School Newsletter: Friday 13th Jun 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

This week, nursery have been developing their number recognition skills through fun pirate activities! They enjoyed ordering numbered pirate ships and worked together to spot any missing numbers from 1-5. We then went on a hunt around the classroom to find the hidden treasure and together put them in order 1-5.
We also made the most of the sunshine by enjoying a picnic outside! The children had a great time eating lunch outside with their friends.

Key Stage 1

This week Class 1, had a fantastic time at Beamish. They loved learning about life in the past and participated in a wonderful workshop in the school.

Reception, have continued to enjoy learning about sea creatures and pirates. They have created a pirate hat, a pirate ship and under the sea boxes.

KS1 enjoyed learning about different Hindu festivals in R.E. this week. They also learnt about the weather in the rainforest in geography.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

Class 2 have continued to learn about time this week, with Year 3 looking at digital time and Year 4 converting 12-hour to 24-hour time. They have continued to work hard on this tricky topic. In English, the children have written a setting description of an island and they have produced some excellent pieces of writing - well done everyone. We all really enjoyed the school trip to Beamish on Wednesday. We enjoyed exploring the site, especially going down the mine and we took part in a workshop in the afternoon. The highlight of the trip was the choc ices in the afternoon and the fantastic weather.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have continued reading our CLPE text 'The Last Wild' and enjoyed finding out more about Jaynes's life in Spectrum Hall.

We have also enjoyed looking at internet usage across the world and finding areas on the world map with a lower internet usage than the United Kingdom.

We had a brilliant day at Beamish, I know that going down into the mine was a highlight for everyone! The children set a brilliant example for behaviour and attitudes while we were on our visit.

Durham Dash Congratulations to our 'Durham Dashers', we had some brilliant performances at Beamish on Wednesday night – Well Done!

OPAL Update We are delighted to have been awarded Platinum status which is the highest level of recognition for our OPAL play!

Week Commencing 16th Jun

Monday – Whole School – Teamwork with School Sports Partnership & Alex Dewar*
Monday – KS1 – Dance After School Club*
Wednesday – KS2 – Multi-Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5/Y6 – Swimming**

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in our whole school assembly we talked about the British Value: The Rule of Law. Our news story this week focussed on the new rules being introduced at zoos, aquariums and safari parks in Great Britain. We thought about what animals need to be happy and healthy. This linked to Article 3: Best interests of the child as we discussed what we need to survive and what we need to thrive.

In our music appreciation we listened to Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. The premiere of Carmina Burana was on 8th June 1937 in Frankfurt by the Frankfurt Opera. The children recognised this piece as it is often used in films, TV adverts and programmes which need strong, dramatic music.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15th July 2025 – Sports Day 1:30pm / Report collection from hall at the end of Sports Day
Thursday 17th July 2025 – Leavers Assembly/Nursery Graduation 1:30pm
Friday 18th July 2025 – Break up for Summer break
Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Return to school
Friday 24th October 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd November 2025 – Return to school
Friday 19th December 2025 – Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Return to school