

Newsletter



Summer 2021



Goodbye and good luck to our Year 8 Leavers



Glendale Awards 2021 — circumstances forced us to have a much smaller awards presentation than usual this year but our annual awards were very, very well-earned. Congratulations to all of our award winners this year. The full honours list can be found on the next page of the bulletin.



2021 Awards

Award/Trophy	Awarded to
Jimmy Givens Shield for House Basketball	
Sports Day Shield	
House Athletics awards	Year 5 Boy & Girl Robbie S Tilly S
	Year 6 Boy & Girl Charlie J Ella M/Alanah S
	Year 7 Boy & Girl Reuben P Katie C
	Year 8 Boy & Girl Alfie W Emily R
Whittingham Shield for effort in PE and Games throughout the year (Yr 8)	Boy & Girl Will M Grace H
Award for Effort in Year 5 (one pupil)	Isaac T
Award for Academic Success in Year 5 (one pupil)	Poppy W
Award for Effort in Year 6 (one pupil)	Henry M
J.D. Marshall Cup (Scientific Enterprise in Yr 6)	Willow A
Dick Smith Award for Creative Endeavour (KS2)	Lianna C
Award for Academic Success in Year 6 (one pupil)	Ella M
Award for Effort in Year 7 (one pupil)	Chloe F
Sandra Thompson Memorial Trophy	
Award for Academic Success in Year 7 (one pupil)	Jamie D
Pat Campbell Award (Special Achievement) any year	Oliver J
Brenda Smith Cup (Excellence in Art) Yr 8	Mya-Louise H
Ancrum Bowl (Creative Work) Yr 8	Grace H
Pat Frisby Cup (Effort in Music) Yr 8	Zach O
Award for English Yr 8	Olivia B
Award for French Yr 8	Guy F
Murray Cup (Geography) Yr 8	Aivaras S
Award for History Yr 8	Faith D
Award for Computing Yr 8	Faith D
Plate for Mathematical Achievement Yr 8	William M
Noel Spowart Cup for Oral Communication Yr 8	William M
Award for Science Yr 8	Aivaras S
Chrystal McGowan Cup (Food/Textiles Technology) Yr 8	Mya-Louise H
Johnson Salver (Technology) Yr 8	Grace H
Performing Arts	Emily R
Award for Outdoor Spirit	Liam C
Award for most progress over 4 years Yr 8	Jessica R
Tom Newton Memorial Cups (Academic Achievement) Yr 8	Boy Will M Girl Grace H
Cheviot Cups (Initiative and Service to the School) Yr 8 x 2	Lara C & Alfie W
Wild About Adventure Awards - All Round Activities Outstanding Bravery & Determination	Mya H & Alfie W Faith D & Elis T

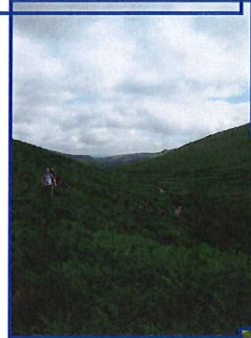
Cheviot Challenge



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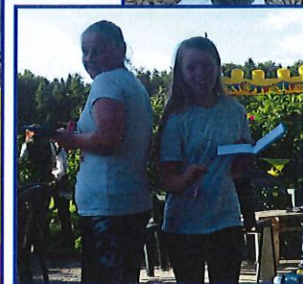
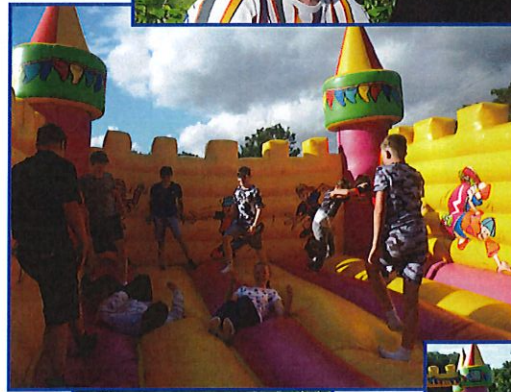
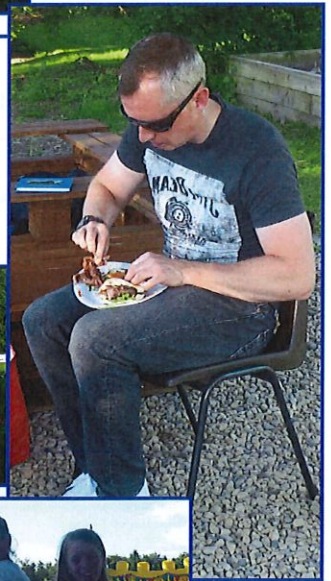


Year 8 tested their post-lockdown fitness on the Cheviot Challenge on Wednesday 14th July. It was a superb day and we all reached the summit on a glorious sunny afternoon. Our decent was the fastest on record as we raced to get down to the minibuses and back to school on time—we didn't quite make it on time but all of the Year 8s should be very proud of their achievement.



Year 8 BBQ

Year 8 even had some energy left after The Cheviot Challenge to party at their evening BBQ and Bouncy Castle. We all had a great time and Mr P did a great job on the BBQ. We enjoyed the evening in the school garden which Yr8 have been busy working on this term. Thank you to the staff for making this possible for the children this week.





Make a Dance Day!

On Friday 9th July, year 6 were treated to a full day of dance with Chloe, from The Malting's. The day consisted of a combination of workshop, improvisation and choreography which culminated in a full dance from the whole of the group. It was absolutely incredible to see them grow over the day from being nervous and self-conscious to smiling and expressive, whilst learning to trust and rely on each other as a troupe.





Bamburgh Castle

12 pupils from Year 5 took a minibus to the beautiful Bamburgh castle to experience what the children described as their best day at middle school ever. Due to the pandemic, this is the first time Y5 had journeyed out of the school building in over 12 months.

Jack said, the staff at Bamburgh castle made us feel like Kings and Queens for the day. Children were treated to a tour where they were informed of the castle's rich history. Children were then given the freedom to explore the castle grounds, take a walk through the village and even play on the village green. The children were impeccably behaved and a real credit to the school.

We even had this fantastic feedback from the castle staff the following day:

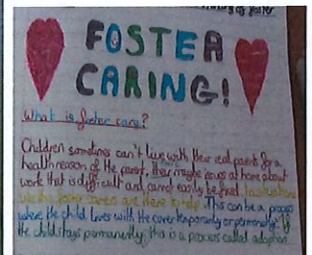
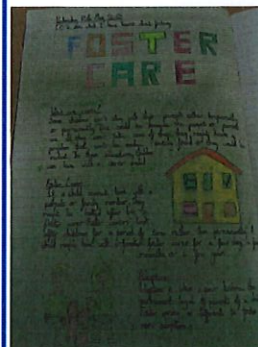
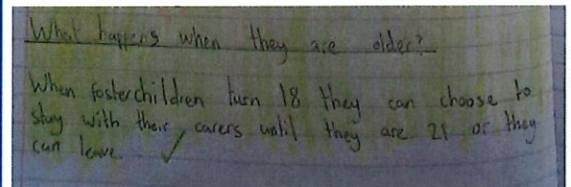
'We found the children so well behaved and I must say without a doubt the best behaved school we have had in to date.'

Foster care fortnight

Foster Care Fortnight™ is The Fostering Network's annual campaign to raise the profile of fostering and show how foster care transforms lives.

Between the 10th and 23rd of May all social studies lessons in school were devoted to gaining an understanding of Fostering.

The outcomes below display children's understanding of fostering after the targeted lessons in school. This fortnight has helped children in our school gain a better



Year 6 Sports Bags

In technology lessons this year we have persevered amidst all of the disruption to complete our fabric design project. We started this back in the autumn last year and then had to wait until the summer term to get back into the technology room where the sewing machines had been waiting for us. We learnt how to use them to turn our tie-dyed fabric into a unique sports bag.

Y4/Y5 Robinwood (Better late than never).



Robinwood

From 7th - 9th July, Year 5 enjoyed a much anticipated (and much delayed!) three-day trip to the Robinwood Activity Centre at Barhaugh Hall in Cumbria.



The activities included canoeing, raft building, zipline, trapeze, the giant swing and piranha pool puzzle room.

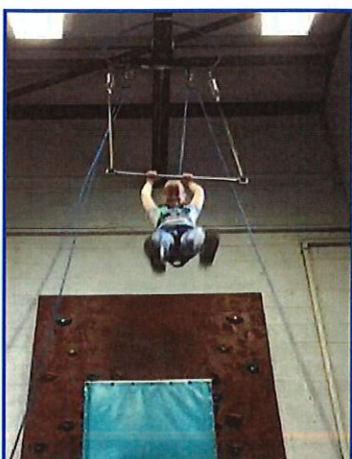
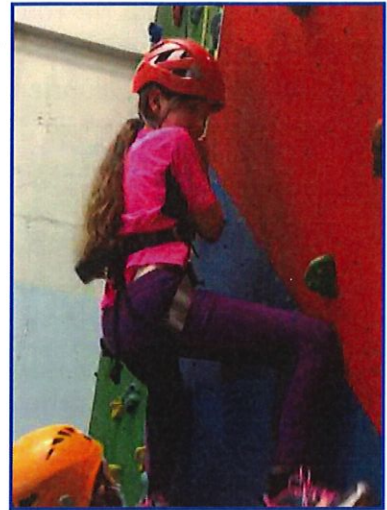
Here is some of the feedback from pupils:

"It was really fun and I'd go again" - Matthew S.

"It was great fun, the staff were kind" - Zack

"All of it was fantastic - I learned to be more confident and try anything." - Molly

"I used to be terrified of heights, now I'm fine!" - Poppy



Flodden



On Friday 14th May, a number of Year 7 pupils began a four-day writing recovery project with a trip to Flodden Battlefield. The aim of the project was to use a stimulating creative experience to engage the pupils and to inspire them; this would then help them build confidence and would help generate examples of quality writing that the pupils could be proud of. While at Flodden, pupils met with Mr Hodgson who engaged them with his knowledge relating the battle and through explaining how he used the battle to inspire his novel "A Heron's Flight." Back in school, pupils participated in drama workshops led by Mr Hodgson and then art workshops led by Miss Hall. Pupils painted a large fabric map of the key sites and then used clay to create the heraldry of the noble families from both sides to position on the map. They also recreated the bloodied surcoat of James IV, which Catherine of Aragon had sent to Henry VIII in France as a gruesome trophy! It was a very successful project. Pupils showed huge progress in not only their writing but in their confidence and self-esteem also.

On Friday 14th May we visited Flodden battlefield to learn about the devastating defeat of the Scots. We came back to school to participate in drama, which was brilliant. The drama workshop was exhilarating; Mr Hodgson was an amazing actor! During the day I felt excited and relaxed. I would recommend visiting Flodden because it is an inspiring place.

Grace B Year 7

On 14th May, we went to Flodden battlefield. Miss Hall, Mr Deane-Hall and Mr Hodgson also came. At Flodden we learned facts about the battle and then when we got back we did some very dramatic acting! During the day I felt free and learnt many new things about the battle that took place in 1513. I would recommend visiting Flodden to people because it's fun to learn new things about history.

Jake M Year 7

I visited the battlefield at Flodden where we learnt about the terrible defeat of the Scottish army and Mr Hodgson gave us an entertaining account of the blood-thirsty event. Overall, the trip was amusing and amazing. I recommend visiting Flodden because it has helped me to learn about the battle and has given me more confidence.

Brodus B Year 7

Beamish

On Friday 5th July, we took Year 6 to Beamish as a trip to enrich their understanding of the Home Front during World War II. Pupils dressed as evacuees, gathered together their rationing-style packed lunches and set off on a journey to experience what life was like for children evacuated from inner city areas. They were "evacuated" to the 1940s Home Farm at Beamish where they participated in an Evacuee workshop led by Museum staff. During the workshop they practised marching and drill and wrote postcards home to their families. Thank you to all of the Year 6 families for the wonderful costumes- the children looked brilliant! Miss Hall

'We were evacuated to Beamish Home Farm on Monday 5th July. We wore evacuee clothes like what children wore back then. On our outfits we also had tags and identity cards. We learned that they used to put tape on their windows to stop glass shattering during bomb blasts. We also learned that children would have had to collect the eggs, clean up the poo to use on the vegetable garden'.

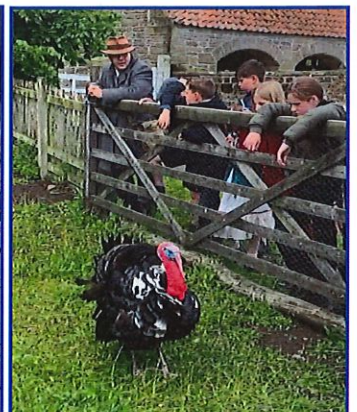
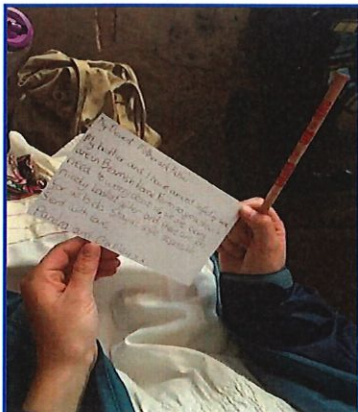
Jessica F Year 6

'We were evacuated to Home Farm! When we were there, we learnt about the 'Dragon's Teeth' (concrete blocks) on Bamburgh beach that would be used to catch the German tanks. This was because Bamburgh was in the top 10 of places the Germans planned to invade as it had wide sandy beaches. We also learnt drilling, marching and how the English soldiers saluted. We also found out that some evacuees were evacuated to Canada and one ship was sunk by German U-boats. Only 7 of the 100 children had survived. Life for evacuees was sometimes scary, siblings could be separated and sit for hours on a train'.

Brooke R Year 6

'At Beamish, I learned that the chemists had large jars of coloured water in the window so that people who couldn't read would know what diseases were in the town. I learned that evacuees would have had to clean out the poo from the animals, feed the animals and collect their produce for food. We also learned about the coal mines and how they mined them. The young miners would get paid 50 pence a week and they paid 48 pence to their mams. They would get 2 pence back to buy a large bag of sweets!'

Isaac A Year 6



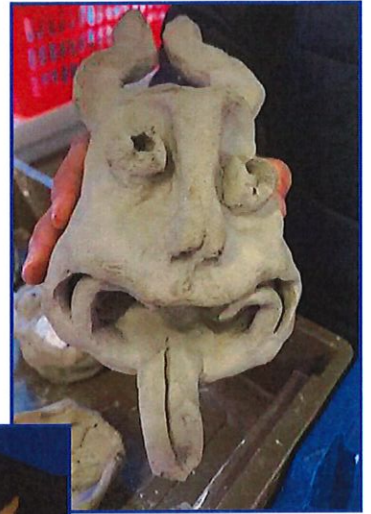
ART LESSONS

Our Art lessons have had to be adapted to teach in the bubble classrooms this year which has proved a challenge! In some cases we have had to move some lessons outside or to move specialist equipment around to teach in non-specialist rooms. Fingers crossed we will be able to be back in the Art Room where we belong next term, creating a lovely mess! Despite these challenges, we have still managed to produce some pieces of work. These creative lessons have been so important for the pupils for building their self-esteem, resilience and happiness- check out the beaming smiles! Here are a few of the highlights this year. Miss Hall

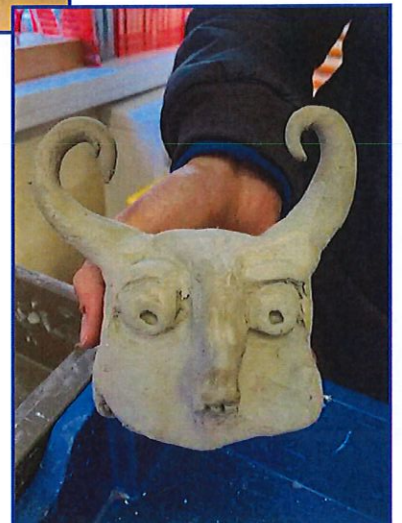
Year 6 Street Art



Year 5 Clay Seascapes



Year 7 Clay Gargoyles



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. Also, we went river dipping and were able to use classification keys to find out what we had caught. Jamie-Jay (5J) was lucky enough to catch a salmon and Zack (5M) caught a brown trout.



After a busy morning, we spent the afternoon walking up the hills 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. Sinead asked the park ranger to show her on an OS map the source of the River



Breamish which led to an impromptu map reading session.



Prime VR experience

We had the pleasure of welcoming Oliver from Prime VR (<https://www.primevr.co.uk/>) into school to take us on several virtual field trips across the world.

Year 5 visited the polar regions, Year 6 summited Everest, Year 7 went to the trenches of WW1 and the rainforest and Y8 were able to visit China and also see the impact of Climate Change. All of our visits linked to our current learning, previous learning or future learning and gave the children the chance to visit places we could only dream about.

Orla Y5 said, 'This is the best thing I've ever seen.'
Robbie, also in Y5 said, 'It feels like I'm really there. I can't believe it.'

Due to the pandemic our usual trips and visits have been put on hold for over a year so this was the perfect opportunity for our children to visit somewhere different. The children gained so much knowledge from each experience, for example Y6's study on mountains took them to base camp Everest, Everest summit, K2, the Matterhorn and more. The children can't wait to hopefully do this again!





Year 5 really enjoyed getting out into our Forest School for some outside technology lessons this



Forest School

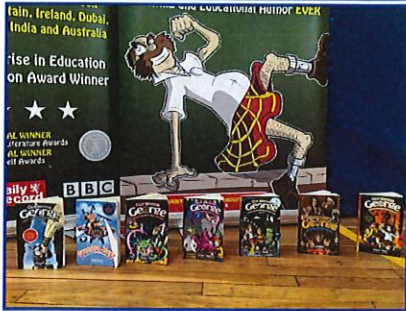


We worked in small teams learning how to safely use a bow saw and light a fire. Success brought huge smiles and tasty treats!!



Reading Rocks!

On Tuesday 22nd June, Stuart Reid the author of 'Gorgeous George' books came to visit Year 5 and year 6 at Glendale Middle School, on his way to the annual Hexham Book Festival. It was such a treat to have this special visit - the first for him since lock down and it was a pleasure to see the pupils laughing and engaging with Stuart and his obvious passion for books.



Verity said that 'He was so expressive and explained how his books were written - not just what they were.'

Wild About Adventure

This year we really have been Wild About Adventure! Year 8 have taken our lovely, yet overgrown school garden and turned it into a quiet haven for the whole school to enjoy. Some serious gardening skills and lots of hard graft has meant that there is now a quiet, reflective oasis in the school grounds. Next year 8's watch out...the pond is in my sights!!

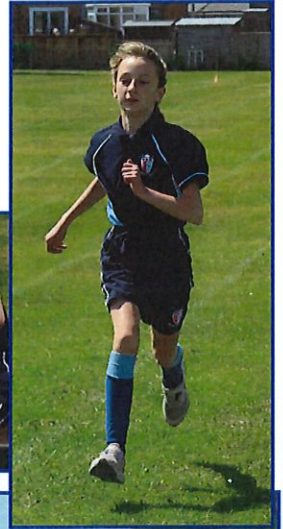
If anyone is in need of some first aid, Year 7 are the people to see as they have been actively learning how to deliver CPR, how to use a defibrillator and lots and lots of bandaging skills.

Year 8 will also get their delayed NNAS award and their first aid certificated from the previous year.

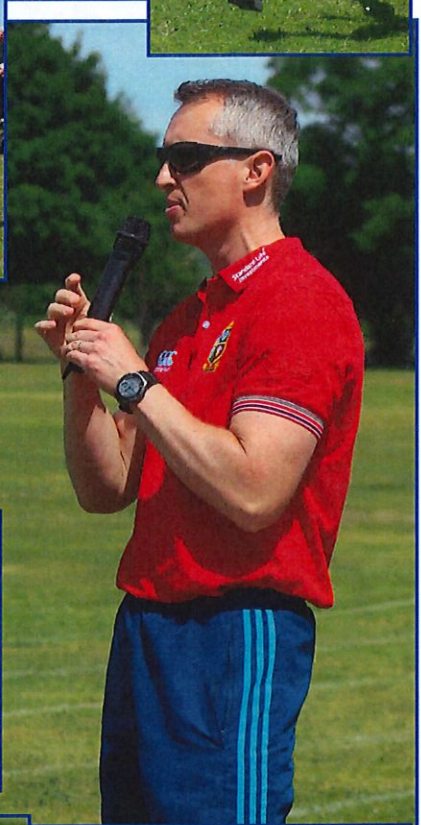
Altogether a very busy, productive and adventurous year...Lets see what September brings...

Thanks for your hard work and commitment. Mrs Chopping





Kindness



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Resilience

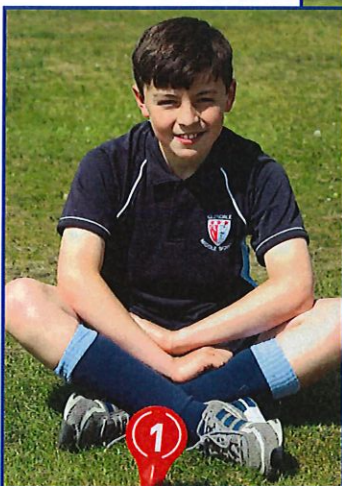


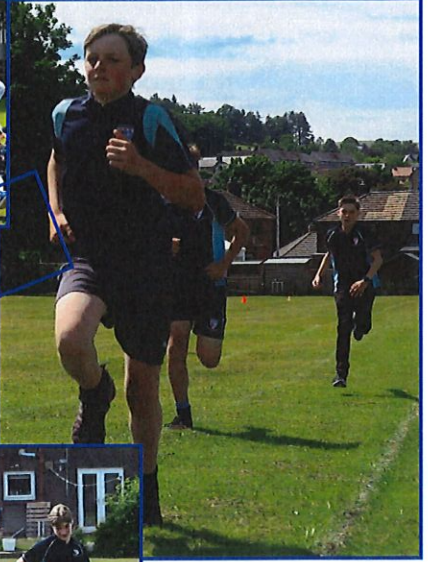


Happiness



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Respect

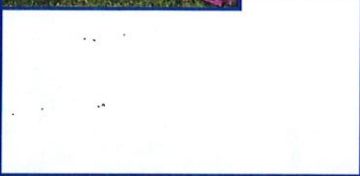
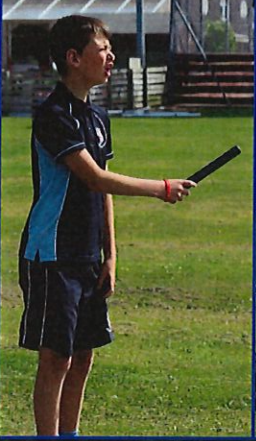
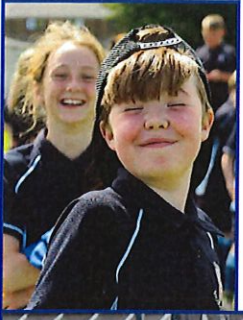


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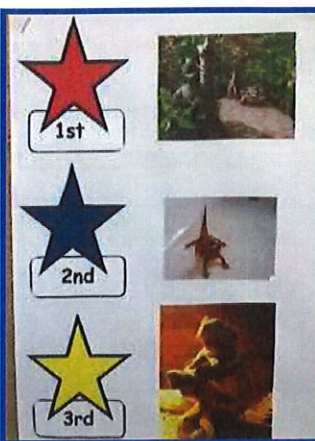
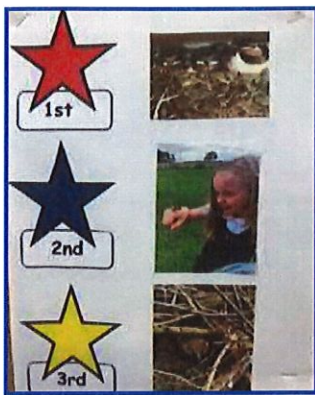
SPORTS DAY



Resilience



Virtual Pet Show Winners



Dogs

- 1st - Arthur
- 2nd - Katie
- 3rd - Tyler

Cats

- 1st - Brodie
- 2nd - Lucas
- 3rd - Arina

Small Furrries

- 1st - Paris
- 2nd - Leif
- 3rd - Brodie

Fish/Reptiles

- 1st - Amber
- 2nd - Sophie
- 3rd - Matthew

Large Animals

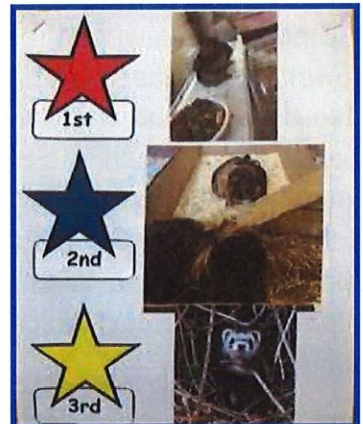
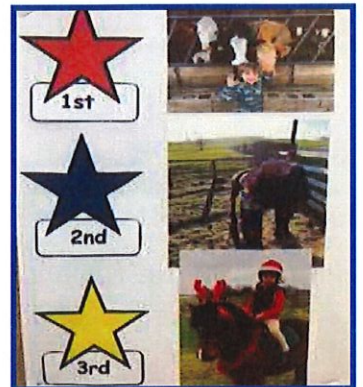
- 1st - Felix
- 2nd - Freddie
- 3rd - Nancy

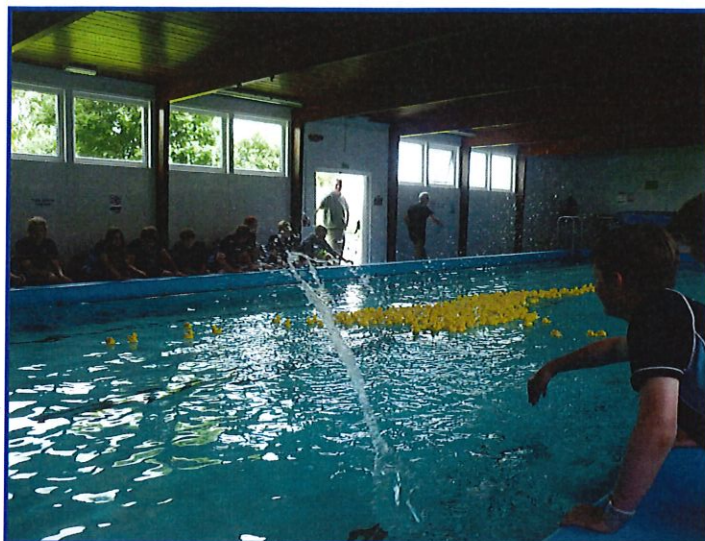
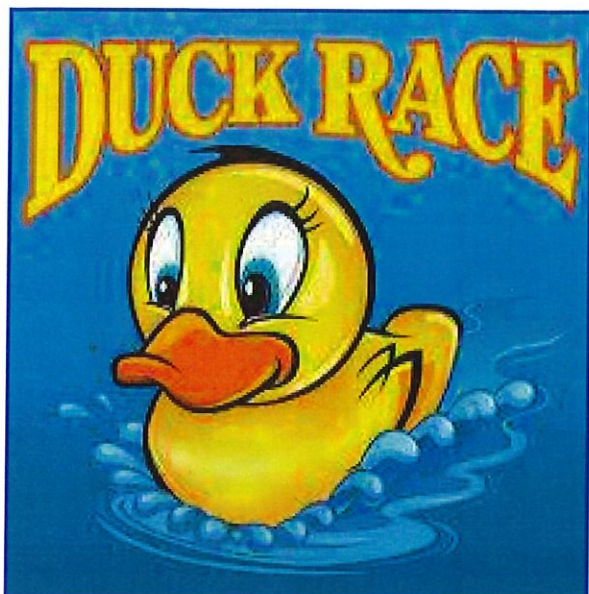
Teachers Pet

- 1st - Miss Scott
- 2nd - Mrs Cockroft
- 3rd - Mrs Cockroft

Out and about

- 1st - Rhys
- 2nd - Lucy
- 3rd - Keira





Duck Race 2021

After all of the fun and games of the last two weeks we decided to hold our annual duck race in our very own swimming pool this year. Year 8 were on hand to help the ducks race the length of the pool (along with Mr Pearse & Mr Lowery with hose pipes!). Mr Tong was also encouraging the ducks but mostly managed to splash the children!!! Thank you to everyone for supporting the First School PTA and Glendale Friends in this fundraising event. We raised £503 to support extra-curricular activities across our schools.

The winning ducks belonged to :

1st Prize - Stephen Crees

2nd Prize - Lauren Gibbs

3rd Prize - Charlie Cockroft

Joint 4th Prize - Peggy Prytherch &
Emma Snaith



Books2Africa

Thank you for the generous donations towards the Books2Africa non school uniform day we held across the 3 settings, it meant we were able to fund the shipment of books to Africa and make a donation of the remaining donations.



This year, because restrictions meant we couldn't hold the Summer Fair the PTA decided to have a Rainbow Raffle, each class had a different coloured hamper to create by donating something in the colour of their class and just look at the fantastic hampers they created, which raised a fantastic £597.50 for the PTA thank you!



- Rainbow raffle Winners**
- 1st prize- Drinks - Mr Tong
 - 2nd prize- Black - Mrs Cockroft
 - 3rd prize - Gold - Brodie
 - 4th prize - Rainbow - Lauren
 - 5th prize - Red - Jamie
 - 6th prize - Orange - Dawn
 - 7th prize - Yellow - Ms Morris
 - 8th prize - Green - Mrs Parkin
 - 9th prize - Blue - Colin
 - 10th prize - Blue - Eileen
 - 11th prize - Purple - Zack
 - 12th prize - Purple - Jackson
 - 13th prize - Pink - Sarah
 - 14th prize - Photograph voucher - Nick
 - 15th prize - Photograph voucher - Kye



Academic Calendar 2021 – 2022



School Holiday
 Bank Holiday
 Pupil Day
 Training Day

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A quick note from the office

Sickness/absence

Please ring the school office by 9am to report your child's absence and keep us updated daily. Thank you

Contact Details

Please remember to inform the school office if you have changed your contact telephone number or moved address. Thank you.

Appointments and Arrangements

Please could any communications regarding home-time/ collection arrangements and medical appointments come directly to the school office and not your child's class teacher as sometimes teachers do not have time to check their emails until the end of the day. You can email school admin in the morning on -

glendalemiddle@woolerandglendale.co.uk or telephone the office on 01668281470. Thank you.



Wooler Tennis Club

SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS ACTIVITY



Games – Competitions – Matches – Coaching – Prizes

Wooler tennis club is running a fun tennis coaching and competitions during the summer holidays at Wooler TC – Tuesdays 20/7/21 x 6-weeks
Also, there is a new junior club time on Saturday afternoon for Wooler TC members, please see below:

Mini Tennis RED
9.15am-10.15am
(6-8yrs Y2/3)
£3 per player - FREE week if you pay for 6-weeks in full



Tennis Camp
10.15am-12.15pm
(7yrs+)
£5 per player - FREE week if you pay for 6-weeks in full

We have rackets/equipment, players need to bring a drink and wear clothes suitable for tennis and the weather ☺
Please **book your place** by texting or contacting Phil on 07711479026, so we can plan the session and we have your contact number in case of bad weather or emergencies.

Wooler Tennis Club Junior Club Time
Saturdays until 21st August 2021
1pm-3pm
FREE to WTC members
Contact Fiona Smith to join WTC on 07851362857

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For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls
Give your little star a summer of big moments in the new All Stars 8-week programme, and create new memories.
Every participant receives their very own personalised All Stars cricket kit, ball, cap and shoes.

Sign up today at
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Calling all 8-11 year-olds!
Dynamo's Cricket is back, the dynamic guarantees us the perfect intro to the sport for those new to the game.
Each week this summer for 8 weeks of skills games of Countdown Cricket and Fun with Friends.
Sign up today, at: dynamocricket.co.uk

Big Moments with All Stars Cricket.

All Stars Cricket returns this May! Guarantee a fantastic first cricket experience for all 5-8 year-old girls and boys with 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development.

Plus, we'll kit them out with their very own All Stars Cricket backpack full of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, personalised shirt and cap – free of charge with each registration.

Learn more at allstarscricket.co.uk
Registration opens March

Introducing Dynamo's Cricket.

A brand new cricket programme for 8-11 year-olds graduating from All Stars of those new to the sport! Apply your skills in an exciting, fast-paced and energetic game of countdown cricket!

Each child will be kitted out with their own New Balance kit, personalised with their name and number on the back, just like the heroes of The Hundred.

Get ready to download the Dynamo's Cricket participant app, packed full of exclusive videos, challenges and activities to practice at home or with friends.

Learn more at dynamocricket.co.uk
Registration opens February

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LEARN TO PLAY GOLF IN A WAY THAT ROCKS!

- Open to all girls aged 7-14 years
- £35 for six weeks coaching
- No experience necessary
- No equipment required, just wear comfy clothes and trainers, and join the fun!

GOSWICK LINKS GOLF CLUB (TD15 2RW)

COACHING BLOCKS

Option 1:
Sunday 4 July 15:00 - 16:00

Option 2:
Sunday 15 August 15:00 - 16:00

For more information or to book your place go to www.girlsgolfrocks.org/GoswickLinksGC

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CAMP INCLUDES:
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Group 1:	School Years: R, 1 & 2
Group 2:	School Years: 3, 4 & 5
Group 3:	School Years: 6, 7 & 8

Location	Venue	Dates	Times	Cost
Seahouses	Seahouses Primary School	August 27th	9.30am-12.30pm	£10.00

Trident Soccer coaches are UEFA Qualified, FA and SFA Qualified. Trident Soccer coaches are First-Aid qualified and fully Police checked. **PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING:** Trainers and boots, shin-pads and refreshment drinks, plus a change of dry clothing/track-suit etc.

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Return forms to Trident Soccer, Hazon Mill, Guzyance, Acklington, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9AT

Tick box for intended group:

Group 1 Group 2 Group 3

Name..... Address.....
Postcode..... Age..... D.O.B..... School Yr(2020/21).....
Telephone number..... Emergency Number.....
E-mail Address.....
Please could you advise of any allergies or medical conditions which your child may have:.....
Signed Parent/Guardian.....
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Safe to Play campaign - Say Something if you See Something

As the summer holiday approaches, we would like to ask you to consider highlighting a very important safeguarding issue to your school community.

Many parents and carers will be enrolling their children with providers of extra-curricular activities, e.g. sport, drama and dance clubs. Some parents and carers may not have the confidence or knowledge to be able to ask questions about the existence of safeguarding measures and policies, or they may simply assume that they are in place already. Those whose children already attend such clubs may be prompted to make checks, too.

Please encourage them to ask these important questions when they are considering leaving their children in the care of these providers.

To help get the message across, you may find it helpful to share the following link: <https://stoo-csa.org/tackling-csa-in-sports/>. This webpage contains advice to parents/carers about what to look out for when signing up for sports activities for their children, but this could apply to any extra-curricular club.

Thank you!

