# **April 2019**



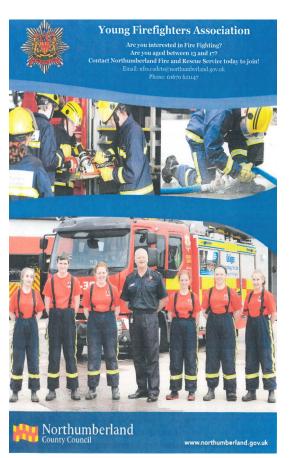


# Young Firefighters Association

Northumberland Young Firefighters Association want to recruit young people between the age of 13 and 17. Fire Cadets' branches are:

Alnwick: Tuesday 6:00-8:00pm Rothbury: Thursday 6:00-8:00pm Wooler: Monday 6:00-8:00pm

For more information please ring 01670 621 147 or contact charlotte.sayers@northumberland.gov.uk



# **Home Time Arrangements**

If the home time arrangement for your child/children differs from the usual, please can you send a written note with your child in the morning. We are getting an increasing number of requests late in the day and earlier notice to your child's class teacher will prevent the school staff from having to disturb classes. Thank you.

# Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our Spring Bulletin - in these pages you will find just some of the wonderful things that your children have been learning about and exploring here in school and out on educational visits over the last term. As usual it has been all go since we came back from the Christmas break with two very short but successful (and warm then snowy) half terms. The children have been working really hard across the curriculum making pleasing progress in their knowledge, understanding and skills. Our Year 6 students in particular have responded well to the demands of the new End of Key Stage testing and are preparing well for those assessments in the summer term. A special note of thanks to Mr Tong and Miss Dunn who have been giving freely of their time to give extra support and quidance to the children.

As you will see in the following pages Glendale continues to provide a wonderful depth to the curriculum for the children affording them experiences that go above and beyond. We have thoroughly enjoyed our recent visiting artist workshops as part of our three year ArtsMark project—with more to come next term! Sports continue to play a big part of life at Glendale and with longer days, lighter nights and warm(er) weather ahead we will continue to enjoy getting out and competing next term.

We would all like to wish our very best to Mr Pickup and his wife who are expecting their first child over the Easter break. Mr Pickup will be away from school for the first two weeks of next term as he adjusts to being a new dad!!! His timetable will be covered by our existing part-time staff while he is away. I hope you enjoy reading through our Spring Bulletin and all at school would like to wish you a very Happy Easter.

#### **New Phone Numbers**

If you have a new mobile number, please can you ring the office and let us know so that we can update our systems. Thank you.

## Social Media

Social media can be a wonderful tool to connect people, it can also be a very destructive and corrosive technology if abused. If you have a concern regarding anything relating to our school we would expect that this is brought to our attention directly not posted on social media. We do not post information or gossip about children or families and we expect the same conduct in return. Inaccurate and ill-informed posts and comments damage the important relationship between home and school.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

# WFS Forest School needs your help

WFS needs planning permission for the Forest School classroom that they are wanting and the PTA are asking for your help. Please could parents go on the below link and make a comment in support of the planning application. You will need to register first but it only takes a few minutes to do.

https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications and key in application reference number 19/00744/CCD.

Thank you.

# **Red Nose Day**

The two schools fundraised a total of £308.50 for Red Nose Day. Thank you to all who contributed.





## **First Point of Contact at School**

Please could we kindly remind parents/carers that their first point of contact at school should be their child's form teacher. Should parents/carers wish to leave a message, the school office is manned from 08:30 till 16:00. Alternatively, emails can be sent to glendalemiddle@woolerandglendale.co.uk. Many thanks.

## **Scholastics Book Fair**

£645.80 of books were sold during the book fair that took place in February. 50% of the sales value has been awarded to our two schools by Scholastic. Thank you to all who supported the fair.

# **World Book Day**

Glendale Middle School Pupils celebrated World Book Day this year, as always, with their own inimitable style, dressing up as their favourite book characters and taking part in World Book Day activities during lessons throughout the day. Special mention also needs to go to Jasmine M, Eden R, Tayler GF, AJ B, Poppy R, Amber L, Grace B and Tallulah C for winning the fancy dress.



#### Absences and Late Arrivals

Please remember to ring the school office before 9 a.m. each day your child is poorly or cannot make it to school. If your child is late, please enter the school by the main door so that the office staff can amend the register for your child.

# **Head Lice**

We have identified a couple of cases of headlice here in school. As this is a condition which spreads easily and rapidly we are reminding all families of the importance of checking their child's hair regularly. Checking for headlice is a simple procedure using a special comb that can be obtained from supermarkets or the chemist. All family members will need to be checked too. Advice from health professionals is to only treat where

flive' lice are seen. Further advice on treatment and prevention can be obtained at the chemist or online using the following NHS link: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

If a child is found to have head lice in school parents will be informed immediately by telephone. A joint decision between home and school will then be made regarding the best course of action to deal with the problem. Suitable treatment should take place as soon as possible – once treated children are able to come straight back to school.

# **Artsmark Update**

As part of our ongoing art project with Woodhorn Colliery and Archives, funded for three years through the "Start Art" initiative, Year 7 and Year 8 spent two days working with artist Amy Lord last week.

Amy worked with pupils in developing an art installation for the forest area titled "Letters to the Artist." Pupils used collage techniques to create individual pieces of work that were later suspended as a collective art work installation in the forest area, using wire and ribbon. The work undertaken with Amy and the pupil's learning during these two days will contribute to each pupil's individual progress in achieving the Art Council's Bronze Level Art Award, a nationally recognised art qualification. Year 7 and 8 children, not attending the Summer Term residential trip, will have a further day at Woodhorn on 25<sup>th</sup> June, where all the schools involved will come together to celebrate the work so far and will have the chance to participate in a further workshop with artists.

More exciting arty events are planned for June! Next term, we have invited two artists from "Drywater Arts" in Amble into school to work with pupils from each year group across both schools for a full week. During this week, pupils will learn Shibori fabric dyeing techniques, using the fabric they fold and dye to create kites and banners. This project, entitled "Enfolding" has been aimed at uniting our two schools even more closely through this collaborative project.

All of this art work will be on view for families during an Art Celebration event, planned for the end of July. On this day pupils, families and the community can come together to celebrate all of the wonderful work that has been undertaken this year. The event will also be including musical performances by pupils from both schools, a chance to view and purchase framed art work from pupils of both schools in a BIG art exhibition and kite flying! There will also be living sculpture demonstrations, which pupils will have devised with performance and dance artist Lynn Campbell. Lynn will also be running free aerial gymnastics and circus skills workshops for everyone to try!

Lots to look forward to, in the meantime Happy Easter to all!

Miss Hall



# **Sport Report**

Cross Country - On the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2019, Glendale took 16 athletes to South Shields to represent North Northumberland in a National Cross Country Qualification race. In winter conditions, all athletes performed very well. In the junior girls' race, Alyssia McF lead Glendale home, finishing 38<sup>th</sup> out of 103 runners. Will M was the leading runner in the Junior Boys' for Glendale, breaking the top 50 a year young. Eva M and Grace W both finished in the top 50 in the combined Year 8 and 9 race.

<u>Junior Netball (28.3.19)</u> - Glendale took two teams to the Area Netball Competition at Tweedmouth. The year 5 team progressed very well, gaining valuable match practice during the rounds. The Year 6 team performed very well, winning 4 games. Standout performances came from Ellie A, Olivia B and Emily R.

<u>Senior Netball (26.3.19)</u> - Glendale took two teams to the Senior Area Netball at Tweedmouth. The Year 7 team finished 2nd winning all but 1 game and showed real ability towards the later rounds. The Year 8 team, minus a couple of injuries, performed very well, winning 3 matches. They finished second runners up to very strong Tweedmouth and Berwick teams.

Senior Football (19.3.19) - Glendale took two teams to the Senior Area Football at Tweedmouth. The Year 7 team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> winning 3 games and showed real ability towards the later rounds. The Year 7b team, minus a couple of injuries, performed very well, winning 2 matches. They also finished second runners up to very strong Tweedmouth and Berwick teams.

Junior Netball (22.3.18) - Glendale took two teams to the Senior Area Netball at Tweedmouth. The Year 5 team finished 2nd winning all but 1 game and showed real ability towards the later rounds. The Year 8 team performed very well, winning 3 matches and remained unbeaten throughout the whole tournament, ultimately taking victory. They continued their fine run of form defeating a very strong Berwick Middle School 4 – 1. Victory was also shared by our year 7 girls netball team who defeated Berwick 9-4 and have only lost one game all season.







# **Easter Egg Competition**

Once again, staff and pupils were amazed by the imagination and creativity on display in this year's decorated egg competition! There were fabulous entries from all year groups and deciding on winners was an unenviable task. Fortunately, the tricky job of judging them was handed over to the Art Council this year! Thanks for all of your hard work and I hope that you all have a great holiday. Happy Easter!

The winners are as follows:

Year 5:

1st-Rowan

2nd-Grace

3rd-Rhys

Year 6:

1st- Freya

2nd- Billie

3rd- Aimee

Year 7:

1st- Frankie

2nd-Sophie M

3rd- Verity

Year 8:

1st- Ruby

2nd- Hannah

3rd- Grace















# Year 5 get creative with kites

This term all of our Yr5 children have been working hard to design and make their own pocket kites. They have risen to the challenge of learning to use the sewing machines (not an easy task) and have been brilliantly creative in their wonderful designs. They have all worked really well to develop the skills required using templates, accurate measuring and cutting as well as the all important sewing skills and the safe use of warm glue guns! I have also been impressed with the children's teamwork and their resilience and determination when the going has been tough. The support they have given each other as we have turned designs in to reality has been lovely to behold. We will be looking for a dry and breezy day after Easter when we will all be out running around the field test flying the kites before the children bring them home.





# Year 7 Technology

Our Year 7s have been very busy with their projects in Technology since returning from the Christmas break. The two groups swopped over this term to enable all to engage in both technology and food technology lessons. In food tech skills have been developed and improved and some lovely food made (the smells emanating from the food technology room this term have been very appetising). The other half of the year group have taken on the challenge of learning to make a bird box following a super visit to Ford & Etal Sawmill at the start of the term (special thanks again to Mr Nevins for hosting us). They have worked brilliantly and should be very proud of their finished work - they will be brining them home today to enable them to put them up for the birds. Hopefully they will soon be occupied as our local birds start nesting.



# Yr6 Textiles Project

This term the Year 6 students have put into practice their previous learning decorating and working with textiles. They have worked really well in spite of ongoing challenges with our sewing machines (one or two individuals became know as 'destroyers of the machines'!). The finished sports bags are really impressive with some stunning tie-dye designs. Well done to all of the children for their success in this tricky project.



#### **British Science Week**

British Science Week took place from 6th - 15th March. This year, pupils were challenged to use scientific skills to investigate and solve problems. Year 5 explored the properties of unusual materials such as cornflour paste and discovered that some liquids can behave like solids! Year 6 investigated the ways in which animals adapt to survive in their environment and designed their own animals to suit a specific habitat. Year 7 and 8 investigated which factors can speed up or slow down chemical reactions by carrying out some very good practical work based on the lodine Clock experiment. A poster competition was held across school and the five best will be entered into the national British Science Week competition - the topic this year was Journeys. There have been some excellent entries, winners will be announced in due course! Miss Johnston





## Screen Time for Children

As you may have heard in the news, a report has been published by the UK's four chief medical officers on the impact of screen-based activities on children and young people's wellbeing. When they acknowledge that technology can be a wonderful thing, too much time sitting down or using mobile devices can get in the way of important, healthy activities.

Here are some of their tips for balancing screen use with healthy living.

- Getting enough, good quality sleep matters. Leave phones outside the bedroom when it is bedtime.
- Education matters. Make sure that you and your children are aware of and abide by their school's policy on screen time.
- Safety when out and about. Advise your children not to use their phone while crossing the road or doing an activity that requires a person's full attention.
- Enjoy screen-free meal. Talking as a family is very important for development.
- Talk to your children about sharing photos and information online and how photos and words are sometimes manipulated.
- Talking as a family about keeping safe online and about cyber-bulling and what children should do if they are worried.
- Keep moving! It's good to take a break after a couple of hours sitting or lying down using a screen.
- Use phone features to keep track of how much time is spent on screens or on social media.

A commentary by the chief medical officers that accompanies the guidelines also stressed that more research was needed. However, the officers said immediate action to safeguard young people is necessary by the government, social media platforms and technology companies. Among their suggestions are that the latter sign up to a voluntary code of conduct to protect children online, before the possible introduction of new laws.

The full report is available at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-cmo-commentary-on-screen-time-and-social-media-map-of-reviews">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-cmo-commentary-on-screen-time-and-social-media-map-of-reviews</a> or please ask the school office for a copy of it.



# 500 Words Competition

Earlier this term, Year 7 were tasked with writing a short story, of no more than 500 words, as a homework task. Creative and industrious as ever, Year 7 threw themselves into this challenge and wrote some wonderful stories! They invented wonderful characters, ranging from fortune-telling ducks to globe-trotting grannies; and developed some gripping plots. These stories have been submitted to the Radio 2 '500 Words' competition, but staff also read and judge these stories in school too, awarding particular favourites prizes in our 'World Book Day' assembly.

Our winners were:

1st: Hector R 2nd: Adele L 3rd Makoto K

Special mentions: David, Finley, Eden and Josh

I have included below the winning story as judged by school staff. David Walliam's should watch his back as Hector's hilarious tale of grannies on the run, 'Thelma and Louise' style, had the teachers chuckling. We loved the humour and originality. Adele's apocalyptic story, told from the perspective of a guinea-pig, was cleverly written and very imaginative; and Makoto's beautifully described story was also a very worthy winner, containing sophisticated control of language and description. Well done to all of the entrants; it was a horrible task having to choose favourites, as they were all wonderful. We keep our fingers crossed to see if any of our Year 7's will be shortlisted in the Radio 2 competition in April.

Miss Hall

# Whatever age you are you can do whatever you want! By Hector

Once upon a time, my nanna was in hospital with a rare condition and there was a mysterious lady next to her with dementia, who kept trying to escape from the hospital. Everybody was getting annoyed with her apart from my lovely nanna, who found her quite funny. The lady with dementia did stuff like get into her bed and try and find her phone, but of course she would give it back in the end.

One day, she asked my nanna if she had her passport and strangely enough she did! So the lady with dementia asked, "Should we go on an adventure?" My nanna loved adventures, so she said yes!

This hospital was very forgetful and accidentally left the door open next to my nanna's bed, which leads to the car park. So for once they could escape. My nanna had all her money, which was the same as the lady with dementia, so out they walked.

Three years later-when they had finally reached my nanna's house-they booked their tickets and they thought, why not go and see my sister, who is on her gap year in Australia? Coincidently, my mum had gone to see her at the same time, so my nanna and her new friend had gone to the airport with all their luggage and got on the plane getting really excited.

23 hours later, in Australia, they sprang off the plane, like Usain Bolt and rushed to their destination (which was my sister's house where my mum had just arrived at). Sadly, they got tired after 25 seconds, and decided to do it the modern way, which was by the train. Finally, they had got to the destination and absolutely loved seeing my sister and my mum.

After spending four weeks in this beautiful destination, they travelled all over the world from America to Russia getting awe some jobsfrom swimming coaches to world gymnasts- but there was one thing they both really wanted to do, and that was be an astronaut. They knew that was never going to happen. Funnily enough two weeks later, they won the lottery and I can tell you it's a coincidence-I'm reading a Series of Unfortunate Events- because the complete opposite is happening to them and that's a fact!

They were beginning to love their life but very weirdly we lost contact with them and we were really scared and devastated because we didn't know what had happened to them, so who knew.

Oh yeah and just saying, about four years later, which is a few weeks ago from the present day, there was a sighting of two elderly women, found on the mysterious and quite newly discovered planet of Planet X-I'm just bringing it up- so who knows if it's my nanna or not?

It just goes to show, whatever age you are you can do whatever you want!

# Dates for your Diary

Easter Holidays	Friday 5 April	3:30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 22 April	School closed
Back to School	Tuesday 23 April	8:55 am
Barter Books Trip	Wednesday 24 April	9:00—1:00 pm
National Fire and Rescue Service Prevention Assembly	Wednesday 1 May	9:00—9:30 am
Barter Books Trip - Yr7 & Yr8	Thursday 2 May	9:00—1:00 pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May	School closed
SATS week—Year 6	W/c Monday 13 May	ТВА
Swim Gala	Friday 17 May	PM
Energy Workshop—KS3 Science	Tuesday 21 May	ТВА
Area Cricket—Yr7 & Yr8 BMS	Thursday 23 May	9:30—2:30 pm
Half-Term Holiday	Friday 24 May	3:30 pm
Back to School	Monday 3 June	8:55 am
Primary Enterprise - Yr 6	W/c Monday 3 June	-
Area Cricket Yr5 & Yr6 BMS	Wednesday 5 June	9:30—2:35pm
Area Athletics—BMS	Friday 7 June	TBA
Woodhorn Colliery—Yr8 TBC	Thursday 13 June	ТВА
Inter Area Athletics—GMS	Friday 14 June	TBA
Residential—Yr7 & Yr8	Monday 24 June	All week
Residential in York—Yr 6	Monday 1 July	4 days
Year 5 Intake Sept 19—Parents Meeting—TBC	Wednesday 3 July	TBA
Summer Fair	Saturday 6 July	10:00—12:00
Sports Day	Monday 8 July	1:35—3:30 pm
Trip to Beamish—Yr6	Tuesday 9 July	ТВА
Trip to Vindolanda—Yr5	Thursday 11 July	ТВА
ArtsMark Celebration— Both schools	Friday 12 July	All d ay
Leavers Assembly	Thursday 18 July	ТВА
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 July	3:30 pm
Teacher Training Day	Mon 2 Sept & Tues 3 Sept	All day
Back to School	Wednesday 4 September	8:55 am

#### Academic Calendar 2019 - 2020





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2019-2020 academic year begins with a training day on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019				

# A message from Eduspot/School Money about your online payment

With online payments on the rise, Eduspot (as providers of SchoolMoney) would like to remind you to be extra vigilant when making payments. Eduspot can confirm that no fraud, data breach or malicious attack has occurred.

They believe however, that it is important to remind parents to be extra vigilant when making payments online. NEVER give out your ATM pin to anyone – no system or person should ever require this to complete an online transaction. If something looks suspicious, do not complete the payment, close down your browser and start again making sure you are using a genuine website. You should also ensure all system and app updates are applied to your PC or mobile devices and that they have reliable, up-to-date anti-virus software installed. Increasingly, mobile devices are the targets of malicious software so it's important that these also have adequate protection.

Eduspot remains committed to protecting your online security and providing you with an easy to use solution to securely make payments to your schools. If you spot something that doesn't look right relating to SchoolMoney, please contact Eduspot at:

support@schoolmoney.co.uk.

# Berwick Area Middle Schools Y5 & Y6 Girls Football Sessions



When; Tuesday Evenings
Starting: Tuesday 30th April2019
Sessions: 7th May, 14th May,21st May,

28th May, 4th June Time: 5.00 till 6.00

Where: Swan Centre for Leisure
Bring: Training shoes & shinpads
Further Info from:-

dave.pick9@gmail.com or 07817537923



# TRIDENT SOCCER

# EASTER HOLIDAYS SOCCER CAMPS 2019

GLENDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

April 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th.

9.30am-12.30pm

Group 1: School Years R, 1 & 2

Group 2: School Years 3, 4 & 5

Group 3: School Years 6, 7 & 8



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- WHEN BOOKING SPACES PLEASE BE AWARE THERE IS A £12 FEE PER CHILD (PLUS VAT
- PACKED LUNCHES ARE PROVIDED FOR THE CHILDREN. ADULTS, REFRESHMENTS
  WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO PURCHASE LUNCH AT
  THE ON-SITE CAFE.

TO BOOK TICKETS: HTTPS://NORTHUMBERLANDSTEM.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/

FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT ORGANISER,

# SPORT FOR ALL Easter Holiday Camps

For Reception children and school years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

April 11th & 12th Glendale Middle School, Wooler 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To book a place or for more information please contact

Sam Dronsfield on 07827159603

Tom Vickers on 07782375863 Sports include

**Gymnastics** Free Running

Cricket

Dodgeball

**Athletics** 

Tri Golf Football

Team Games

and more

April 17th & 18th

Longhoughton

**Primary School** 

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

£15 per day

Trophles and medals to be won



# HOLIDAY SOCCER SCHOOL

# Train and play the **Newcastle United Way**

Bookings are now being taken for Newcastle United Foundation Holiday Soccer Schools. Suitable for boys and girls aged 5-14 of all abilities.

Where: Berwick Acaedmy, TD15 2AX

When: Easter Holidays Week 2-

15th - 18th April 2019

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Age: Reception - Year 9

To book your place please visit:

www.nufoundation.org.uk/soccer-schools/ holiday-soccer-schools/



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