

# GLENDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Newsletter

Summer Term 2023



Good bye and good luck to our year 8's who we said a heartfelt goodbye to. You will all be a huge miss and well done for a fantastic four years at our school



## Hindu Temple

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 pupils visited the IKKCON Hindu Temple in Newcastle.

They were given the opportunity to experience first-hand an authentic Hindu shrine, observe worship and enjoy a traditionally cooked and served, vegetarian curry. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit and even those pupils who had been a little nervous about trying the food ended up having a second serving! In the pictures below we can see some of the pupils taking part in some traditional drumming as well as trying on some traditional costumes.



## GMS Ceilidh Band



Here are members of GMS Ceilidh band playing with the Glendale Ceilidh band at the Cheviot Centre Plant Swap event.

## Sunny days in the yr 8 garden

Year 6 are enjoying reading after their SATS



Here are James and Louie with the Aglica Trio following the concert in St Mary's church where their graphic scores were performed.



## Year 5 Tennis Festival @ Berwick Tennis Club

Year 5 were lucky enough to attend a Tennis Festival at a very windy Berwick Tennis Club. The opportunity was all about taking part and increasing engagement in tennis. All of Year 5 were given the chance to attend and the skills they developed over the course of the afternoon were incredible. Sophie said, 'I loved how the afternoon was really structured, and it was brilliant to work on lots of different skills.' Izzy said, 'Even though it was windy and cold, we all tried our hardest and made new friends and worked together.'



## County Athletics

In June our talented athletes were out in force competing against other schools. We sent 31 children to the area athletics event in early June, 23 of these qualified for the inter-area event the following week and 12 of these qualified for the County athletics finals which took place at Gateshead International Stadium on Saturday 24th June. It was a very hot day and our children did a fantastic job up against the best athletes from across the county. Congratulations to all and a big thank you to all parents, carers and family members who came down to support the children.



## Hugonin

Year 5 have had an exciting and creative term! After the success of the Aglica Trio Graphic Scores Project, sponsored by Mr Hugonin, Year 5 were very privileged to be invited to Mr Hugonin's studio. Once there, they were introduced to his art work and the complex processes that go into creating his intricate and very beautiful art work. Year 5 deepened their understanding of abstract and minimalist art and were able to gain an insight into the ideas behind his abstract pieces. They were able to interview him with their excellent questions about his work during a Q and A session, and they took part in two creative activity sessions. In one of these sessions they worked with artist Sarah Bray, Mr Hugonin's wife, on an abstract charcoal session in response to minimalist music. In the second session they worked with Alex, Mr Hugonin's studio assistant, creating their own James Hugonin masterpiece on a grid using his templates and a colour theme. It was a wonderful afternoon and very inspirational. Thanks to all the team at the studio for making us so welcome and to Year 5 for being so polite, so engaged and for their wonderful behaviour!



## Year 5 Virtual Fieldtrip to the Arctic

Year 5 were lucky enough to attend a virtual field trip to the Arctic where they spent the day immersing themselves in an Arctic experience. There were over 270 children from KS2 classes all over the U.K in attendance on a zoom. Over the course of the day, we explored the following enquiry question together: 'What is so cool about the Arctic?'. Children were given the chance to explore the arctic using digital satellite technology and through fact sheets. Children were then given the chance to ask a real life Arctic Explorer questions over zoom before exploring Svlarbard's climate. It was truly an incredible experience. The whole experience was constantly linked back to Climate Change and children were repeatedly asked to consider the importance of Climate Change initiatives when thinking about the Arctic.



## Y5 Dodgeball Tournament @ Berwick Leisure Centre

Throughout the year, Year 5 have been lucky enough to have Mr Marklew and the Sports Leaders working on building their Dodgeball Skills. This event was all about participation and ensuring that children who may not normally feel like 'athletes' had a chance to take part in a low stakes competition. Amazingly, our schools teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd vs other Berwick schools. Max said, 'I loved taking part and was very impressed by the other school's players.' Jessica said, 'I found the experience very inspirational and we gained so much from it.' JJ said, 'The sports leaders helped us to develop as dodgeball players and helped us become the best players we can be.'



## Alnwick Castle Trip 22.05.2023

On the 22nd of May we went on a school trip to Alnwick Castle, and met our guides Matthew and Allan. We learnt about how it had never been taken by force, due to its many fortifications and how the Percy Family had been there for 700+ years.

### Isaac

During our tour we learnt about things such as the Barbican. This was an outer fortification and the way through was known as the killing zone. The army of Alnwick would pour boiling sand onto the Scottish which would burn through the skin, then poo and pee would be poured onto them which would cause infections. The Scots would try to run through but the men at the back would unknowingly push the men at the front into the dry moat where they would be trapped. Alnwick castle was never taken by an attacking army.

### Peter

Then we built our own mini castle. Our budget was £20,000 that is around 14 million back in those times. We made a castle wall with 8 pieces and we had a clock tower. We also added cannons, two barbicans, a church, a stable and a wet moat.

### Eva

Whilst we were at Alnwick Castle, Matthew and Alan took us for a tour around the castle walls, including the very interesting Barbican Gate House, which is like a more fortified gateway into the castle. Once you entered the first humongous door you met a long corridor called the killing zone, however you have to make your way through iron gates. Enemies would meet hot sand and the dry moat, if you fell into the dry moat you would hit the spikes and die. Also, we saw the gun terrace and the canons. This was originally built for the Lady to look out on the landscape which was specially designed by Capability Brown.

In the fortress workshop we had to work in little groups to create a castle. We needed walls, barbicans, horses, workmen plus more. You had to buy all of these we had a max of £20,000. We worked it out and we were in budget by £4,000 roughly.

### Emily

After lunch, we headed to the state rooms. We saw many priceless and antique objects and it was very interesting.

My favorite part was the library, home to a large abundance of books (nearly 15000!) I also enjoyed seeing an antique table. It was so shiny I could see my reflection!

### Poppy



## Geography fieldwork in Wooler

Year 5 have been honing their fieldwork skills in their local area. Adorned in hi-vis jackets they made their way around various locations in Wooler to conduct traffic surveys, pedestrian surveys, field sketches, environmental quality audits and shop surveys. This gave the children the opportunity to practise real-life

Geography skills in the field. This data was then analysed in school and used to compare Wooler to Death Valley in North America. Newsflash, it's very different! James D said, 'It was really exciting and taught me lots of skills.' 'I loved sketching my local town,' said Max. Izzy said, 'I loved stopping and listening to the river and the sounds of the birds.'



## Year 5 Rivers trip – Breamish Valley

In Geography this term we have been studying rivers. We have been looking at their features, how humans use them, the journey of a river and so much more. We were lucky enough to have education officers from the Northumberland National Park in school to give us an overview of rivers. During this time we were able to use a parachute to help show how a river erodes and shapes the land. To make this learning real, Y5 were able to visit the Breamish Valley at a section of the River Breamish and spent the day completing Geography fieldwork in the river.

Northumberland National Park led the session and as a class we recorded measurements of the rivers width, depth and speed. We were then able to create a cross section of a river when we returned to school (see picture!). Also, we went river dipping and were able to use classification keys to find out what we had caught.

After a busy morning, we spent the afternoon walking up to the top of Brough Law to get a stunning view back down the valley. We then completed a field sketch and labelled the key features of the river that we could see. Sam said, 'It was the best field trip of all times, I loved learning about the animals that inhabit the river.' Holly K said, 'I loved using the identification keys to work out what was lurking in the river.' 'On the top of Brough Law the view was breath-taking, I was beyond proud that we all made it to the top.' Holly R. Louis said, 'Even though it was rainy and windy, the view at the top was so worth it.'



## Interarea Athletics @ Berwick Middle School

Each year we are thrilled to be able to participate in two events at Berwick Middle School whereby we have the chance the potentially qualify for county athletics finals at Gateshead Stadium. This year we were thrilled to have over 20 children qualify for the final inter area round whereby teams from all across North Northumberland compete against each other. We had lots of success stories and fantastic efforts where children really worked as a team and represented the school fantastically. Our Year 8 boys finally came second in their relay event which has been a target since Year 5, a huge thanks to Josh Kelly for stepping in last minute. Mrs Milner and Mrs Simpson were beyond proud of their conduct, attitude and behaviour on both days events.



## Year 6 York trip

Year 6 travelled to York for a school trip on the 3rd of July until the 7th to learn about York. When we arrived at the hotel (Hedley house hotel), the room was really, really beautiful because the beds were comfortable and the bathroom was luxurious as well. The food was delicious and the desserts were amazing. We did many activities and my favorite was shopping. We also visited the castle museum; we saw what the cells looked like and the courtyard. Even though, I learned that I could be homesick when I stay away from home, I think the next year 6 will really like this trip because you can go around York and learn about the history. They will like the shopping and The Chocolate Story tour. Thank you to all the teachers for making this happen; it was such fun.

By Charlie



## Junk Orchestra

Year 5 and 6 have participated in two Junk Orchestra workshops led by former Glendale Middle pupil, Dan Lyst. Dan studied drums and percussion at the Royal Northern Conservatoire in Manchester and now teaches drums at DCHS. The materials for the Junk orchestra were kindly donated by Glendale Engineering. More workshops will take place in the Autumn term. Year 5 and 6 learned some drumming patterns and composed their own short group pieces which they performed to each other.



## York Trip

From the 3rd to 7 July, we were in the city of York, learning about its history due to a school residential with my class and teachers. On Monday, we travelled down to York on the train. After that, we walked to the Minster. After a full day of travelling behind us, we awoke to a delicious breakfast fit for kings; furthermore, we watched Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. On Wednesday, we had a historical mountain of a day, going to both: the Jorvik Viking center and the Jorvik Dig. On Thursday (my most enjoyed day), we visited one of York's most proud possessions - the chocolate story; the swirling, whirling chocolate tumbled through the factory. After that, we went on a most factual boat ride then we rested after a full-on day... It was a perfect way to end the week. I definitely recommend it to the future year 6 students.

by Noah

GLENDALE GETS GOLD!

SCHOOL GAMES

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE, GLENDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL, HAVE ACHIEVED THE SCHOOL GAMES GOLD MARK AWARD FOR THE 2022/23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE SCHOOL GAMES MARK IS A GOVERNMENT-LED AWARD SCHEME LAUNCHED IN 2012, FACILITATED BY THE YOUTH SPORT TRUST TO REWARD SCHOOLS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITION ACROSS THEIR SCHOOL AND INTO THE COMMUNITY, AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED FOR OUR SUCCESS.

WITH A HUGE TOTAL OF YOUNG PEOPLE COMPETING IN LOCAL INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS THIS YEAR, WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR PUPILS FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF SCHOOL SPORT, INCLUDING THOSE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS, LEADERS AND OFFICIALS WHO MADE OUR COMPETITIONS POSSIBLE. AS PART OF OUR APPLICATION, WE WERE ASKED TO FULFIL CRITERIA IN THE AREAS OF PARTICIPATION, COMPETITION, WORKFORCE AND CLUBS, AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE HARD WORK OF EVERYONE AT OUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN REWARDED THIS YEAR.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO: MRS MILNER, MR JOHNSON, MR MARKLEW, THE YOUNG LEADERS AND ALL OF THE SUPPORT STAFF AND COLLEAGUES FOR HELP TO MAKE IT HAPPEN



**Glendale Sports Day 2023**  
**13/07/2023**

On Thursday we hosted our annual Glendale Sports Day. It was a great day with some fantastic races including both outstanding individual and team performances with every pupil winning points throughout the day for their respective house; Glen, Till or Wooler.

Glendale Middle School Record Breakers  
 Congratulations to Izzy Brown who set a new Glendale Middle School record in the Year 5 Girls 800m with a time of 3 minutes 36 seconds.



Congratulations to the combined KS3 relay team of Tilly Smith (Yr 7), Emily Holmes (Yr 7), Ella Malthouse (Yr 8) and Alanah Smith (Yr8) for breaking the Glendale Middle School year 8 girls 4 x 100m relay record with a time of 60.05 seconds.



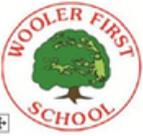
Here are some more photographs from the day:



# Congratulations!

Glendale Community Middle School		
2023 Awards		
Award/Trophy	Awarded to	
Jimmy Givens Shield for House Basketball	Wooler (Ella Jack – red)	
Sports Day Shield	Till (Jay Pandra – Blue)	
House Athletics awards	Year 5 Boy	Zach
	Year 5 Girl	Clara
	Year 6 Boy	Shay
	Year 6 Girl	Mollie
	Year 7 Boy	Isaac
	Year 7 Girl	Lauren
	Year 8 Boy	Ryan
	Year 8 Girl	Ella
Whittingham Shield for effort in PE and Games throughout the year (Yr 8)	Jay & Ella	
Pat Campbell Award (Special Achievement) any year	Zach	
Award for Effort in Year 5 (one pupil)	Elise	
Award for Academic Success in Year 5 (one pupil)	Jessica	
Award for Effort in Year 6 (one pupil)	Charlie	
J.D. Marshall Cup (Scientific Enterprise in Yr 6)	Emily	
Dick Smith Award for Creative Endeavour (KS2)	Hannah	
Award for Academic Success in Year 6 (one pupil)	Olivia	
Award for Effort in Year 7 (one pupil)	Nikita	
Sandra Thompson Memorial Trophy		
Award for Academic Success in Year 7 (one pupil)	Poppy	
Brenda Smith Cup (Excellence in Art) Yr 8	Ashley	
Ancrum Bowl (Creative Work) Yr 8	Emily	
Pat Frisby Cup (Effort in Music) Yr 8	Jack	
Award for English Yr 8	Emily	
Award for French Yr 8	Pandora	
Murray Cup (Geography) Yr 8	Brooke	
Award for History Yr 8	Connor	
Award for Computing Yr 8	Josh	
Plate for Mathematical Achievement Yr 8	Pandora	
Noel Spowart Cup for Oral Communication Yr 8	John	
Award for Science Yr 8	Pandora	
Chrystal McGowan Cup (Food/Textiles Technology) Yr 8	Ella	
Johnson Salver (Technology) Yr 8	Connor	
Performing Arts	Xavier	
Award for Outdoor Spirit	Tyler	
Award for most progress over 4 years Yr 8	Layla	
Award for Effort in Year 8	Jay	
Tom Newton Memorial Cups (Academic Achievement) Yr 8	Pandora Ella	
Cheviot Cups (Initiative and Service to the School) Yr 8 x 2	Tyler Layla	
Wild About Adventure Awards - All Round Activities	Mitchel	





# Academic Calendar 2023-2024



School Holiday
  Bank Holiday
  Pupil Day
  Training Day

September 2023						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

October 2023						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

November 2023						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

December 2023						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

January 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

February 2024						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23		
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

March 2024						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

April 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

May 2024						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

June 2024						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

July 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

August 2024						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

# BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 6th  
September

UK Health Security Agency

**NHS**

# Starting a new school?

Your child will be learning and socialising with more children when they start their new school and could be at risk of catching preventable diseases if they haven't had all their childhood jabs.

- Buy uniform
- Get school shoes
- Check primary school jobs are up to date

Primary school jobs include:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio (4 in 1 booster)
- Meadles, mumps and rubella (2nd dose of MMR)

If you are not sure if your child has had all their routine vaccinations, check their personal health record (Red Book) or contact the GP surgery. To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR1 vaccine. For a checklist of the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit:

[www.nhs.uk/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations)

MMR1 for all leaver

Immunisations for young people

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## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT WOOLER LIBRARY & THE CHEVIOT CENTRE SUMMER 2023

**Ready, Set, Read!** Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Do you enjoy reading? Sport and play theme for 6-11-year olds. Join in the free fun activities every week through the summer holidays in the library!

Sign up from Saturday 8th July throughout the school holidays with a celebration on Saturday 9th September at 11am for children completing the challenge!

**The Tortoise and the Hare** Thursday 10th August 9:30am

A performance of the Aesop fable with music and puppetry for children 6 years and under. Family Hub providing crafts and activities. Kindly funded by Glendale Connect. Please book through [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Bug Hotels** Wednesday 16th August 10:30am - 2:30pm

Create bug hotels to take home or leave in the Cheviot Centre garden. Free but places must be booked with Glendale Gateway Trust on 01668 282 406 Kindly funded by HAF.

**Books and Art session "The Boy Who Sailed The World"** Tuesday 22nd August 2 - 3:30pm

As part of the Summer Reading Challenge, this Books and Art session for 5 years plus will bring the book "The Boy Who Sailed the World" to life. Book through [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Professor Brainstorm's Science Show** Friday 25th August

Inspiring, entertaining and educational! Hands on science fun for children aged 5 - 12. Free but places must be booked with the Glendale Gateway Trust on 01668 282 406 Kindly funded by the Ballinger Fund.

HospiceCare NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND Caring for Life

Dates for your diary 2023

### HOSPICECARE FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2023 ALNWICK RUGBY CLUB 10AM-4PM

Come along and join us for a Family Fun Day out!

Starbucks Alnwick Mermaids & Pirates Family Fun Day Saturday 19th August 2023 10am - 4pm

Fancy Dress Competition Face Painting Craft Stalls & Raffle Wheel-a-Duck Lots more... FREE ENTRY

Scan here to find out more

## Handlebards & Slapstick Picnic

8 Handlebards Midsummer Night's Dream Slapstick Picnic: Feller Fins

Handlebards: Friday 13th August	The Hares: Thursday 17th August	Slapstick Picnic: Saturday 25th August
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Tickets £16.00 Gates open 5.30pm - Performance 6.30pm

### Light up the Glendale Night

Cheviot Centre, Wooler 14th October 2023

HospiceCare North Northumberland Charity No. 1103635 For more information contact - 01665 606515

**NORTHUMBERLAND Early Help**

Family Hubs Here for everyone

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE, WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

Support is available to all families with children aged 0- 19 years (0-25 for SEND)

**Areas of Advice we can offer:**

- Education, Employment and Training.
- Benefits
- Support in Managing Young People's Behavior
- Keeping Children Safe
- Substance Misuse
- Domestic Abuse
- Dealing with Difficult teenagers
- Links to other Services and Organisations

**ALL CALLS ARE DEALT WITH IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE**

Contact Early Help by telephoning **01670 620461**

Northumberland

## What are Family Hubs?

Find out more about what Northumberland Family Hubs can do for you.

Family Hub <https://www.familyhubsnorthumberland.co.uk/what-are-family-hubs>

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Our App provides same day health chat from a Health Visitor or School Nurse, Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

Android App, Apple App, Growing Healthy Facebook

## WOOLER BUSINESS FORUM HIGH STREET SUMMER TRAIL 2023

There will be a High Street Trail running from Friday 18 August to Monday 28 August. To tie in with Glendale Show, there will be something with an "agricultural" theme in the window of participating shops and businesses.

Forms can be picked up from Cheviot Centre, Brands, Wooler Wool Shop and The Chocolate Box.

Once your form is completed, hand it in to Brands, Wooler Wool Shop or The Chocolate Box.

Completed and correct forms will be entered into a Prize Draw (to be drawn after the closing date) and winners notified by telephone.

## Safeguarding

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are committed to safeguarding and have a culture of 'It could happen here' in all aspects of safeguarding and child protection. **Any of our staff can listen and act appropriately on your concerns.** We have specially trained safeguarding leads in our schools - these are our safeguarding team.

### Our safeguarding team

Mike Deane-Hall Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Victoria Symons Deputy Headteacher and Deputy DSL	Geoff Tong Deputy Headteacher and Deputy DSL	Tennie Dunn SENDS and Deputy DSL	Rachel Mossop SENDS and Deputy DSL

If you are worried about a child you can:

- Contact our safeguarding team via the usual school contact channels including our main phone number 01668 281 470
- Talk to the local safeguarding team 01670 622 720 or One Call, the Local Authority's single point of access on 01670 536400
- If you believe a child is in immediate danger you should call 999 and report your concern immediately to the police.

More information and our policy on safeguarding and child protection can be found on our website.

The following organisations websites can also provide information and their helplines can listen if you have concerns:

- NSPCC 0800 800 800
- CEOP
- Childline 0800 1111

Sarah Milner  
Designated Teacher for LAC and Deputy DSL