



# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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## Tag Rugby Finals

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, our Tag Rugby team went along to the Tag Rugby League County Finals at Consett Rugby Club. As these were all of the best teams across the county, the competition was fierce and our team worked extremely hard, with several team members getting some superb tries. A big thank you to Francesca and Corinne who joined the team for the finals. Well done to all who took part, getting to the finals and finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> place was a massive achievement!

## Class 4 Tennis Festival

Class 4 had an enjoyable morning at Parkside participating in a tennis festival where they were challenged to score points by completing a variety of different tasks that tested their tennis skills. Lots of fun was had by all and lots of points scored. The children, as always, were a shining example for Wolsingham Primary School and showed fantastic team work, encouraging and supporting one another to give things a go. Being the largest group, we of course managed to score a lot of points too which is always a bonus!

## Class 3 Assembly

Class 3 did a wonderful job with their class assembly this week reminding us all about growth mindset and the importance of a positive growth mindset to ensure that we achieve at anything we put our minds to. A big thank you to all of the parents and family members who came along to support the children. It was lovely to see you there.

## Image Musical Theatre - The Selfish Giant

The children had a fantastic afternoon yesterday, when the Image Musical Theatre Company came to visit to perform The Selfish Giant. As always there was plenty of participation and singing and our very own actors did a great job! Have a look at our website to see our children in action.

## Living Soils Project

We have been invited to take part in an exciting 'Living Soils' project in conjunction with The Royal Society and Durham University. Over the next 4 years, the children who are currently in Year 3 and Year 5 will take part in 3 workshops per year focusing on the concepts of 'Soil Sense', 'Soil Science' and 'Soil Security'. Each year, the children will increase their knowledge and understanding in each of these areas. As Wolsingham School are also part of the project, the children who go on to Wolsingham School when they leave us, will continue their work in the project into Year 7. The first workshops for Year 3 and Year 5 pupils will take place next **Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup> March)** and we would be grateful if children could bring a pair of wellies or boots to wear during these sessions.



## Sponsored Read

Hopefully all of the children have been busy throughout March reading as much as they can for our sponsored read. They've only got one more week to go before it ends on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. We can't wait to see how much reading they have completed and how much money they have managed to raise. Please return sponsorship forms to school and we would be grateful if sponsorship money could be paid in via ParentPay by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

## Year 5 PCC Challenge

Our Year 5 children have been taking part in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Challenge which aims to allow young people and schools to give a little extra to help the local area become even safer, stronger and more resilient to crime and anti-social behaviour. The children were given a challenge booklet and tasked with completing each of 3 stages:

- Stage one: **Bronze** – this section focusses on keeping family, friends and neighbours safe.
- Stage two: **Silver** – this section focusses on keeping the streets safe.
- Stage three: **Gold** – this section focusses on keeping ourselves safe

Hopefully they are working hard to complete their booklet. They have until **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** to complete their booklet and return it to school before the project coordinator returns to school to reward the children who have completed their booklets.



### **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.

### **School Financial Update**

The school budget setting for this year has taken place and we are pleased to report that we have been able to set the budget for the 2024-25 financial year, although we have had to use some of our unallocated budget to do this. Although the school is in a better financial position than it was a few years ago, rising costs continue to have an impact. Therefore, after carefully considering the 3 year budget forecast, Governors have decided that the school will continue with its current class structure into the next academic year.



### **Childline**

The following link provides a link to a website that provides free and confidential advice for children and young people. Please click on the following link for more information: [Childline](#)

### **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.

### **Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccination Campaign**

The school age immunisation team are supporting the MMR national vaccination campaign to increase vaccination rates for 6-11 year olds. The MMR clinic dates, times and venues provided below and can be accessed by appointment only. If your child has not been vaccinated and you would like them to be, please contact the school age immunisation team by phone on 0333 358 3397 or email

[Immunisations.CountyDurham@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:Immunisations.CountyDurham@intrahealth.co.uk)

Tues 26th March - Bishop Family Hub 1.30 - 4.30

Tues 16th April - Brandon Family Hub Durham 1.30- 4pm

Tues 23rd April - Seaview, Seaham Family Hub 1.30-4pm

Tuesday 30th April - Durham Family Hub 1.30-4pm

Tues 7th May - Chester-le-street Family Hub, 1.30-4pm

Tuesday 14th May - Peterlee Family Hub, Durham 1.30-4.00pm

Tuesday 21st May - Tudhoe Family Hub, Durham 1.30-4.00pm

### **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...

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
School Photographs	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Robinwood Meeting for Parents	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 5pm
Class 2 Assembly	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 10.30am
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
School Re-opens	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Class 1 Assembly	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 10.30am

*S. Kitching*

Headteacher

# This Week's Winners

## Star of the Week

Class 1 – Evie  
Class 2 – Freya H.  
Class 3 – Sophia  
Class 4 – Cooper  
Class 5 – Harry P.  
Class 6 – Oliver

## Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Phoebe and Noah  
Class 2 – Oban  
Class 3 – Ruby  
Class 4 – Ronnie  
Class 5 – Harry L.  
Class 6 – Zack B.

## Top Spellers

Class 3 – Jaxsyn  
Class 4 – Ruby  
Class 5 – Bentley  
Class 6 – Oliver

## Shed Score League

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 6 – 68,604,114  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 3 – 36,842,255  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 4 – 36,799,981  
4<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 – 21,566,045

## Highest Earners

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

## Most Improved

1<sup>st</sup> – Rory Year 6  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Beau Year 5  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Sebastian Year 6

## Highest Earners

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

## Highest Accuracy

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