

14th July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week it has been in School.

Thank you to everyone who attended Sports Day today to support the children. They all had an amazing time and fortunately the weather was fine until the very end of the afternoon. I am pleased to announce that the overall winning house this year was Bede.

Early Years was taken over by a band of pirates this week with treasure maps, pirate hats, eye patches and cutlasses which was great fun for everyone.

Monday saw our Rainbow Day where the children explored all different types of families and that they are free to love who they want to love as love and respect underpins everything that we do.

I hope that all of you who visited the FLOW project exhibition at the High School were impressed with the amazing art that the children had produced. It was lovely to see it exhibited to the public and a great way to showcase their talents.

I had the great privilege to attend the Pele Trust Choir performance last night which closed the project. As always, our choir was exemplary and sang with confidence and great gusto. The songs ranged from the traditional to the contemporary ending with an emotional rendition of 'Big River'. Many thanks to Mrs. Milner, Mrs. Graham and Tom for working so hard with the children to learn these songs. Mrs. Milner and Tom provided the musical accompaniment for the concert. It is always fantastic to be able to work closely with the other Schools in the Pele Trust.

Heddon School also made an appearance at St. James' Park this week as Year 6 got a special Stadium Tour as part of the Toon Team Day.

Well done to Year 4 with the best attendance this week of an amazing 99.6%.

I hope that you enjoy reading this flyer and that you have a fantastic weekend.

Mr. A. Wheatley,

Headteacher

Attendance Matters



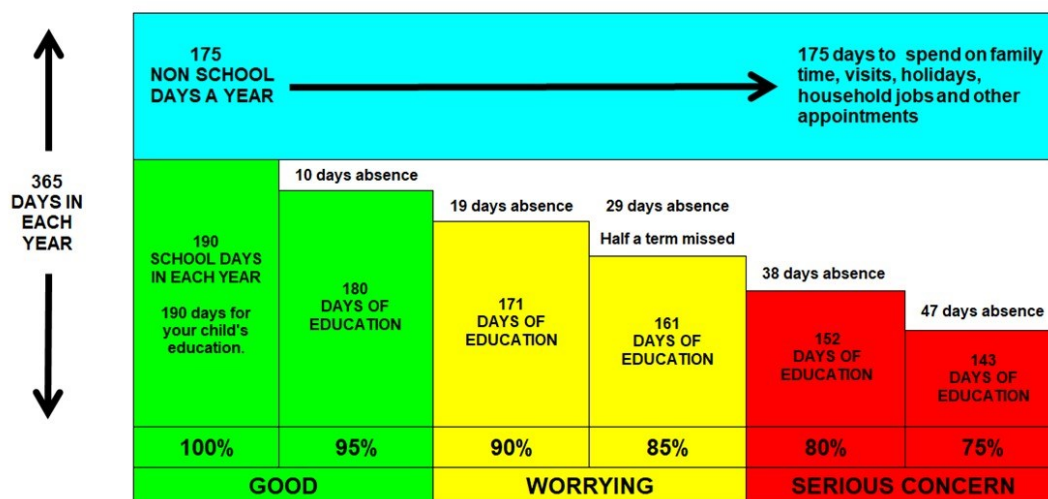
We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Reception (Owls)	98.8%	Year 3 (Gibside)	93.6%
Year 1 (Wallington)	98.1%	Year 4 (Lindisfarne)	99.6%
Year 2 (Cragside)	96%	Year 5 (Bamburgh)	97.4%
		Year 6 (Dunstanburgh)	98.6%

Please see the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.

Days off School add up to lost learning!



'Whatever you do work at it with all your heart'

Colossians 3:23

This week The Hedgehogs and The Owls have had so much fun playing and learning together. We began the week with Rainbow Day where we read the story Pirate Mums. We then shared lots of pirate activities and adventures throughout the week.



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We made pirate hats, cutlasses, eye patches, maps, drew pirates, ships, made ships with loose parts, had treasure hunts, sang songs, dressed up and acted the part. Arrgghhhh! What a fantastic week!



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The children from EYFS wowed us this morning with their sporting talents and amazing attitudes. Well done to all who took part!



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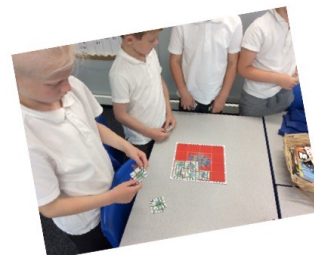
Rainbow Day in Year 1

As part of Rainbow Day Year 1 and 2 got together for an assembly. Year 1 then read the story 'My Magic Family' and thought about how all of our families are different, unique and special. We then drew pictures of our magic families.



Testing out Maths Games in Year 2

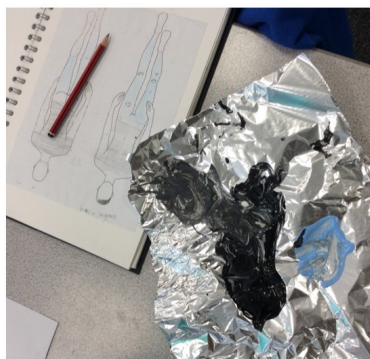
Year 2 have been busy completing some market research; testing out different Maths games. We have played lots of different games to help us think about how many players are needed, which equipment to use and the design of a great Maths game. Next week we will use this information to help us design and make our own Maths games.



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Fantastic Fashions in Year 3

In Year 3, we have been looking at how fashion has changed over the decades. After looking at some key designers, we each chose one and created a design inspired by their work. This week, we created the 'fabric' that we will make our designs from by creating patterns and textures using acrylic paints.



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Designing Boxes in Year 4

In Design Technology Year 4 has been investigating, designing and making boxes. We looked at different nets and how to join materials. We then thought about Stitch Head (the main character from our class text) and designed a box for him to carry all his potions. We love the boxes we have made!



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Our Penultimate Week in Year 6

A very busy penultimate week in Year 6. We visited the Vertu Motor Arena for a STEM in Sports event, St James' Park for a stadium tour and some games/STEM activities, and had a delicious visit from Crepe Man! Once again the children were fantastic when out and about and a real credit to themselves and the school. The children also received their SATs results this week and should be very proud of their hard work and achievements. Now for the final week...



A Community Champion!

Today we were pleased to welcome Mr. Guy Opperman, our local MP into School. Guy joined with us to celebrate a special award for Tom who volunteers his time in School to play his guitar for our School performances and who was an instrumental part in helping to organise our 60th anniversary celebrations.

The children welcomed Tom into the School Hall with a rousing round of applause before Guy presented him with a special Community Champion Award in recognition of the difference Tom makes to the School and wider community and the inspiration that he provides. We were also pleased to be joined by Tom's parents for this celebration.

I am sure that you will join with me in offering sincere thanks for all that Tom does in School to support the development of our Musical experiences for the children.



Check out our Sports Day pictures from Key Stage 1



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Big Summer Reading Challenge with Northumberland Libraries

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up at your local library!

In Northumberland:

Heddon Library: Tues: 1:00pm – 4:00pm, Wed: 10:00am – 12:00pm, Fri: 1:00 – 4:00pm, Sat: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Prudhoe Library: Mon – Fri: 9:00am – 5:00pm, Sat: 9:30am – 1:00pm.

Wylam Library: Tues & Thurs: 10:30am – 12:30pm & 1:30pm – 4:30pm; Sat: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Ponteland Library: Automated service Mon – Fri: 6:00am – 10:00pm; Sat & Sun: 7:00am – 5:00pm

In Newcastle:

Denton Burn: Mon: 10:00am – 5:00pm; Thurs: 10:00am – 5:00pm; Sat: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Newburn Library: Mon: 10:00am – 2:00pm; Tues: 10:00am – 5:00pm; Fri: 1:00pm – 5:00pm; Sat: 10:00am – 2:00pm

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

OR

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).

- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Look at the top of this letter.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

[1] The Reading Agency (2022) [Summer Reading Challenge 2022: Annual Report](#)

Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, competitions and videos.
- Keep up-to-date! [Follow @SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."*

Girl, aged 12+

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before."*

- Parent/carer of 8-9 year-old girl

Ideas for the Summer Holidays

Staying Fit and Healthy

The Summer holidays is a great time for families to get out and about in the beautiful outdoors. This can be difficult when children seem super-glued to their electronic devices so Internet Matters has put together a useful advice page with lots of different apps for children of all ages to get them motivated to get outside! To check out this page please [click here](#).

Eating out

As the UK continues through a cost of living crisis the School is aware that for some families providing a hot meal each day can be challenging therefore please see the graphic below from 'Money Saving Central' which lists the places where kids can eat for free or for £1 during the 6 week Summer holiday 2023.

 **PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)
DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023** 
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<p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p>TESCO Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023</p> <p>SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>TRAVELODGE Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p>MORRISONS Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p> <p>BILLS 2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>YO! SUSHI From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend</p> <p>TO BE CONFIRMED... M&S and Farmhouse Inns</p>
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Dates for your Diary



Monday 17 th July 2023	Moving Up Morning
Monday 17 th July 2023	Parents Evening Drop In – 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	Heddon's Got Talent 1pm in School Hall (Children only)
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for Parents – 2pm in School Hall
Friday 21 st July 2023	Summer Term Ends

Heddon-on-the-Wall St Andrew's Primary School 2023/24

September 2023							
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Bank holidays 2023/24 UK

25 December '23	Christmas Day	1 January '24	New Year's Day	6 May '24	Early May Bank Holiday
26 December '23	Boxing Day	29 March '24	Good Friday	27 May '24	Spring Bank Holiday
		1 April '24	Easter Monday	26 August '24	August Bank Holiday

School Holidays Bank Holidays Training Days