School Newsletter: Friday 6th Jun 2025

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

Nursery have settled back into their routines well after the half-term break. We have begun our new exciting topic 'pirates'. The children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of themed activities, including digging in the sand for buried treasure, mixing coloured water to make a pirate's cup of tea, and building their own pirate ship together! In the pirate ship the children role played as pirates using hand and stick puppets, dressing up and acting out their own pirate adventure!

Key Stage 1

Reception, have enjoyed learning about the seaside and sharing their photographs with each other. They also continued to develop their performing abilities whilst acting out the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.
Class 1 have had a fantastic week filled with lots of P.E. Opportunities. The children have also enjoyed programming units in computing and in science, they enjoyed completing a comparative investigation exploring which ingredient would melt the ice fastest (salt, sugar, water). Lots of children predicted that salt would melt the ice fastest and they discovered they were correct.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

This week Year 3 have been learning to tell time to 5 minutes and 1 minute using analogue clocks. Year 4 have been learning to convert analogue time to digital time using the 12-hour clock. Everyone has worked really hard on this tricky topic.
In English, we have started our new text, 'Gregory Cool' by Caroline Binch. This is the story of a boy who spends the summer in Tobago with his grandparents. We have discussed the differences between Tobago and the UK and we have thought about how Gregory might feel about being so far from home.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week in design and technology, we have enjoyed using Tinkercad to complete challenges in designing series and parallel circuits.
In literacy, we have shared the first chapter of our new CLPE shared text, The Last Wild. The children were very engaged with this text, the children enjoyed sharing ideas and making predictions about what could happen next.
In science, we have begun to look at how animals can be categorised into different groups and used this knowledge to create a PowerPoint about one of these groups.

Durham Dash (Wed 11th 4-8pm)

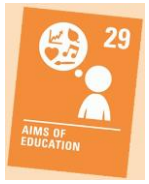
Some of our children are participating in Durham Dash, parent tickets are £4 each and can be purchased from the school office.

Week Commencing 9th Jun

Wednesday – R/KS1/KS2 – Beamish Trip*
Thursday – Y5/Y6 – Swimming**
*Please bring a packed lunch, if your child has ordered a school packed lunch this will be ready to collect on the day
**Please bring swimming kit

General

In our first week back, we looked at the story of Dr Rosemary Coogan, a new astronaut training with NASA and we discussed whether she could be the first British person to walk on the Moon. We talked about how it might feel to be the first to do something?
We linked our assembly to the British Value of Individual liberty - having the freedom to try new things and discover new interests and Article 29: the aims of education.



In our music appreciation we listened to Fly me to the moon by Frank Sinatra. Frank Sinatra (1915–1998) was a very famous American Big Band Jazz singer and actor who had great success in the 1940s and 50s but is still popular today.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15th July 2025 – Sports Day 1:30pm
Tuesday 15th July 2025 – Reports Home
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

Please check dojo for further dates and details