



# NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## A message from our school leaders:

We couldn't have ordered better weather for our oldest pupils, as they headed to Robinwood on their residential on Wednesday. The children spent two nights with their friends, taking part in some fantastic adventurous activities. It was a real treat to take part in some of the activities with the children, including kayaking and rock climbing, both of which they faced with enthusiasm and courage.

Throughout the week, the pupils took on each challenge with determination and resilience, and, in some cases, conquering their fears of water and/or heights. The children's behaviour was very good, representing our school and families incredibly well.

Thank you to Mrs Emery and Miss Dobinson for giving up their time to attend the trip, and a huge well done to all the children who made the trip so enjoyable.

We are very proud of you all.

## ~ Friends of Middleton School (FOMS) ~

### NEW MEMBERS NEEDED URGENTLY

In July, three of our committee members will be 'retiring' as their children move on to secondary school. If you would like to see the Friends of Middleton School continue, to provide funding for extracurricular events and opportunities, we urgently need new members to come forward.

We have been a registered charity for almost 34 years, and we don't want to see it have to come to an end!

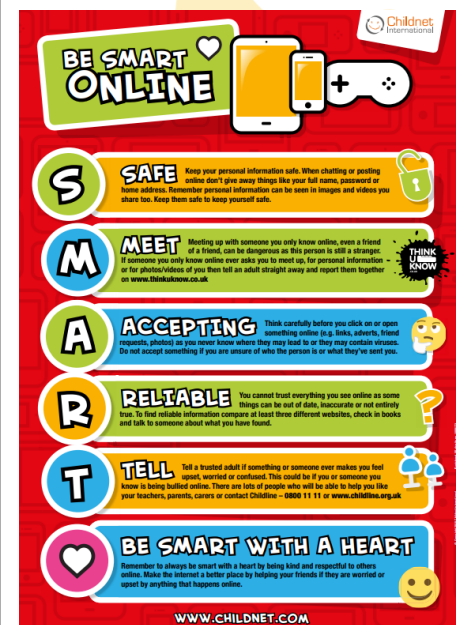
If you would be willing to join us please let the school office know.

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

## Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

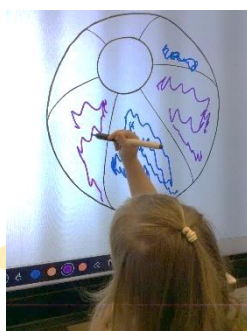
### ~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	100.0%
Year 1+2	96.1%
Year 3+4	98.9%
Year 5+6	94.7%



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What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

### NURSERY

This week, we have been reading the story, 'Kipper Beach Ball'. We have talked about the new wonderful words of the week, which included: wrinkly, bouncy, nozzle, cliff and plasticky. The children practiced their fine motor skills by using tweezers to pick up cornflakes and put them into bowls. The children used their creativity skills to design their own beach balls and have practiced their repeating patterns skills on the smartboard, with a large beach ball. The children also used playdough to make dog biscuits for kipper to eat and counted how many they had made. For snack the children enjoyed having cornflakes like Kipper!

### RECEPTION

This week, our class story has been, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Rescue'. The children enjoyed seeing Mr Grinling on an adventure again, saving the whale that washed up on the beach. They even wrote a thank you card to Mr Grinling, for helping the whale back to sea.

In maths, we have covered propositional language. The children went on a shell hunt in the reception garden and drew the shells on their maps in the correct place. The children then described where they found the shells, using above, below, left and right. They have also made 3D shapes and described where each part was, using propositional language. To tie in with maths, on our afternoon sessions the children have sang and danced the Hokey Cokey, correctly using their lefts and rights. The children have also continued their learning about lighthouses and looked at lighthouses from different countries.





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## Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

What an exciting week we've had in school! In our English lessons, the children have truly embraced their creativity, by participating in a hot seating activity in the character of Grandma, from our text, 'The Great Storm Whale'. The responses led us to develop a rich and vivid character profile for Grandma, showcasing their imaginations and understanding of character development. It's been wonderful to see them step into her shoes!

Meanwhile, in Maths, Year 1 have been focused on engaging with number patterns. The students have been practising recognising patterns in numbers and using them to solve problems. Year 2 have been learning about volume and how to measure different capacities and compare their sizes. The children are making great strides in their mathematical understanding, and it's fantastic to see their confidence grow with each new concept!

In our science lessons, we've taken a fascinating journey into the world of animal adaptations. The children have explored how specific animals have evolved to suit their habitats, discussing examples such as a polar bear's thick fur for cold environments or the long neck of a giraffe for reaching high leaves. This topic has sparked lots of interesting discussions as students share their thoughts and insights about the natural world around us!

In Design Technology, we've been busy learning to stitch, and the children are really getting the hang of it! They've started making their very own pouches, which has proven to be a delightful project. It's heartwarming to see their enthusiasm as they sew, and they are showing great patience and attention to detail. We look forward to seeing their finished products!

As we approach Father's Day, the children have been busy making a little craft to give to their special person. We hope that all the dads/special people have a lovely day celebrating with their loved ones.

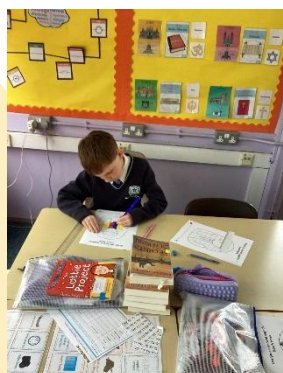






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## Y3/4 – Miss McDonnell and Mrs Niven

Year 3 and 4 have carried on with a wonderful start to the final half term of this school year. Creating some fantastic work on their narratives in English, using lots of past tense and figurative language. They have really blown me away with their prior knowledge on the different techniques, and everyone has enjoyed practicing them and putting them into their work.

We finished off the Egyptian artwork piece and they all really enjoyed creating their own death masks and then getting messy with teabags to create that aged look! Next, is the DT project for pyramids and I think it's safe to say we are all looking forward to this one!

Continuing on that more practical theme, we have delved further into the idea of sound being carried via soundwaves, by experimenting on how we can best absorb these soundwaves with different materials. This meant lots of fun creating various noises and using a selection of materials such as boxes, pans, paper, bowls, clothes etc... to inhibit or amplify these. As always, the class embraced this and we recorded some unexpected results.





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## Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, our children have shown resilience, encouragement and teamwork on our residential to Robinwood. We are incredibly proud of all of the children who went on the trip where they developed skills, deepened friendships and overcame challenges. We have no doubt that these children will remember this trip for years to come and have memories to last a lifetime.







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Upcoming  
Events:

	Event
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>w/c 16.06.25</b>	Healthy Week
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability, Level 1 – Years 3+4
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability, Level 1 + 2 – Years 5+6
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Football World Cup Comp, KS2 – Staindrop Academy
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Activities at TCR Hub, Barnard Castle
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Phototronics – Year 6 Leavers and Class Photos
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Yrs 5/6 Rounders Fest at Teesdale Leisure Centre, B.C.
<b>w/c 30.06.25</b>	Careers Week
<b>JULY</b>	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse, Gateshead
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July	FOMS School Trip to The Forbidden Corner, Middleham, N.Yorks
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> + Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transitions to secondary school
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - am
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	FOMS All the Fun of the Fair - pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for the Summer Holiday