year.

During our English lessons, we have continued to find facts about Queen Elizabeth II, in order to write our own non-chronological report.

In history, we have looked at a range of images from the Elizabethan era and the Victorian era. We have used our knowledge to identify the features that represented each era, to sort them into groups. The children then decided which era they would prefer to have lived in and why.

Our science lesson this week was based around the question, - 'Do bulbs grow if they are planted upside down?' We decided to investigate this question by planting bulbs; some of which were planted the correct way up and the others upside down. We talked about how we could make our investigation fair; this included how often we will water them, how much water we will give each time and how to record the information. We can't wait to see if the predictions we made were correct!





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Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

This week has been a rather busy one for Years 3 + 4; we have completed our Spring assessments and became geographers – not forgetting to mention some of our Year 4 girls, who represented our school in a girl's football competition on Friday morning.

The Spring assessments, covering maths, reading and SPaG, saw the children test their knowledge learnt so far. Results of these will be discussed at next week's parents' evenings where spaces are still available - please contact the office to arrange your appointment.

As part of our geography unit, we carried out some fieldwork, which consisted of walking to our local 'high street' to answer the question, 'How many amenities are there in Middleton-in-Teesdale?' As well as this, we also collected data to investigate transport before comparing this to the transport data of a city; we found huge differences in our data collection and discussed why this might be, thinking about population.

During our English lessons, the children have made a start on writing a narrative about their favourite animal going on an adventure – following on from this terms class novel, Varjak Paw. The children have all made a great start and we look forward to finding out what adventures their animals get up to!

Our football players all returned in high spirits from the competition in Bishop Auckland and although we had no winning team, the pupils all played with great enthusiasm and represented our school with impeccable manners.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, Mrs Emery and I have been blown away with the children's resilience after completing assessments in Maths, Reading and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). It is evident that both Year 5 and 6 have applied new knowledge, learnt this term, to prove their understanding of a subject. As Year 6 edge closer to their SATs, we have been revisiting and revising previous year groups objectives, to ensure that there are no gaps in our knowledge.

As well as assessments, we have also begun our new writing unit – a non-chronological report on Titanic. So far, we have analysed the features of a non-chronological report, finding factual statements, relative clauses and examples of parenthesis. We have also used secondary sources of evidence to research the Titanic, which will help inform our writing.

Our Year 5 children enjoyed a trip to Teesdale School & Sixth Form on Thursday, as they were invited along to watch a special performance of 'Sounds of Spring'. This has been a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 to see how the school operates and what their Secondary School path may look like.

In P.E. this week, the children have been improving their tennis skills; learning how to use the tennis racket for a forehand, backhand and underarm feed. On Thursday, children in Year 6 had a mini competition between themselves in which it was clear they had listened and understood the techniques they needed to use.

Next week we welcome you to our parent's evenings – it would be lovely to see you in order to discuss your child's progress.





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Upcoming
Events:

APRIL	Event
w/c Mon 7 th April	Parent's Evenings
Fri 4 th April	KS2 Girl's Football Competition at St John's Academy, B.A.
Tues 8 th April	KS2 Easter Crafts 2-3pm
Thurs 10 th April	NELT Athletics Festival, Gateshead Sports Stadium, whole day
Fri 11 th April	FOMS Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 11 th April	School Breaks Up for Easter Holidays
Mon 28 th April	School Re-Opens for Summer Term
Tues 29 th April	Countryside Learning at Raby Castle – Yrs 3+4
MAY	
Thurs 8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary Celebration
Mon 19 th May	Yrs 3/4 Tri-Golf Festival at Barnard Castle Golf Club
Fri 23 rd May	Phototronics – Year 6 Leavers and Class Photos
Fri 23 rd May	Tri-Golf Comp for selected Yrs 3/4, at Barnard Castle Golf Club
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th May	School Closed for Half Term
JUNE	
Mon 2 nd June	School Re-Opens to pupils
Fri 6 th June	Yrs 5/6 Athletics Comp at Bishop Barrington, B.A.
Mon 9 th June	KS2 Family Brunch for Father's Day, 9-10am
Wed 11 th –Fri 13 th June	Residential Trip to Robinwood
Mon 16 th June	Bikeability, Level 1 – Years 3+4
Tues 17 th – Fri 20 th June	Bikeability, Level 1 + 2 – Years 5+6
Mon 23 rd June	Sports Day
Mon 30 th June	Yrs 5/6 rounders Fest at Teesdale Leisure Centre, B.C.
JULY	
Tues 1 st July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse, Gateshead
Thurs 10 th + Fri 11 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Wed 16 th July	FOMS All the Fun of the Fair
Fri 18 th July	School closes for the Summer Holiday



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*Competition
Time*



Middleton-in-Teesdale
Academy

Easter Bonnet Competition

We are very excited to be holding an Easter Bonnet Competition for the first time this year and cannot wait to see your creative entries! Please decorate your hat or cap at home and bring your entry into school on **Wednesday 9th April**, for judging.



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Decorated Egg Competition

Our decorated hard boiled egg competition is back and prizes are up for grabs, kindly donated by Middleton-in-Teesdale Co-op. The theme for the competition is a favourite Tv programme or film.

Please bring your entries into school for Thursday 10th April ready for judging.

