



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Bishop Auckland Dash

On Thursday evening, a group of Key Stage 2 children took part in The Bishop Auckland Dash. Four children were selected from each class (two boys and two girls), one boy and girl running in the 300m dash and the other competing in the chest push and standing long jump. All the children did a superb job on an extremely hot day. Xander Brown from Year 3 won the gold medal for his chest push, Juliette Vince from Year 4 won the silver medal for her chest push, Ryan Michaels-Lonsdale won a silver and a bronze medal for his chest push and standing long jump and Morgan Sriwiang won the bronze medal in the Year 3 dash. A huge well done to all who took part as each competition was out of about 60 pupils! A big thank you to Mr Anderson and Mrs Crowe for giving up their evening to supervise the children throughout the event and to parents for taking the time to take the children along to the event.



Adam Bushnell

Adam Bushnell came to visit us on Thursday this week and Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Adam used one of the Harris Burdick images and the wildlife garden to help them with their writing. The children returned to the classroom to write some brilliant setting descriptions of their forests, before planning the next part of the story.

Multiplication Tables Check

Well done to Year 4 for their hard work and concentration whilst completing the Multiplication Tables Check this week. They have put a lot of hard work in to learning their tables this year and Times Tables Rockstars has definitely helped them to develop their knowledge.

Summer Fair and BBQ - Saturday 18th June 11am-3pm

It looks like we might be lucky with the weather tomorrow, so don't forget to bring your picnic blankets. Thank you all for your kind donations, we are looking forward to seeing you all there! Please note that dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

Educate and Celebrate Non-Uniform Day

As part of our Educate and Celebrate award, on **Friday 24th June**, our whole school will be dressing up in a colour of the rainbow to celebrate Pride Month and Equality. On Monday 20th June, there will be an assembly explaining what Pride month is all about and celebrating our differences. Children will then be completing work across the week based on equality. We ask that children please come to school on Friday 24th June in the following colours based on their year group: Nursery – **Rainbow** colours; Reception – **Red**; Year 1 – **Orange**; Year 2 – **Yellow**; Year 3 – **Green**; Year 4 – **Blue**; Year 5 – **Purple**; Year 6 – **Pink**

Staffing Changes for Academic Year 2022/23

Congratulations to Mrs Breen and Mr Anderson who have recently been appointed to teaching positions at other schools in order to continue their professional journey and develop their experience of other educational settings which is key to their career development. We have been holding interviews for a new teacher this week and we are delighted that Mrs Parsons will be joining us from September. We would like to thank our children and School Council for helping us with the interview process.

Can You Help?

On Saturday 2nd July 2022, the school are providing refreshments at the St. Anne's Centre for visitors to the National Open Gardens Scheme where gardens in Wolsingham will open to visitors. We are looking for donations of cakes either bought or homemade to sell to the visitors – over 450 people are expected. The cakes would need to be dropped off at school on Friday 1st July. All proceeds from the refreshments will go to Wolsingham Primary School Fund. If you are able to help, it would be very useful to know the number of cakes and the type of cake(s) you will be able to donate.



Drowning Prevention Week

In a bid to support pupils and families know how to keep themselves and others safe, we're encouraging parents and guardians to take advantage of the FREE downloadable water safety resources, produced for RLSS UK's annual Drowning Prevention Week campaign. The impact of COVID-19 has already seen emergency services additionally stretched; with beach lifeguard patrols restrained, water safety skills, and a common

sense approach to being around water, have never been more necessary. Drowning still remains an issue across the UK and Ireland: it can happen to anyone of any age, with around 700 people sadly losing their life in avoidable drowning incidents, each year. RLSS UK, the Charity who aims to help everybody enjoy the water, safely, fears that a mix of the warm weather, coupled with more people travelling and the reduced supervision around water, could lead to summer tragedies. The Charity are being proactive, urging families to access their water safety resources and turn the lockdown restrictions to their advantage. RLSS UK's resources will empower family members to be their own lifeguards; helping you to recognise risks, what to do minimise the chance of an accident, and how to respond confidently and effectively, in an emergency situation. For more information and advice, please go to the Royal Lifesaving Society UK Parent Resources page here: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/dwp-ptertaghghjyuiyuihghjtytivyuyughigauytye>

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor coming up in September.

All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please complete the nomination form attached to this week's newsletter email. The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by **Friday 24th June 2022**.

Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available, no ballot will be necessary. Any remaining vacancies will be appointed by our Governing Body. Should a ballot be required each parent will be sent a voting form. When the process has been finalised school will inform the parent body via email. School and Governor Support Service will write formally to all nominees confirming the outcome of the ballot.

Dates for your diary...

Summer Fair	Saturday 18 th June
Year 4 Cricket Festival	Monday 20 th June
Reception Intake 2022 Parents' Information Meeting	Tuesday 21 st June – 5pm
Class Photographs	Thursday 23 rd June
Educate and Celebrate – Pride Month and Equality Non-uniform Day	Friday 24 th June
Reception 22 Group A – Stay and Play	Monday 27 th June – 1.30pm
Reception 22 Group B – Stay and Play	Tuesday 28 th June – 1.30pm
EYFS Visit to South Shields	Thursday 30 th June
Year 6 Netball Competition	Tuesday 5 th July
Reception 22 – Stay and Play and Lunch	Wednesday 6 th July – 9.30pm
EYFS Sports Day	Thursday 7 th July – 10am
KS1 Sports Day	Friday 8 th July – 10am
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 8 th July – 1.15pm
Y5 Bikeability	Tuesday 12 th – Friday 15 th July
Move Up Morning	Monday 18 th July
End of Year Celebration Assembly	Wednesday 20 th July
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Wednesday 20 th July
School Closes	Wednesday 20 th July

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Reception – Ruby
Year 1 – Emmi
Year 2 – Rafe
Year 3 – Isabella
Year 4 – Drew
Year 5 – Ava
Year 6 – Evie



Top Spellers

Year 1 – Woody
Year 2 – Jakson
Year 3 – James
Year 4 – Carter
Year 5 – Ricky
Year 6 – William

Shed Score League

1st – Year 6 – 107,608,830
2nd – Year 5 – 61,137,052
3rd – Year 4 – 43,301,811
4th – Year 2 – 32,028,062
5th – Year 1 – 29,497,270
6th – Year 3 – 28,144,981

Highest Earners

1st – Caison Year 6
2nd – Jaydon Year 6
3rd – William Year 6

Most Improved

1st – Annabell Year 4
2nd – Francesca Year 4
3rd – Mia Year 4

Highest Earners

1st – Zac Year 1
2nd – Isaac Year 1
3rd – Woody Year 1

Highest Accuracy

1st – Finlay Year 1
2nd – Matilda Year 1
3rd – Anna Year 1