



Nursery



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Klay Bartlett for involving himself in all activities with enthusiasm and confidence.

Year 1



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Grace Bevzan for developing her independence in her writing and applying her phonics knowledge.

Year 3



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Sophia Cummings for her happy smiling attitude.

This week we held an assembly to talk about our feelings about what is happening in the Ukraine. We also watched the BBC Newsround clip "Advice if you're upset by the news" to help us learn to talk about our concerns.

Year 5



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Amelia Metcalfe for her excellent attitude to learning.

Reception



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Cameron Casson for trying really hard with letter formation.

Year 2



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Nathaniel Davidson for trying extremely hard to write independently in English this week. Great job, Nathaniel!

This week in PE, Year 2 had a special guest from All Stars Cricket to take their PE session. They learnt some fantastic new skills and had a brilliant time exploring the sport.

Year 4



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Ashton Gilbert for excellent attitude and progress in reading and geography.

Year 6



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Nicholas Sargent - for being extremely helpful and having a mature, positive attitude to learning.

Headteacher's Awards

- ❖ Mr. Hay gets the award this week for being a great sport and having a good sense of humour.
- ❖ Holly Holohan and Amelia Metcalf deserve a special mention because they always have positive attitudes to learning and impeccable behaviour.
- ❖ Year 2 deserve extra playtime next week, as they always listen to the teachers and try their best.

Mr Whitelock's Sports News

Football Match 7th March:

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.

TOTAL DRAMA ALL★STARS

Mr Gough's Drama Superstars!

Reception

Elena
Cameron

Year 1

Amarii
Aidan

Year 2

Erin
Kayden-Lee

Year 3

Kelsey
Rossi

Year 4

Izzie
Chloe M

Year 5

Kyle A
Harleigh

Year 6

Nicholas
Nieve

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*.

Robinwood Year 5 and 6

The Robinwood residential visit is still going ahead this year. There are still a few places available for Year 5 and Year 6 children. It will be a fun packed couple of days away from school. Mrs Hodgson and another member of staff will accompany the children.

Tech Balance

For parents of 3- to 8-year-olds

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

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Mr. Whitelock's Sports Superstars

Reception:

Mia Alliston & Olivia Lowe

Year 1:

Olivia Stephenson Brough & Amarii Makonza

Year 2:

Lexi Gray & Amelia Smith

Year 3:

Niamh Mitford & Calen Routledge

Year 4:

Mason Ferguson & Isabelle Howe

Year 5:

Faith Parkin & Holly Holohan

Year 6:

Cole Fitzgerald & Mia Cooke

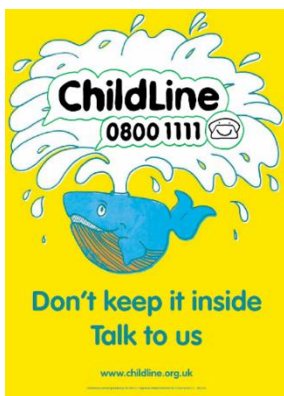


Year 6 Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Do not type anything you would not say to someone's face. If you dare not say it, do not type it. Think before you press send!

Stay safe and Be Happy

Childline is free to contact on 0800 1111. Childline counsellors are here to take calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from children and young people under 19.



Bruce's Corner

Bruce likes to gather all of the toys and keep them for himself. In this photograph, he is spending time with his friends, Bailey and Sally. As you can see, he has picked up the ball and the bone. He does not like to share which means he misses out on a lot of fun of fun and games. Bailey often barks at him and tells him off for being a selfish boy.



*I need to learn:
Sharing is Caring
Playing with friends is far
better than playing on
your own. Try asking
someone in your class to
play with you. You could
try skipping together,
playing chase or football.*



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

SEND Coffee Morning

We are holding an informal coffee morning on **Monday 7th March at 10am** for parents and carers of children with SEND. Invites have now been sent out. Claire Stirland (Occupational Therapist) from Sensory Worx will be there alongside Miss Gregg (SENCO). The coffee morning will be a chance for parents, carers, staff and professionals to meet and have informal discussions. It will be useful to have discussions and gather views on SEND support at West Cornforth Primary School, as well as find out what information you would like to be covered in future coffee mornings. If the morning is a success, we will be organising further events with different professionals to further support parents and carers. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are attending.



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 will be given your appointment time during the week beginning 7th March via Class Dojo. 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.

Parents Self-Help Section

Is your child having problems with self-esteem?

Try following this link which gives some useful advice to parents:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/health-and-development/helping-your-child-build-self-esteem>



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.

Online Support

News stories can be difficult to follow as an adult, let alone explaining them to children. First News have created an information sheet about current events to help teachers and parents talk to children about what is going on. This information is available on the school website. You will find this alongside a guide which helps adults talk to children about news which can be scary. This can be accessed via: <https://www.westcornforth.durham.sch.uk/advice-for-talking-about-current-events/>

Common Sense Tech Balance Program

- Subscribers get one to two text messages each week with simple and actionable tips on screen time, media picks, learning with technology, support with the home-school connection, and more.
- It's free! Families just have to text the word "KIDS" for English or "FAMILIA" for Spanish to the number 21555 (note: message and data rates from mobile providers may apply.)