



# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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## Red Nose Day

A big thank you to everyone who came to school dressed in red for Red Nose Day today and raised a superb £370!. The children and even some of the staff had a great time this afternoon, playing the games and winning the prizes on offer. Thank you and well done to Miss Stoker and the School Council for organising the event.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

A huge thank you to all of the parents who came along to our Parent Teacher Consultations this week and Nursery Stay and Play sessions this week. We hope that you found them useful and that they have provided you with an understanding of how your child is performing and progressing in their learning, as well as areas in which your child needs to develop.

## Cross Country Finals

A massive well done to our Cross Country Finalists who went along to East Durham College in Peterlee today to compete against the top runners from across the county. They all did an amazing job with Olivia coming in 28<sup>th</sup> place, George coming in 21<sup>st</sup> place, Xander coming in 17<sup>th</sup> Place and Calum with a spectacular performance finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 80 competitors. A huge thank you to their parents for taking them to the event.

## Attendance

Regular attendance at school is critical to the progress that children make with their learning. As the learning that takes place in school continuously builds on what children have already learnt, missing days at school means that children miss out on important concepts that they will need for the next stage in their learning. Those of you using the Arbor App or Arbor Parent Portal may have noticed that information about your child's attendance at school is available for you to keep an eye on. Below you will find statements regarding levels of attendance at the end of the Spring term.

Where attendance is:

- 97% and above - (approx. 6 sessions absence or less) your child's attendance is at least **good**.
- 95%-97% - (approx. 11 sessions absence or less) your child's attendance is **satisfactory**.
- Below 95% - (more than 11 sessions absence) your child's attendance is **unsatisfactory**.
- 90% and below - (22 or more sessions absence) your child is classed as a **persistent absentee**.

As always, we continue to work very closely with the Local Authority's Attendance Improvement Team to monitor attendance and lateness, in line with our formal attendance procedures.

## Wolsingham Library

Wolsingham Library is in the centre of the village, inside the Town Hall. The library is open on Monday from 9.30 am until 7pm; 9.30 am to 5pm on a Friday and Saturday morning 9.30 am until 12.30. It is free to join the library and once you are a member you can come in and choose from a big range of Children's books. At the moment books about Dinosaurs and Dog Man stories are the most popular. There are also books about facts and topics which might help homework projects such as Ancient Egypt. They also often have drop-in craft activities and colouring sheets. They hope to see you soon.



## Distressing Online Content

The following link provides a link to a website that offers information about distressing or violent online content and how to support young people if they see it.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/distressing-content/>

## Co-opted Governors

The Governing Body currently has vacancies for Co-opted Governors. These Governors are appointed from members of the local community who do not have children at the school but who have an interest in supporting the school and the community. They should have knowledge, experience and skills in areas such as strategic leadership, accountability, finance and compliance, which would be useful to the strategic running of a school. We would be grateful if you would pass on the information to anyone who might be interested in the role and ask them to contact us.



## Easter Egg Decorating Competition

As part of our Easter celebrations, we are holding an Easter egg decorating competition. On **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, the children will spend part of the morning in school decorating their eggs in the hope of winning. On **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, Key Stage 2 children need to bring enough hardboiled eggs to create their design and any special resources they may need – just a reminder that there not be anything pre-created brought in to use in the final design. Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be decorating a picture/outline of an egg, which they will be provided with, and are welcome to bring any special resources they may like to use to create their picture from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The entries will be judged on Thursday afternoon and a winner and runner up from each class will win a prize and points for their team.

## Education Enterprise Easter Holiday Club

Easter half term is fast approaching and it's almost time for Education Enterprise's Easter Half Term Holiday Club. Their team has been working tirelessly to create a program that combines fun, teamwork and learning. Whether you are returning or joining them for the first time, they have prepared a diverse range of activities and games that can cater for a range of interests and age groups. Their holiday club is not just an opportunity for fun and games; it's a chance to grow, learn and meet new people. Expect a range of activities including football, multi-sports, dodgeball, laser tag, den building, gymnastics, swimming and dance. For 2024 they have a completely new booking system for all of their holiday clubs. **All bookings and payments are now taken directly through their website:**

<http://educationenterprise.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>

Here you will be able to see all of their holiday clubs happening during this academic year. They will still be offering their sibling discount and also a discount when booking a week pass.

Any questions regarding booking and payment please email: [lee@educationenterprise.co.uk](mailto:lee@educationenterprise.co.uk)

## Dates for your diary...

Class 4 Tennis Festival	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Tag Rugby Finals	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Class 3 Assembly	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am
Image Musical Theatre – The Selfish Giant	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Musical Afternoon	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 and Year 5 Living Soils Project	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Egg Decorating Competition	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Nursery Easter Bonnet parade	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
School Closes for Easter Break	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
School Opens	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April

*S. Kitching*

Headteacher

# This Week's Winners

## Star of the Week

Class 1 – Otilie  
Class 2 – Logan  
Class 3 – Macey  
Class 4 – Isla  
Class 5 – Ella  
Class 6 – Lewis

## Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Albie and Cole  
Class 2 – Joshua  
Class 3 – Darcie  
Class 4 – Harris  
Class 5 – Euan  
Class 6 – Gabriel

## Top Spellers

Class 3 – Frankie  
Class 4 – Charlie  
Class 5 – Bentley  
Class 6 – Oliver

## Shed Score League

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 6 – 82,699,916  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 4 – 30,041,251  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 3 – 28,096,173  
4<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 – 26,790,238

## Highest Earners

1<sup>st</sup> – Zack B Year 6  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Zach A Year 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Euan G Year 6

## Most Improved

1<sup>st</sup> – Lewis Year 6  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Alexandra Year 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Sebastian Year 6

## Highest Earners

1<sup>st</sup> – Ted Year 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Harris Year 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Arthur Year 1

## Highest Accuracy

1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Year 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> – George R Year 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Ted Year 1