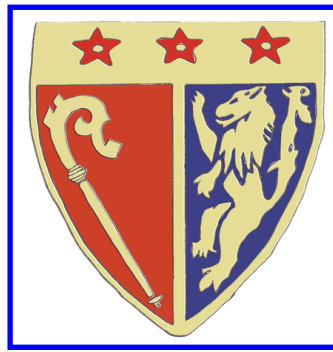


Newsletter



Spring 2022

World Book day

For the first time in what seemed a long time, we were able to celebrate World Book Day on 3rd of March - and WOW - did we celebrate! One of the highlights of the day was seeing the fabulous costumes milling around the school. We began with an assembly where the teachers read extracts from their favourite books and then we continued the WBD activities back in the classroom. From book swaps - to live feeds with the Cambridge Theatre in London, it was great to be off timetable and enjoying the pleasures of reading. However, the one huge surprise was the enthusiasm and support for the Readathon! We had 42 pupils with sponsorship and the dedication to read for two hours - far more than expected - so we had to move to the hall instead. Thank you Mrs Jeffreys and Mr Pearse! The children were incredible...with their blankets, pillows and bars of chocolate, they settled down to the calm and relaxing indulgence of reading. It was truly emotional when we saw that £564.40 had been raised for the 'ReadforGood' charity and we will definitely do this again next year. We really hope the children enjoyed it too. Lexi said 'It was good. It was fun and the readathon was peaceful. I'm sure it improved people's reading.' Lauren said 'It made me think about books a bit more.' Isaac said 'I really enjoyed World Book Day. It was great to hear about lots of different authors and their stories.'

Below are the winners of the costumes and some photos of the glorious day. Roll on WBD 2023!

Sophie , Hannah , Robbie , Matthew , Emily , Jay , Grace and Rowan .

Iskon-Newcastle - Wednesday 16th March 2022

We had a great class trip to Iskon temple Newcastle! When we first came in, we had to take our shoes off and sit down on cushions to show our respect. Then, Kirtilda, our amazing priest, played some calming music for us on the drums. Kirtilda told us about Hindu history and how it is disrespectful to eat cow's meat for they are the mothers of us and give us milk, cheese, yoghurt and more; this is why they are mostly vegetarian. After our brilliant discussion, Kirtilda said that we were welcome to dress up in traditional Hindu clothing and to be taught how to play the drums. Before lunch, Kirtilda had carried out an excellent ceremony for our future and the gods. After that, it was lunch. I was really excited to try the food! For lunch we were served rice, cheese and tomato soup and finally space bread which I loved! (Not actually space bread, just Hindu bread in the shape of a spacecraft). I thought we were done until...they brought out vanilla ice cream with strawberry sauce! It was delicious. Now tidied up, we said thank you to Kirtilda for our brilliant day.



My favorite part of the day was dressing up and listening to the drums. This gave me a sense of Hindu spirit and relaxation

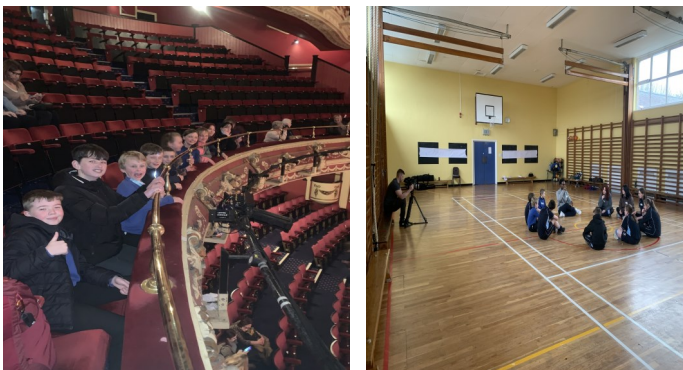


Culture Bridge Arts' Recover Project

The last two years have been very difficult, especially for children who have lost out on so much time in school learning and with their friends. In July last year I was invited to apply for Glendale to be considered to be part of a recovery project. Funding would be allocated to successful schools to support the use of Arts' projects promoting pupils' academic and emotional recovery after the experiences of these successive lockdowns. This funding was through Culture Bridge and the Arts' Council. We were one of a small number of schools who were selected out of a huge number of applicants, and we were awarded £3000 to spend on fabulous creative experiences! So far we have used this funding on two main projects.

Dreamgirls

The first of our projects was a drama project. Ten pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 were selected to visit the Sunderland Empire to attend the "Dreamgirls" musical. For some of these pupils it was their first trip to the theatre so it was a very special day. The performance was incredible and we were all astounded by the incredible singing and choreography. The following day, Brandon Sears, the male lead from the production, came into school to work with the whole of our Year 7s and Year 8s in his "Yes, I can!" workshops. These workshops linked drama and movement with self-esteem building. The pupils absolutely loved the workshops with Brandon. He was totally inspirational and it was an experience we will all remember for many years to come. Some of us were also interviewed by a film crew, who visited school to document the process for Culture Bridge. It was all a little nerve - wracking, but the pupils interviewed were wonderful and articulated their experiences perfectly.



Bare Toed

The second project was an experience for Year 5. We invited the "Bare Toed" dance company into school to work with Year 5 on confidence building circus skills workshops. The pupils had the opportunity to try their hand at aerial work (hanging upside down on silks suspended from rigs) and many other exciting activities! It was great to see the team work and support the pupils gave one another - and to watch them all having fun with big smiles on their faces after they had mastered a headstand! The confidence they had built up during the course of the day by pushing themselves out of their comfort zones was wonderful to observe.

We still have some of the budget remaining and I intend to use it for a creative activity for Year 6 as a wonderful treat to look forward to after all of their hard work preparing for their SATs in the Summer Term. More to follow next term!

Miss Hall.



Mitchel:

On Thursday 3rd March 2022 a group of Year 7 and Year 8 visited Sunderland Empire to attend the performance "Dreamgirls." The theatre was very posh and fancy and it was red and gold. We sat in the upper circle on seats A22-32 and we had an amazing view. We were in the middle front of the theatre so we could see everything. My favourite part of the show was when Jimmy (Brandon) pulled his pants down to his boxers and did the splits- it was hilarious. My favourite character was Effie White because she is an amazing singer. When I went to the theatre I was really inspired and you don't often get to go to the theatre with school. Brandon's assembly was fun, but embarrassing, because we had to dance. In his workshops we did shapes and dancing and acting. From performing I learnt to face your fears and get on with it. My favorite part of all of his workshops was when I had to pick an item out of the kitchen to be and it was my favourite part because it made me think hard. The item I chose was a knife because it would get used a lot I think work shops like this are important because it makes kids think hard and makes them face their fears but then succeed anyway."

Charlie J:

My favourite part was the dancing because it was really impressive. We did dancing and performed exercises which was really fun to do. I learnt that if you have to perform you have to push yourself, but it is definitely worth it.

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 is then analysed in school and used towards a comparison case study with South America. Euan commented that he felt like a real geographer and Hannah said it was brilliant to be outside and learning.



Wild About Adventure - Beach Tidy

On 9th March we went to Sugar Sands Beach, Longhoughton where we were on a mission to find man made materials but we found none! We then went rock pooling and looked at ecosystems, walked along the headland and built a dam. We then built a fire and had roasted marshmallows. On 6th April we went to Hauxley, Druridge Bay, we walked along Route 1 then dropped on to the Beach. We saw the Petrified Forest, the remains of a forest from 7000 years ago. After lunch we went looking for fossils, It was a fun but very windy day!



Curling

Glendale Curling Club brought curling to Glendale Middle School and shared the history of the sport in an assembly with us and we got to take part in some curling in the gym. It was great fun!



KS2 Cross Country

Glendale Athletes made an eagerly awaited return to Longridge Towers for the KS2 Cross Country event. As usual, the refreshments, atmosphere and competition were out of this world. Throughout the afternoon, Glendale children were praised for their behaviour and sportsmanship. At all times, any children not racing were cheering each other on. Year 5 and 6 boys put in maximum effort however, the competition were just too good. Our Year 6 girls team placed 2nd in the group event, our year 5 girls team were winners of the group event and have brought back to school a gleaming trophy. Individually, Lauren came third in the individual event which was a massive achievement for her. Emily on the day said that she felt so proud of how everyone had competed.



Ad Gefrin

On a lovely sunny spring day in mid-March children from both of our schools were invited to join the community event to welcome the new stills to Ad Gefrin in Wooler. Year 4 and Year 8 were chosen as our two oldest year groups to attend and we all enjoyed the spectacle of the stills arriving and making their way along the high street and down to Ad Gefrin. The high street was packed with members of the community old and young and it was lovely to get our children back out to a community event after the last 2 years where we have not been able to do so. Thank you to the parents and family members who were able to join us for this event and to Curtis and Dan, our local police officers, for their assistance getting us safely across the A697.



Non school uniform day in aid of The Ryan Renton Appeal

We held a non school uniform day in school in aid of The Ryan Renton Appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated towards this cause.



Year 7 Derby Decides 3rd Place

On Thursday 24th March, Year 5 & 6 Boys took part in a Football Tournament held at Tweedmouth Middle School. This tournament involved local schools from the area. The tournament was played in good spirits on a lovely day in Berwick. Year 5 managed to finish in 4th place after a fantastic last game win against Longridge. Man of the Match Oakley said "After losing the first two games, we came back by scoring goals and eventually winning our last game".

Year 7 who were split into 2 different teams; were placed in different groups. After all games had been played both Year 7 teams had finished 2nd in their groups with the same amount of points, leading to a dramatic 3rd place play-off against each other!

After a hard-fought contest Glendale B came out on top thanks to 2 goals from Jay, also helping him become the top goal scorer in the entire competition. Fantastic effort, team work and behaviour all round on a fantastic day out for the school. Well Done Boys!



Easter Egg Competition



...and the
WINNERS
are...

The Children's Easter Eggs were fantastic this year. It was so difficult to pick the Winners!

Year 5 - Mia & Hannah

Year 6 - Ellie Mai & Isaac

Year 7 - Lucas & Connor



Year 8 - Rhys



Books to Africa

Here is a summary of how many books have been saved from landfill in the UK, and how many were processed, shipped and received in Africa, improving the quality of education for readers of all ages, cultural, and economic backgrounds with a voracious appetite for a variety of subjects.

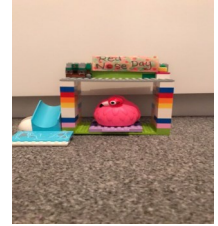


 <p>Books donated in the UK in February 2022 70,878</p>	 <p>Books received in Africa in February 2022 37,452</p>
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COMIC RELIEF

Little Acorns, Wooler First School and Glendale Middle School held a non school uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief. The school council thought it would be a good idea to create a habitat for their red noses. They were great!

You helped us to raise £222.50 for Comic Relief. Thank you!



Inter House Basket Ball

Wooler House were the winner of the inter house basket ball matches. Here is Sarah and Jamie receiving the Jimmy Givens basket Ball shield.



Chat Health Texting Service

School Health are relaunching the ChatHealth Texting Service for 11-19 year olds in Northumberland.

This service offers all young people in Northumberland the chance to access online advice and support from a School Nurse through offering a discreet and quick text messaging service that is safe and easy to use. ChatHealth offers all young people access to health advice in a quick and secure way.



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



Vicki Grey
Nursery Leader and Deputy DSL



Jennie Dunn
SENDCo and Deputy DSL



Rachel Bullen
SENDCo and Deputy DSL



Sarah Milburn
Designated Teacher for LAC and Deputy DSL

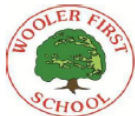
If you are worried about a child you can:

- 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 800 500
- CEOP
- Childline 0800 1111



Academic Calendar 2021 – 2022



School Holiday
 Bank Holiday
 Pupil Day
 Training Day

September 2021							October 2021							November 2021							December 2021						
Mon		6	13	20	27		Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		1	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	27	
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May 2022							June 2022							July 2022							August 2022						
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Payment policy reminder: school dinners are payable in advance on Mondays for the full week ahead, or on the first day of the week your child attends. The school will not provide more than 3 meals without payment being received. If there are arrears, the service will be suspended and we will ask you to send your child to school with a packed lunch until the arrears are cleared. A soup with bread and a choice of fruit for dessert will be served if your child is sent to school without a packed lunch. This will be charged at the usual school meal price. Daily reminders are sent from the cashless system to update parents on any outstanding arrears and a link is available to make payment. Should you have issues using the system, please ring the school immediately so that we can help you or bring cash to the school office. Thank you



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have one more vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like any information please contact the school office.

Quiz Night


The Easter Quiz night has been rescheduled until 20th May.

Bring a bottle and some nibbles to enjoy!

There are some Super Prizes to be won!

Email preschool@woolerandglendale.co.uk to book






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Pinocchio
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Tue 12 Apr 2022 – 2:00 pm
Haltwhistle Library
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Telephone 01670 620394

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- Financially rewarding

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If you would like to find out more, contact the Northumberland Early Years Team at: earlyyearsteam@northumberland.gov.uk



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MORPETH BOOK FESTIVAL 2022

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL	SUNDAY 10TH APRIL
11am to Noon A Conversation with Ann Cleves Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £10*	11.15am to Noon Adventure Babies with Ashleigh Dale Morpeth Library—tickets £5* (Session 2 starts at 1pm—1.45) ENID & Susan Bua Morpeth Library—Free Drop In
1pm to 2.30pm Mansions With Bridget Gubbins, Barbara Fox, Mike Hewitt, Scott Weightman Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £10*	2.00pm to 3.30pm The Adventures of Fannie With Penny Claire McAndrews Morpeth Library—Free Biography
3.30pm to 4.50pm Murder & Mayhem Helen Bridgett, Trevor Wood, Fiona Erikson, Robert Stragg Fiona Vetch Smith Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £10*	3pm to 4pm A Conversation with Glenda Young Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £10*
7pm to 9pm An Evening with Mari Hamah Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £10*	1.30pm to 2.30pm Historical Fiction With Alan Wilkinson Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £10*
9pm to 3.20pm Paisiwick: From Spare with Miss Haddon Session 1: Our Solar System (Building telescopes) Session 2: Deep Space (looking for aliens) Morpeth Library— Tickets £5*	5pm to 6pm A Conversation with Glenda Young Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £10*
12 Noon Poetry: Aftershow With Catherine Ayres, Eileen Bees (12.20 pm), Roy Heath (12.40pm) Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £5*	2.30pm to 6.30pm Dystopian Fiction With Chuck Hogan (recorded interview) Mark Irwin, Amy Lord & Sarah Elliott Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £10*
1.45pm Barbara Pimble Ellen Peppers (2.50pm) Catherine Graham (2.50pm) Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £5*	With Pippa Lee, Gene Groves (12.30pm) Jean Laurie (2pm) Verna Gorman (2.50pm) Jan Clark (2.40pm) Roy Heath (3pm) David Roe (3.20) Pleas to Meet You— Tickets £5*
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Tickets Available Now From www.gmdtevents.eventbrite.co.uk * excludes booking fee

UNION CHAIN BRIDGE

Easter Family Activities

Join us at Berwick Museum & Art Gallery and Paxton House for a fun-filled Easter. Take part in creative problem-solving activities, botanical painting, edible construction, music, and more.




Northumberland **South Northumberland** **Museums** **Heritage Fund**

Wooler Tennis Club

WOOLER TENNIS ACTIVITY

Games – Competitions – Matches – Coaching – Prizes

Wooler tennis club is running a variety of fun tennis coaching and competitions during the spring & summer including Easter, June 3rd term & summer holidays.

Easter Holiday Tennis Camps

- Wednesday's 13th & 20th of April 2022
- 7yrs+
- 2pm-4pm
- £5 per player
- All players **MUST BOOK** their place

June 3rd Term Holiday Tennis Camps

- Wednesday 1st of June 2022
- 7yrs+
- 2pm-4pm
- £5 per player
- All players **MUST BOOK** their place

Wooler Junior Club Term

- Saturday's starting 11th of June 2022
- 7yrs+
- 2pm-4pm
- Free to Wooler TC members

Beth runs these sessions her contact is 07538237332 for further information

Summer Holiday Tennis

- These sessions will be during the 6-week school holidays
- Days/dates/times TBC
- Most likely Tuesday mornings or Wednesday afternoons
- Confirmation will be in June

Key player information

All players **MUST BOOK THEIR PLACE** – contact Phil on 07711479026 to book or for further information
All camps have a minimum and maximum number of players required to go ahead
Rackets can be provided
Players should bring a drink and clothes suitable for the weather conditions and playing tennis.
If the weather makes it not suitable to play – all players who have booked can be notified if we have to cancel.
Payment can be made on the day or ideally via bank transfer to Wooler TC:
Account number 10961368 - Sort code 20-58-17 please add your surname as reference.