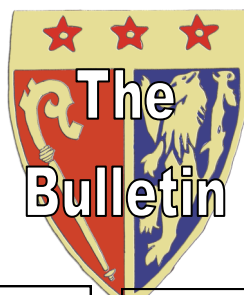


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Trip to Beamish

On Tuesday July 16th, Year 6 were evacuated to Beamish as part of our study of children during World War II. During this fantastic day pupils were in role as evacuees. They had a go at putting up the blackouts in the land girl's cottage, before making rationing cookies in the farmhouse kitchen. Finally, they were drilled in marching by the Home Guard Officer (much to the amusement of the coffee shop crowd who formed an impromptu audience!) After all that hard work, we enjoyed our rationing-style packed lunches in the glorious sunshine. Thanks to parents for getting into the spirit and providing wonderful costumes! Miss Hall



End of Year Awards

Our end of year awards were presented yesterday to children from across the school in recognition of their hard work, progress and contribution to our school community. Thank you to our special guests and well done to all of our winners this year.



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another very busy and successful year! The 2018-2019 academic year here at Glendale has again seen the children and staff working incredibly hard across the curriculum bringing success in all year groups.

I would like to thank all of the children, staff, parents, governors and community volunteers for their work and support across the year. It really makes a difference to all that the children learn, experience and benefit from during their time here at school. Thank you!

We have been reviewing the year and looking at all of the activities and experiences that are at the core of the Glendale Curriculum. It is a particular strength of our school that we hold tightly to the belief that all of our children benefit tremendously from visitors coming into our school to enhance learning. This is also true for the learning, both academic and in terms of personal development, that come from getting out of school and engaging in a wide range of experiences beyond the classroom. In this final bulletin of the year you will find lots of information sharing the work and activities of the children along with key information for the start of the new academic year in September. I would like to finish by wishing our Year 8 leavers the very best for the start of the next phase of their educational journey at their new schools in September. The picture below is of our Year 8's enjoying their end of year treat after a day of rock climbing and coasteering.



Return to school on
Wednesday 4 September 2019



Year 8 children Immunisation

Introduction of a universal Human Papillomavirus Infection immunisation

The Government announced in July 2018 to extend the HPV vaccination to boys, with effect from 1 September 2019, based on the advice of the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). The vaccination programme will now be offered to any individual who is in school year 8.

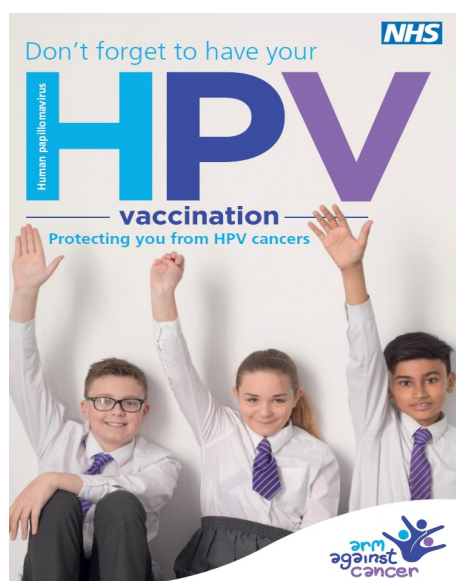
Key points that are useful to know about the changes to the programme:

- The same vaccine that is currently used for the girls' programme (Gardasil®, which protects against HPV types 6,11,16,18) will be used for the universal programme.
- For practical reasons, any individual in school year 8, (regardless of their date of birth), will be offered HPV immunisation.
- A second dose will be offered either within the same school year (separated by a minimum of 6 months), or in the following year.
- A catch-up programme for older boys will not be offered.

The Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) statement about HPV vaccination and expansion to boys is available on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jcvi-statement-extending-the-hpv-vaccination-programme-conclusions>

The School Based Immunisation Team has already contacted the school with practical details who forwarded authorisation forms to families.



Potato Planting

Year 8 girls have been planting potatoes for an internal school competition. Winners not yet nominated...we are waiting for the potatoes to grow!





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PE Review

Glendale Middle School has been very busy since April; we've competed in a multitude of different sporting events with good success in all and occasionally, outstanding results. Once again, the wide variety of sports competitions and outdoor activities that Glendale Middle School participate in has had a tremendous impact on the pupils.

Area Volleyball Championships – four teams from years 7 and 8 contested this tournament. Both girls and boys teams won their overall competitions and qualified for the Northumberland School Games.

Swimming Gala – the swimming gala capped off a very busy SAT's week. Nearly every pupil from Glendale was involved and Mr Pickup, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Brown were very pleased with the effort and ability put forward.

Cricket – since Easter Tom Vickers has been coming into school on Wednesday afternoons to run a cricket club along-side Mr Pickup. This has paid dividends with all of Glendale's teams performing well at their respective Area competitions. Our Key Stage 2 boys actually won their tournament outright and will represent the county at the regional finals at Stocksfield Cricket Club; well done boys.

Finally – this term included the athletics calendar. As usual Glendale took a strong team to the Area Championships at Berwick, qualifying 38 athletes for the next round. The Inter-Area was held at Glendale Middle School and Glendale took advantage of their home field. We managed to qualify 18 athletes to the County Championships at Gateshead Stadium. Stand out performers included Lily Mae T, Olivia P, David T, Kayla B and Will M; all were victorious in multiple events.

On Saturday the 22nd of June, Glendale athletes travelled to Gateshead to compete in the annual Track and Field County Championships. The competition was hard but we still managed to get 7 top 3 finishes and 12 top 5. Mrs Simpson and Mr Pickup were proud of all performances. Athletes of particular note were Lily Mae T who made the final in the yr7 100m, 200m and long jump, Olivia P who finished 2nd and 4th respectively in the yr7 Javelin and Discus, Will M who finished second in the Yr6 Boys High Jump and the Yr7 girls relay team who took 3rd place in the 4x100m.

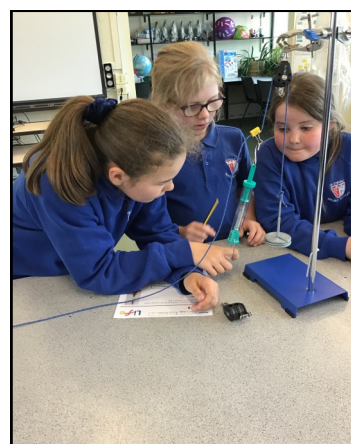
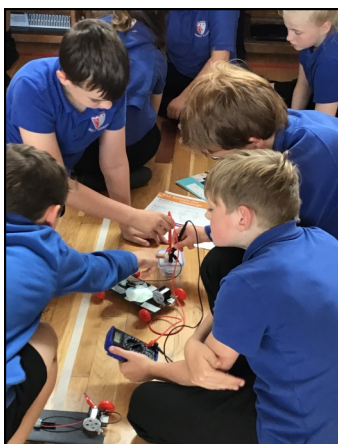
Science Update

Children across the Middle School have had the opportunity to take part in free Engineering & Science workshops this term. Both days allowed pupils to meet scientists and discover "real life" examples of how topics we cover in school can be used in science and engineering careers.

In the Mega Machines workshop, year 5 had great fun exploring forces with a day of hands on practical activities including circus skills, building gears, pulleys, levels and finally a custard pie throwing machine!

The Energiser Challenge workshops saw years 6, 7 & 8 working in teams to build a mini electric car. They were presented with a range of real life engineering design problems to solve based around power, friction and energy efficiency, and how this can affect the design of a vehicle.

Members of STEM club also completed an engineering challenge - to design and build a model of a hand washing device for a school in Kenya. Pupils had to work together to share ideas, work within a budget and make sure that their creations actually worked. They discovered that problem solving and team work are just as important as building and design skills, and earned a CREST Discovery certificate in the process.



County Cricket Photos



Summer Holiday Digital Events (for young people)

As part of Northumberland County Council digital skills programme, NCC Information Services Team are hosting a number of events across the Summer holidays for young people. They are in multiple locations and there are a number of exciting events on offer to attract a large number of people. Dates and locations are as follows:

Northumberland Summer Digital Events

Northumberland County Council's digital team are hosting a series of digital/STEM related events throughout summer, as detailed below.

Date	Time	Venue	Activity
Tuesday 30 July	09.30 - 13.00	Northumberland Archives, Berwick	Interactive Archives
Thursday 1 August	09.15 - 15.30	STEM Centre, Northumberland College	Exploring STEAM
Tuesday 6 August	09.30 - 11.30	Berwick Library	Exploring Scratch
Wednesday 7 August	13.00 - 15.00	Blyth Library	Exploring Sonic Pi
Friday 9 August	10.00 - 12.00	Widdrington Library	Exploring Lego WeDo
Tuesday 13 August	13.00 - 15.00	Ashington Library	BBC Micro:bit Treasure Hunt
Monday 19 August	13.00 - 15.00	Hexham Library	Exploring Minecraft
Wednesday 21 August	09.45 - 15.00	Fuse Media Centre, Prudhoe	Digital Discovery Day
Friday 23 August	10.00 - 12.00	Dr Thomlinson Middle School, Rothbury	Exploring Digital
Tuesday 27 August	10.00 - 12.00	Stobill Links, Morpeth	Exploring Makey Makey
Thursday 29 August	09.15 - 15.30	Duchess's Community High School, Alnwick	Exploring STEM

For further information (including age ranges for each event) and to book places visit <http://www.inorthumberland.org.uk/events/> or search online for 'Nathan Fuller Eventbrite'



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Yr7 Coffee Morning

Earlier in June our Year 7s hosted a coffee morning at The Glendale Hall. All of the year group took part in the preparations for the event with lots of baking going on throughout the week ahead of the coffee morning. Special thanks to Mrs Simpson who worked tirelessly to help the children make some scrumptious cakes and biscuits. Thanks also to the children, staff and parents who helped with baking at home, sent in raffle prizes and who helped on the day. Over £200 was raised which will be put towards the materials costs for the Yr7 exercise station project which is running across the summer and autumn terms.



Street Dancing

The children have been enjoying some street dance sessions organised and funded by Glendale Festival. These sessions have been led by Conor O'Kane who is one of Tyneside's top break-dancers. He will be performing with his group at the Festival on Sunday 21st July. The children will also be performing their dances. So if you are free, come along and watch their great work.

Operation Encompass

We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird and Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project, named Operation Encompass the Next Steps, aims to form part of a wider strategy to break the cycle of Domestic Abuse through education and support. The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers who will: Work with our teachers to deliver an age appropriate session exploring aspects of Domestic Abuse/friendships /relationships/emotions and be available in school at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships and Domestic Abuse.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community.

Sport Day Photos

Sports Day was a great success!! The children had lots of fun. Thank you for all your support.



Vindolanda Trip

On Wednesday 17th July, Year 5 visited the Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda. Pupils met an archaeologist who gave a fascinating talk about life on the 'edge of empire' and current excavations at Vindolanda. We had a wonderful day exploring the ruined fort and Vicus (town) and examining the incredible archaeological finds housed in the museum collection.



Woodhorn Visit

On Tuesday 25th June, year 7 and 8 visited WoodHorn for an Art Celebration day. They had small workshops with different types of artists, from illustrators to print artists to sculptors. An illustrator called Daniel Weatherit showed them a beautiful hand carved sculpture of a character from a book he was working on. He had spent months making it and the pupils were fascinated by the creature. Also he asked the pupils to draw something on a small piece of paper so he could make a flipbook of their unique drawings. Just before lunch the pupils went to a different room to meet a sculptor. He asked our pupils to create a sculpture using only two materials: glue and strips of black paper. They could work in pairs or by themselves. Some of their creations were creative and definitely confusing. There were many more activities and workshops, including printmaking and drawing onto windows, they were all different and interactive. The children had a fun time and would love to do it again. Pupils also created long drawings in the gallery, where they were asked to draw what they liked about school. *By Alyssia and Miss Hall*



Mount Cook Trip

Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a fantastic activity trip to Mount Cook. Miss Dunn's blog is available on the school website for you to read and enjoy the photos.



The Boy is Striped Pyjamas

Year 8 have been studying "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" by John Boyne, which inspired some very thought provoking poetry such as "The Yellow Star" written by Hannah B.

'The yellow stars' by Hannah B

Striding past the yellow stars,
Slurs painted so foul,
Striding past the broken street,
Evacuate the city now.

The bombs will fall,
And traitors will be killed,
Trapped, holding their breath,
Waiting for the knock on the door,
That means incoming death.

Let the death train whistle,
Let the traitors die,
Cramped up in the small space,
All because one man, one nation,
Thought they were a waste.

The yellow stars mean strength to the nation,
Throwing out the things they hate,
All because of one little thing,
They weren't the Arian race.

Say goodbye to your family,
And traitors of your nation,
Try and think your last free thought,
Because here comes the train station.



Duck Race

Our annual duck race took place on Monday afternoon this week and the weather was lovely. The ducks were well trained and took maximum advantage of the great conditions and the newly cleared river banks. With the lovely weather this week staff were queueing up to volunteer to be 'in the river' to assist with any ducks that got left behind. Thank you to everyone for supporting our duck race this year £270 was raised for PTA funds which will be used to support wider curriculum activities and events for the children across the year.

The first prize goes to Ruth Davies who wins £15. The duck was sold by Ewan J.

The second prize goes to Andy Pryor. Andy wins £10—duck sold by Liam C).

S Halkett wins the 3rd prize, £5. The duck was sold by Zak W.



A message from Wooler Young People's Association

If your child is moving into year 7 after the summer holidays, they can attend the Wooler Drop-In Centre in the holidays from Wednesday 24th July. The sessions are Wednesday 6-8pm and Thursday 7-8pm. They are closed sessions and are free of charge. Once they move to year 9 they can then also attend the later sessions. On their first night each child will be sent home a membership form to complete and return to the Drop-In with their details on it. Wooler Young People's Association look forward to welcoming the new young people.



Yr 5 Kites

Over the last term Yr5 have been mastering (with varying degrees of success!) the electric sewing machine. Kites have been designed, made and then flown on the school field – this was with much running around due to light wind conditions but our enthusiasm was undented. Well done to all of the Year 5 children for their dedication and concentration during this challenging project. I would thoroughly recommend getting out over the summer and flying a kite – it is great fun!



Yr8 Cheviot Challenge

What a day to take on the mighty Cheviot Challenge. On Tuesday this week our lovely Year 8's took to the hills seeking to reach the summit of The Cheviot. It was a fantastic day, the weather was great, the children even better and the views across our stunning landscape were breathtakingly beautiful. This is a tough challenge and our Year 8's are worthy of praise for their determination, teamwork and resilience. Everyone made it to the top and back again and enjoyed dipping their hot feet in the stream before we headed back to school.



Trim Trail Construction

Both schools have invested in a new trim trail for the children to enjoy at break times. This is being installed this week and will be ready for the children at both schools to enjoy in the autumn. Artificial grass surfacing is being installed around the trail which will mean that it can be used all year round to support children's fitness and co-ordination.



Kite Making Project

On Monday the 10th of June, we made kites with two artists called Frances and Paula. We used a Japanese technique to make our kites. To make our kites we used rice-paper and dye. We used origami folding techniques to create nice patterns with the dye. To make the frame for our kites we used bamboo. While making our kites we were in silence and we listened to a 'Zen' music. I really enjoyed this experience because I have learnt something new and I liked how calming the whole experience was, especially when we listened to the Zen music. *By Chloe P Year 8.*



Letters to an Artist Project

On April 1st, Year 7 and 8 were involved in the beautiful project 'Letters To The Artist'. An experienced artist called Amy Lord came into school to organise the event and to help the children make their letters. Amy is a visual and live artist who makes breath-taking art work. The children used their origami skills to make small envelopes. These envelopes housed their inspiring and useful letters. These letters were then given to the younger pupils in our first school. Each older pupil wrote some advice and thoughtful messages that would help the younger children through school and life. We were given something in return, a clay honeycomb. The pupils then hung the honeycombs on a unique display in our forest. This display was colourful and imaginative. The children enjoyed doing this artistic project and will remember it for a long time. By Alyssia M, Year 7



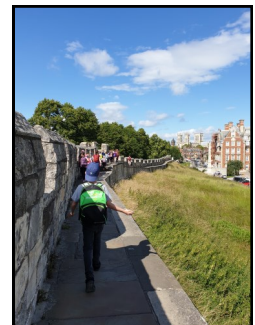
Envelope making with Year 3 and 4 by Frankie R

This activity was to help the first school children make an envelope to put their letters in. We spent one hour with one or two children each. First we watched a clip in sections and copied what Amy Lord showed us (the artist we have been working with). She told us to do sharp folds and to use a ruler to flatten the folds down. We practiced our envelope making with Amy Lord in person; we are very thankful for it and for all the rest of the work we will be doing with her in the future. The children worked very well and concentrated really hard and they seemed very pleased!



Yr 6 Trip to York

Glendale Middle School Year 6s embarked on a 'post SATs' 5 day trip to York this July, where they explored the wonderful city of York.



After catching a train, the week was packed full of adventure from the Jorvik Museum and boat trips to the National Rail Museum and even an evening trip to the cinema. This was a great chance for pupils to experience city life and all returned exhausted (teachers included) but refreshed!

Well done to all of the children as we had many positive comments from members of the public regarding their behaviour and conduct.



Siobhan Dowd Trust Award Glendale Middle School £250

Glendale Middle School were recently awarded £250 from the Siobhan Dowd Trust – a charity which works to give young people the opportunity to read and enjoy literature. The grant was given so that a small group of pupils could purchase books for the library and experience the joys of browsing through book shops, especially as we have one of the biggest and best second-hand book shops in the country, so close to us – Barter Books! The pupils had a super relaxing morning that included a guided walk around the historical shop, exploring its past and culminating in the purchase of over 90 much needed books for our library. Generously, Glendale PTA also contributed by funding the coach costs and treating the students to a slice of cake and tea in the coffee shop; confirming to the pupils that there are very few better ways to pass the time than browsing through books! Glendale Middle School whole-heartedly thanks the Siobhan Dowd Trust and the Glendale PTA for making this possible.



Communications Plea

Information is sent to you in various forms: by letter, texts, emails and newsletters.

The office is continually being contacted in ever increasing numbers by parents/carers requesting information which has already been provided to you. These requests come in the form of: telephone calls, in person, additional letter requests, emails.

Singularly, they may only take a few minutes, but collectively they waste a huge amount of staff time which should be used more effectively in dealing with other school business.

In these times of ever increasing demands and tighter budgets, we do not have the time or capacity to deal with these numerous requests. All such requests have a cost in time or money.

Please, please, when you receive communication from us about things that are happening in school, **put them in a safe place where you will be able to find them to refer to them** so there will be no need to contact school unnecessarily.

Another area in which a lot of staff time is wasted is in chasing up **reply slips**. Please send them back as soon as possible but in all events, **no later than the deadline date**. Failure to do so may result in you or your child missing out.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.



Academic Calendar 2019 - 2020



School Holiday
 Bank Holiday
 Pupil Day
 Training Day

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Important Change of Bank Holiday Date

May Bank Holiday has changed from May 4th to May 8th 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

All the staff and governors here at school would like to wish you a safe and happy summer.

HELLO
Summer
Holidays