



Nursery



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Romeo Paige. Romeo has enjoyed taking part in all of our activities this week.

Year 1



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Isla Wanless for developing her confidence to work independently.

Year 3



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Niamh Mitford for her lovely friendly attitude.

Year 5



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Lewis Cain for being an excellent team member. He is always kind to others and is a model pupil.

Reception



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Skye McGinty for showing great imagination during our Fresh Air Friday activity.

Year 2



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Kaden-Lee Metcalfe for a fantastic attitude towards his work this week and for writing his story independently.

Year 2 Highlights of the Week:

Layla - I loved Mr Gough's drama lesson.

Mia - I enjoyed writing my own story in English.

Taylor - Science was my favourite lesson as we looked at what habitat's woodlice liked best.

Alfie - I've enjoyed practising my times tables this week.

Year 4



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Andrew Teasdale for an excellent, ambitious attitude to work and for producing some brilliant writing this week.

Class 4 have a virtual visit from historians at the Roman Baths on Tuesday next week.

Year 6



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the week is Mia Cooke for always engaging and contributing in lessons and as a result is making fantastic progress, particularly in her writing.

Mr Whitelock's Sports News

Football match WCPS v Ferryhill Station at HOME.

Mainsforth Cricket Club and Sedgefield Cricket Club will be running a programme this year, where I will be the lead coach. Use the link below to sign up to the course:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/028ffc18-dea6-4868-987c-ded759f818b7>

Planned Events:

- Y5/6 Girls Football @FBEC
- Y5/6 Tri Golf (Develop)
- KS1 Alternative Sports Festival
- Y6 Countdown Cricket (Mixed and Girls)
- Y3-4 Cricket Skills (Sedgefield Cricket Club)
- Girls FA Football Festival – Euro 2022

Lyndon Longhorn will be in school Friday 18th March. He will talk about how sport helped him overcome his disabilities and maintain a positive mindset.

Headteacher's Awards

- ❖ Mr. Gough gets the award this week for his boundless energy and enthusiasm.
- ❖ Nicholas Sargent and Francesca Sargent deserve a special mention this week to celebrate their growing confidence and ability to take on new challenges.

TOTAL DRAMA ALL★STARS

Mr Gough's Drama Superstars!

Reception

Henry

Tyler

Year 1

Emma

Mason

Year 2

Maddie

Cole

Year 3

Edward

Georgia

Year 4

Andrew

Harley

Year 5

Lexi

Lewis

Year 6

Jacob

Dylan

Great work in drama!

General News

Progress Meetings

Open evenings will take place Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March. More information will be shared after the half term break. All curriculum information is available on the school website.

Photo Permissions Letter

If you haven't already returned the form for your child's photo permissions, please do this as soon as possible. We think it's important to share all of the wonderful work the children are doing, but we need to know your preferences.

World Book Day

We are still trying to organise our visit to Seven Stories Newcastle. The visit will happen this academic year.

Science Week 14th-18th March

Mrs. Cunliffe is our Science Coordinator. She is in the process of organising lots of interesting activities which will take place across the week. As usual, all classes will be involved.

History Day

In order to bring history to life and raise the profile of the subject across the school, we have planned a range of history themed days which will take place throughout the year. This term, Year 3 are learning about Ancient Egypt, so our first history day will be *The Egyptians*.

Mr. Whitelock's Sports Superstars

Rec:

Olivia Lowe & Skye McGinty

Year 1:

Charlie Austin & Ethan Littley-Vaughan

Year 2:

Liam Ashford & Mia Ellison

Year 3:

Archie Braithwaite & Freya Snowball

Year 4:

Lilly Best & Hayden Biggs

Year 5:

Holly Holohan & Faith Parkin

Year 6:

Georgia Powers & Holly Walker



Tech Balance

For parents of 3- to 8-year-olds

Receive free text message tips and online learning resources to practice healthy media habits at home with your family!



Point your smartphone camera to this QR code and send the word KIDS to sign up

This is a FREE program from Common Sense.
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Online Bullying and Nastiness

We are frequently having to deal with friendship issues, bullying and general nastiness which is taking place online after school. Please, please monitor your children's online activity on a daily basis. Check their accounts, read their messages/posts and listen to what they are saying to people whilst gaming. Take screenshots and block accounts if necessary.

We are doing all we can to educate children about staying safe online and appropriate behaviour; however, if you are allowing them to access social media platforms regardless of age restrictions, you are making a difficult situation even harder.

Please take the time to have a look at the free resources available on The National Online Safety app.



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games and tech your children
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most comprehensive online
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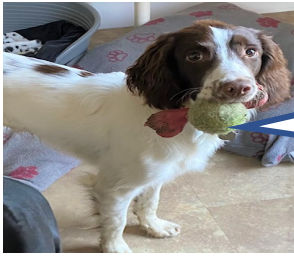
www.nationalonlinesafety.com
Twitter: @natonlinesafety

Call: 0800 368 8061
Facebook: /nationalonlinesafety

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Bruce's Corner

Bruce goes to bed at 9pm and sleeps until 6am. Sometimes, when the light goes out, he gets out of his basket and tries to play with his toys. He always gets caught out though, as the squeaking toys give his game away!



Sleep is important! Make sure you get plenty of it.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to those of you who came to the coffee morning on Monday. We received positive feedback from those who attended, and it was useful to hear feedback from parents/carers about the SEND provision in school. We hope to hold another SEND coffee morning for parents/carers at the beginning of April. Updates will be sent when we have organised a date.



SEND Meetings for Parents and Carers

SEND review meetings will be in place of progress meetings for parents/carers of children with SEND. These meetings will take place on **Tuesday 15th March**, with appointments available **from 1:15pm**. You should have been given an appointment time via Class Dojo, please get in touch with the school if you haven't received anything. This meeting will be with the class teacher and the school SENCO (Miss Gregg). Your child's SEND support will be reviewed and you will also be given a general progress update regarding their attainment and achievement in school. If you would like an appointment, and have not yet completed the form, please contact the school office.

Parental Support

Following the discussion at the coffee morning around parental support groups, services and the Local Offer from Durham County Council, please find below useful links to gain advice and support:

Contact

<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/education-learning/introduction-to-special-educational-needs-in-england/>

Rollarcoaster

Rollarcoaster is a parent-led, professionally supported service, passionate about offering support and promoting the role of families in children and young people's mental health. We are a needs-led, responsive, and creative service for families and professionals, who are supporting young people through mental health.

<https://www.rollercoasterfamilysupport.co.uk/>

Daisy Chain

Daisy Chain provides a range of support services to autistic children, young people and adults, either with a diagnosis or who are undergoing the diagnostic process, their parents/carers and their siblings. Please be aware, you need a DL postcode to access this service.

<https://www.daisychainproject.co.uk/about-us/>

Durham Local Offer

The Local Offer is designed to help you find the very best support for your child or young person (from birth to 25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). It is here to help you find information, advice and guidance about the types of services and support available to you.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/localoffer>

Durham SEND Information Advice and Support Service

Durham SEND Information Advice and Support Service is a statutory service supporting parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and children and young people with SEND.

<https://durhamsendiass.info/>

Miss Gregg is our school SENCO. if you would like to speak to her about your child's special educational needs, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. **Miss Gregg is now available to contact via your child's Class Dojo account.**