



# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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## Musical Afternoon

On Tuesday afternoon, our choir and some of our musicians performed for the whole school and did a wonderful job! It was lovely to see how far our choir have come since September and how big it now is with almost 30 children regularly attending sessions. They sang some great pieces including singing acapella and a medley from the musical Matilda. Our musicians were carefully chosen by their music teachers to play pieces they had been practising for us and did an amazing job of confidently introducing themselves and the pieces that they were going to play. It was lovely to see so many of the parents of our singers and musicians who joined us for the performance – thank you for coming along to support them. A huge well done to all who took part and a big thank you to Mrs Dakers for organising the event.

## Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade

Across this half term, Nursery children have been learning about Easter, the Easter story, examples of new life including the life cycle of a chick and looking at signs of Spring. They shared all of this and much more including singing and actions in their Easter Bonnet Parade. Parents were so impressed with the children’s singing, as were staff with the fabulous bonnets made by the children at home. The Easter Bunny even paid them a visit and left some chocolate treats.



## Living Soils Project

This week, Years 3 and 5 took part in the start of a 4-year ‘Living Soils’ Project. The aim is to teach children that soil is living and that climate change is linked to soil health and therefore needs to be cared for. They began by first considering what they already knew about soil and how they use it in their lives. Following this, they then discovered what soil was composed of before going out into the school grounds to examine it close up. The children were shocked at just how much life there was in the soil and that it takes hundreds of years for soil to become healthy.



## Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Well done to everyone – the decorated eggs were wonderful! Thank you to parents for providing eggs and other resources. The winners received their prizes in assembly and points for their team.

	Winner	Runner Up
Nursery	Ruby Hopkins	Teddy Greenwood
Reception	George Scown	Alannah
Year 1	Evelyn Alliston-Godding	Ted Barber
Year 2	Violet Angel	Sophie Walker
Year 3	Anna Henderson	Laurence Eggleston
Year 4	Calum Goodfellow	Alexandra Scown
Year 5	Gabriella Davies	Josie Duckling
Year 6	Zhixuan Ding	Mason Hinde

The **Green Team** were the team event winners and are also this half term’s winning team.

Well Done **Green Team**!



## **Class Dojo 100% Awards**

Congratulations to the vast majority of the children this term. **160** pupils will receive their 100% Green Dojo Award for consistently behaving in line with the school code of conduct and working hard this half term.

## **Year 4 Swimming**

Year 4 will continue to swim for the next half term on Tuesday afternoons initially, this will then move to Monday mornings from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Children will require a swimming kit consisting of a one piece swim suit or trunks (not shorts), a towel and swimming hat which is essential. Goggles are permitted, but are not essential.

## **Forest School Sessions**

Unfortunately, the Forest School leader was not able to come into school during the second half of the spring term, therefore we are going to try to give Year 3, Year 5 and Year 1 each 4 weeks of sessions with her across the summer term so that they all get a chance to work with her. Year 3 children will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Thursday afternoons from wk beginning 15<sup>th</sup> April until wk beg 6<sup>th</sup> May, Year 5 children will take part from wk beg 13<sup>th</sup> May until wk beg 10<sup>th</sup> June and Year 1 will take part from wk beg 17<sup>th</sup> June until wk beg 8<sup>th</sup> July. All sessions will take place outside and therefore we would be grateful if children would bring old, warm clothes, waterproofs or a waterproof coat and wellies or boots on that day.

## **Extra-Curricular Activities – Book on Arbor**

Next half term's extra-curricular activities will be available to book via Arbor from 5.30pm today. Unless otherwise stated, activities will start week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and run for 4 or 5 weeks. There will be a small charge for each club (payable via ParentPay following confirmation of your child's place - this will appear on ParentPay on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April if your child has a place - it will not be available on ParentPay until confirmation texts have been sent out). We will let you know by 3.30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April if your child has a place and then payments can be made via ParentPay. Please note that if payments are not made before the start of the first session, your child's place may be cancelled and offered to another child in the event of the activity being oversubscribed. If you sign up to an activity for your child and they cannot attend for any reason or they no longer wish to attend the club, we would be grateful if you would inform the school office.

## **Thank you, Friends of the School!**

As we are sure everyone is aware, transport to take our children on educational visits is extremely expensive. We are very aware of the impact of educational visits on parents' finances and always try to keep the costs of educational visits down as much as we can. As we have been struggling to find educational visits for the children to go on which are reasonable, we approached the Friends of the School to see if they would help. We are delighted that they have agreed to provide £2,500 to subsidise the cost of our educational visits across the financial year.



## **Smart TV's**

The following link provides a link to a website that provides information and advice for parents about smart TVs and conversations to have with children about their safe use. Please click on the following link for more information:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-tvs>

## **Temporary Cleaner**

We currently need a temporary cleaner in school. The hours are Mon - Thurs 3.30pm – 5.30pm, Friday 3.30pm – 5.00pm **OR** Mon - Thurs 6.30am – 8.30am, Friday 6.30am – 8.00am and the salary is £10.78 per hour. If anyone is interested in the post or knows someone who might be, please contact the school office for more information on 01388 527457 or at [wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net)

## **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...

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 – Alice  
Class 2 – Lennox  
Class 3 – Sophie  
Class 4 – Lillie  
Class 5 – Corinne  
Class 6 – Mia

## Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Rueben  
Class 2 – Taylor  
Class 3 – Darcie  
Class 4 – Victoria  
Class 5 – Ella  
Class 6 – Oliver

## Top Spellers

Class 3 – Tom CW  
Class 4 – Ruby  
Class 5 – Bentley  
Class 6 – Matthew

## Shed Score League

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 6 – 57,088,801  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 4 – 28,450,156  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 3 – 25,885,154  
4<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 – 15,462,138

## Highest Earners

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

## Most Improved

1<sup>st</sup> – Lewis Year 6  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Morgan Year 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Corinne Year 5

## Highest Earners

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

## Highest Accuracy

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