

Year 3 and Year 4 Rugby

Year 3 and year 4 have enjoyed playing rugby with Dougie Hall this half term.



Police Visit on February 25th

PC Ritchie and PC Riley came to have lunch with us and spend some time with the children during the lunch break.



Absences and Late Arrivals

Please remember to ring the school office before 9 a.m. each day your child is poorly or cannot make it to school. If your child is late, please enter the school by the main door so that the office staff can amend the register for your child. This includes Reception children. Thank you.

New Phone Numbers

If you have a new mobile number, please do not forget to tell us so that we can update our systems. Many thanks.

Governors News

We welcome Mr Murray as the Chair of Governors who will be replacing Mrs Jayne Dean in the role. Mrs Dean will be stepping down from her governor position at

Easter. We thank her for all her support and dedication to the two schools.

Home Time Arrangements

If the home time arrangement for your child/children differs from the usual, please can you send a written note with your child in the morning. We are getting an increasing number of requests late in the day and earlier notice to your child's teacher will prevent the school staff from having to disturb classes. Thank you.

Lost Property

We have a large pile again - all with no names! Please ensure all clothing is named for the start of next term.

Weight And Height Check

Colleagues from the NHS were in school recently to undertake weight and height checks with Reception Class and Year 6. The NHS team will contact you with the results of these checks.

First Point of Contact at School

Please could we kindly remind parents/carers that their first point of contact at school should be their child's class teacher. Should parents/carers wish to leave a message, the school office is manned from 08:30 till 16:00.

Alternatively, emails can be sent to woolerfirst@woolerandglendale.co.uk. Many thanks.

Let's Get Cooking club

The Year 4 children have been experiencing different types of cooking skills and tastes at the cooking club.



The Golden Table

On a Friday 5 or 6 children who have used good manners, eaten all of their dinner or tried something new are chosen to sit on the Golden Table in the hall and eat their lunch with Miss Symons. The table is on the stage and children on this table are served by the dinner staff and have juice to drink. Well done to all of the children who have made it onto the Golden Table this term.



First Aid Awareness Training for Wooler First School children



Northern Training Partnership Ltd, who train our staff on emergency first-aid at work, will be offering free first-aid awareness sessions to the children on Tuesday 21 May. These are fun engaging sessions applicable to all the children including reception. They are designed to raise awareness and create the foundations for invaluable basic first aid knowledge. The topics covered include: Calling for Help, Assessing Casualties, ABC, Recovery Position, CPR, Defibrillators, Controlling Bleeding.

Easter Egg Competition

Thanks to everyone who entered - there were some eggcellent entries! The winners were:

- Nursery:** 1st - Alexander Mcl
2nd - Gabriellus
3rd - Mia R
- Reception** 1st - Imogen M
2nd - Amelie B
3rd - Caitlyn B
- Year 1** 1st - James D
2nd - Zach C
3rd - James R
- Year 2** 1st - Charlie D
2nd - Euan R
3rd - Oliver B
- Year 3** 1st - Dakota L
2nd - Matthew D
3rd - Lexi R
- Year 4** 1st - Lucas S
2nd - Alanah
3rd - Lianna C



Forest School

It's been a busy time in the forest recently. Jo Dawson is supporting all year groups to improve the facilities and general upkeep of the forest. Jo is a trained forest leader and has been great at helping children and staff develop knowledge and ethos of our forest school. Please make sure your child has forest school kit in school at all times. Below is a picture of Cherry Class moving logs to the fire circle.



World Book Day

We had a super day celebrating World Book Day. Thank you to all the family and friends who worked hard to create some amazing book character costumes. Winners received either a signed book or a book token. We were also very lucky to have local author and illustrator Julia Patton work with the children in school that day. Her infectious enthusiasm made every child believe that they were amazing artists! After much positive feedback from parents, we have invited Julia to come to school and work with all the children again in the coming term. The PTA have kindly agreed to pay for this exciting event.



Head Lice

We have identified a couple of cases of headlice here in school. As this is a condition which spreads easily and rapidly we are reminding all families of the importance of checking their child's hair regularly. Checking for headlice is a simple procedure using a special comb that can be obtained from supermarkets or the chemist. All family members will need to be checked too.



Advice from health professionals is to only treat where 'live' lice are seen. Further advice on treatment and prevention can be obtained at the chemist or online using the following NHS link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>

If a child is found to have head lice in school parents will be informed immediately by telephone. A joint decision between home and school will then be made regarding the best course of action to deal with the problem. Suitable treatment should take place as soon as possible – once treated children are able to come straight back to school.

Berwick Swan Centre Multi-Skills Festival

On 8th March 13 children from Maple class travelled to the Swan Centre in Berwick for an inter-schools multi-skill festival. We met lots of other Year 4 children from across the area and really enjoyed all of the sports and events that we took part in. It was lots of fun and gave us some ideas for games to play back here at school.



Red Nose Day

The two schools fundraised a total of £308.50 for Red Nose Day. Thank you to all who contributed.



Forest School Classroom

Wooler First School PTA are currently raising funds to create a Forest School Classroom. The outside classroom will be available to all 282 children aged 2-13 years that attend, Nursery, WFS & GMS and will be incorporated into our existing Forest School to enhance the pupils' outdoor learning experience and to promote mental and physical health as it has been proved that connecting children with the outdoors is good for their social and emotional development, improves mental health and psychological and emotional wellbeing .

The benefits of an outside classrooms in Forest School are many and include :

- The opportunity for hands on learning, such as science or nature lessons. Some pupils thrive in a more relaxed and experimental environment.
- Socialising and friendship between the pupils, as the outside classroom will provide a calmer zone for pupils who prefer to escape the busier more formal school surroundings.
- Improve concentration in pupils due to the fresh air environment and alternate learning platform by moving away from traditional text books.
- Decreased stress levels and increased social cohesion between pupils.
- Multi-sensory experiences - allowing pupils to engage in the sense of touch, smell, hearing, taste and sight.

Great British weather is not always kind during Forest School sessions. The provision of this added benefit to our Forest School would enable the children to still do outdoor activities within a shelter.

The PTA and teachers are exceptionally enthusiastic about working together to ensure the outdoor classroom project is completed as soon as possible so the pupils can start to benefit from such a superb educational addition to the school.

Forest School needs your help

The school needs planning permission for the Forest School classroom that they are wanting and the PTA are asking for your help.

Please could parents go on the below link and make a comment in support of the planning application. It will benefit all of our school children including nursery children. You will need to register first but it only takes a few minutes to do.

<https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications> and key in application reference 19/00744/CCD

Thank you



Longridge cross country

On the 28th February four children from each class travelled to Longridge Towers School near Berwick to take part in a cross country running festival. It was a super day with lots of children from across the area taking part. Our children were great, running well and really supporting each other over the tricky course. Well done to all who took part .



Artsmark Project

Children from Cherry and Cedar Classes have been lucky enough to work alongside artists Judith Davies and Amy Lord. Judith works with clay and the children had great fun making some sculptural pieces that will hang in a special location in our forest school throughout the summer. This is part of our on-going ARTSMARK work, a project to promote creativity and cultural awareness in our rural school.



Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our Saturday Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Forest School. Thanks to the PTA and everyone who baked, bought, donated or came along and helped we made an amazing £693.00.

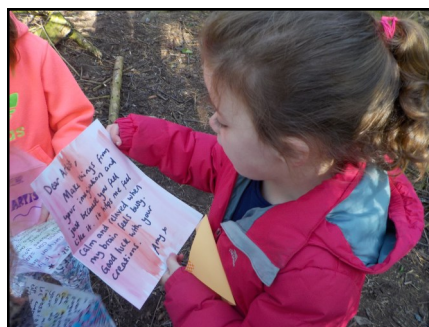


Cooking in Cherry Class

Each day two children in Cherry class cook on their own. They follow instructions carefully to make something to take home that day and share with family. Recently children have been making a fruit cobbler (very similar to a crumble). Their self-esteem and self-help skills have improved greatly across the time we have been cooking. Well done Cherry Class !

Artsmark Project—Working with Glendale Middle School

Wooler First and Glendale Middle Schools have been working alongside Woodhorn Museum as part of their ARTSMARK project. Artists Amy Lord and Judith Davies spent a few days at the schools, helping to devise and create some fantastic live artwork within the forest. This joint project encouraged cohesion, but also challenged the children's perception of what 'art' actually is. Letters were written, porcelain was moulded and experiences shared. Children will celebrate their achievements with other Northumberland schools at a day long event on the 25th June.



Chicks

Oak Class had 6 eggs in an incubator this term. The children counted down the days to hatching and 5 of the eggs hatched last week. We now have fluffy chicks in our class to look after. The children have enjoyed looking after them and watching them grow.



Dates for your Diary

Easter Holidays	Friday 5 April	3:30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 22 April	School closed
Back to School	Tuesday 23 April	8:55 am
Oak Class Theatre trip—Room on the Broom	Wednesday 24 April	All day
Science Man in school	Thursday 25 April	All day
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May	School closed
No swimming as GMS have annual gala	Friday 17 May	PM
First Aid course—all classes	Tuesday 21 May	1 hour per class
Sponsored Walk – TBC	Thursday 23 May	All day
Half-Term Holiday	Friday 24 May	3:30 pm
Back to School	Monday 3 June	8:55 am
Countryside Day	Thursday 6 June	TBA
Early Years Trip to Kirkley Hall	Wednesday 12 June	All day
Year 1 Trip—TBC	Monday 17 June	TBA
Transition Day	Friday 21 June	TBA
PA Coffee Morning—Glendale Hall	Saturday 22 June	10:00—11:00
Woodhorn visit—Yr1 and Yr2	Tuesday 25 June	All day
Lifepath Trip—Year 4	Friday 28 June	9:00 am — 3:30 pm
Year 5 Intake Sept 19—Parents Meeting	Wednesday 3 July	TBA
Arstmark with Lyn Campbell—Rec to Yr 4	Thursday 4 July	All day
Summer Fair	Saturday 6 July	10:00—12:00
Yr 4 Performance—TBC	Tuesday 9 July	TBA
Year 4 Trip—TBC	Wednesday 10 July	TBA
Sports Day	Thursday 11 July	1:15 pm
ArtsMark Celebration— Both schools	Friday 12 July	All day
Yr 2 Trip—TBC	Tuesday 16 July	TBA
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 July	3:30 pm
Teacher Training Day	Mon 2 Sept & Tues 3 Sept	All day
Back to School	Wednesday 4 September	8:55 am

TRIDENT SOCCER

EASTER HOLIDAYS SOCCER CAMPS 2019

GLENDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

April 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th.

9.30am-12.30pm

Group 1: School Years R, 1 & 2

Group 2: School Years 3, 4 & 5

Group 3: School Years 6, 7 & 8



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Wednesday 10th April 2019

The Sill National Landscape Discovery Centre
Bardon Mill, Northumberland NE47 7AN

EXPLORING STEM @The Sill



www.northumberland.gov.uk/sillstem

ORGANISED BY **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**, THIS EVENT IS AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8 - 13 AND IS INTENDED TO GIVE THEM AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AND MATHS (STEM)**.

- WHEN BOOKING SPACES PLEASE BE AWARE THERE IS A £12 FEE PER CHILD (PLUS VAT AND BOOKING FEE). ADULT TICKETS ARE FREE.
- PACKED LUNCHES ARE PROVIDED FOR THE CHILDREN. ADULTS, REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO PURCHASE LUNCH AT THE ON-SITE CAFE.

TO BOOK TICKETS: [HTTPS://NORTHUMBERLANDSTEM.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/](https://northumberlandstem.eventbrite.co.uk/)

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOU THEREFORE MUST BOOK A TICKET FOR AN ADULT(S) TO STAY FOR THE FULL DAY.

FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT ORGANISER,
NATHAN FULLER VIA:
NATHAN.FULLER@NORTHUMBERLAND.GOV.UK

SPORT FOR ALL

Easter Holiday Camps

For Reception children and school years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

April 11th & 12th

Glendale Middle School, Wooler

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To book a place or for more information please contact

Sam Dronsfield
on 07827159603

Or

Tom Vickers
on 07782375863

sports include

Gymnastics

Free Running

Cricket

Dodgeball

Athletics

Tri Golf

Football

Team Games

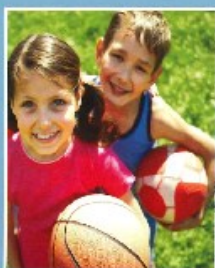
and more

£15 per day

April 17th & 18th

Longhoughton Primary School

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Trophies and medals to be won



£48 PER PLAYER

HOLIDAY SOCCER SCHOOL

Train and play the Newcastle United Way

Bookings are now being taken for Newcastle United Foundation Holiday Soccer Schools. Suitable for boys and girls aged 5-14 of all abilities.

Where: Berwick Academy, TD15 2AX

When: Easter Holidays Week 2 -
15th - 18th April 2019

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Age: Reception - Year 9

To book your place please visit:

www.nufoundation.org.uk/soccer-schools/holiday-soccer-schools/



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