

## Headteacher Headlines

July  
2018

News from Glendale Community Middle School

### **Nasal Flu Vaccination**

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on Friday 19th October 2018 in the morning to give the nasal flu spray immunisation to children in Reception to Year 5. Consents forms will be delivered to school in September to be distributed to parents/carers.

### **Parking Issues outside School**

Cars have recently been parking opposite Frost's Farm entrance near the school. This has prevented farm vehicles from entering and leaving the farm. Please keep the farm entrance free at all times. Thank you

### **School Lunch Price**

The School Lunch price for the school year 2018-2019 is set at £2.30 per meal.

### **Governors News**

After many years as a school governor, Mrs Temple is resigning from her post. We thank her for all her hard work and her massive contribution towards SEND support. She will be replaced in her SEND governor role by Mr Cook who will take up the position of Community Governor in September.

### **Fund Raising**

**Duck Race:** raised over £400  
**Summer Fair:** About £800 TBC

**THANK YOU TO ALL FOR  
HELPING US**

Another very busy and successful year! The 2017-2018 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 make particular note of our Year 6 children and their teachers who have worked so hard towards their end of Key Stage tests. They did really well achieving combined outcomes for reading, writing and mathematics 10% above the national average – congratulations to all on their achievements. Praise is rightly due for all of their hard work, effort and determination.

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!

Today we say a sad farewell to Mrs Breckons, who is retiring after 28 years of service to the school, and to Ms Creigh and to Mrs Dronsfield who are also leaving Glendale today. We would like to express our thanks for all that they have done over the years and wish them all the very best for the future.

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.

Mr Deane-Hall

### **2018 Award Winners**



### **Lost Property**

Please can we remind all parents/carers to fully name all items sent to school. Items of value shouldn't be brought to school as we cannot guarantee to recover lost properties. If your child loses a personal item, please ask your child to check the lost property box. If you wish to come and check it yourself, please come between 8:30 and 8:55am or after 3:35pm.

## St Omer 2018



On the 25th of June, year 7 and 8 pupils from Glendale travelled down to the North Coast of France for a 4 day residential.

The bus journey down was fine and we arrived at Chateau Ebbingham just before 7.30pm local time.

During our trip we visited a boulangerie, where we helped make bread and then buy many pains au chocolat. We visited Le Touquet, a stunning beach on the North coast, where we enjoyed our picnic lunch and played on the sand; we may have enjoyed the odd ice-cream that day too. We visited La Coupole; Hitler's secret missile factory which was an incredible trip. We saw the devastation these weapons had and actually saw life size models of all the rockets that were developed.



We visited a market in Boulange, where we were able to practice our French and we also visited Saint

Josef – a small 'Beamish like' museum which had some really interesting buildings showing what life in France was like many years ago. We also managed to fit in crepe making, ten pin bowling, snail eating, boules and the odd game of volleyball before we sadly had to return home. It was a fantastic trip that both staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed; well done to all who came.

## Yr6 Trip to York

Glendale Middle School Year 6s embarked on a 'post SATs' 5 day trip to York this June, where they explored the wonderful city of York. After catching a train, the week was packed full of adventure from the Yorvik 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. Here are some of the comments from the pupils:

*"It was fun and I especially liked the Yorvik activity because it was realistic and it smelled as if you were in those times" – R*

*"It was an experience that I will never forget about school. My favourite part of the trip was the Castle Museum because we saw the world from the Victorian perspective" – I*

*"I think it was one of the most amazing trips I have ever been on in Glendale, especially the Castle Museum because I learnt what it was like to live from those times" – S*

*"The Yorvik trip was really fun but it was quite creepy the way the waxwork figures moved! The train trips were also exciting" – V*





## Bulletin Sports Reports

### Senior Cricket - Berwick

Glendale took three teams to the senior area cricket championships. All teams played well with the boys finishing 4th and the year 7 and 8 girls' teams finishing 5th and 3rd respectively.

### Junior Cricket

Glendale took four teams to the KS2 Area Cricket Championships, all four teams played very well; all reaching the semi-finals. Both year 6 teams were narrowly beaten in the regional qualifier match. Many of the boys and girls now play cricket outside of school and this is something that we are looking to build on.

### Area Athletics

This year Glendale took 44 athletes to the Area athletics championships at Berwick. 33 athletes qualified for the next stage which is a fantastic achievement. Performances of note include:  
*(Pupils' names removed from the web version of the Newsletter)*

### Inter-Area Athletics

Glendale hosted this year's Inter Area Championships, once again all athletes performed very well and we managed to qualify 21 athletes through to the full County Championships. *(Pupils' names removed from the web version of the Newsletter)*

### County Athletics

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wentworth Stadium, Hexham – 21 athletes from Glendale took part in the Northumberland Minor Athletics Championships. All athletes performed very well with several top 5 finishes; *(Pupils' names removed from the web version of the Newsletter)*. Mr Pickup, Mrs Simpson and Miss Johnston who have worked with the athletes all year were proud of every athletes' performance.

## Swimming Pool Charge being Introduced

As per the letter that was sent home early in July, the school governors have decided to introduce a small charge of £2.00 per swimming lesson to help towards the cost of maintenance and electricity usage of the pool. Swimming charges will be added to the online money system from September 2018.

## Trashion - Activities' Week



On Tuesday, 18 pupils took part in an amazing activity to turn trash into fashion - 'Trashion!' The students spent all day designing, building and styling their outfits and the day culminated in a runway show. Not only did the activity prove that much can be done with day to day rubbish, but it also gave them the opportunity to work closely as a team, playing to each other's strengths and seeing a product through from first thoughts and ideas to the finished garment. Well done to all those who took part.



## Summer Brain Work!

The summer holidays are a time for the children to recharge and to enjoy family time and some fun. However it is also important that they keep their brains active to be ready for the challenges ahead in September. Daily reading and times tables work are essential along with word and number puzzles – little and often is most beneficial and will really help your children succeed in the autumn at school.

### Sport for All Easter Holiday Camp With Sam Dronsfield 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Gymnastics, Cricket, Athletics, Rugby  
and more**

14 August 2018  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - £15 per day

To book a place or for more information,  
please contact Sam Dronsfield on  
07827 159 60

## **Digventures Archaeology Visit**

In June, Harriet, an archaeologist from 'Digventures' came into school to run a workshop on medieval medicine. The workshop was attended by children from all year groups. During the workshop, Harriet shared with the children information relating to an Anglo-Saxon dig underway at Coldingham. We discussed medieval apothecaries and the remedies they used. The highlight of the visit was without doubt the live leeches that Harriet had brought in to show the pupils! Gross!

Miss Hall



## **Operation Pied Piper- Year 6 are Evacuated!**



On Tuesday 10th July, Year 6 and their teachers were evacuated to Home Farm at Beamish! This trip was to round off Year 6's topic; 'Life for

Children during World War II.' Pupils, staff and helpers dressed up in character and spent the day experiencing a typical day for an evacuee. We made carrot cookies in the farmhouse kitchen before we put up the blackouts in the Land Girl's cottage. We all enjoyed a fantastic day- but not our corned beef sandwiches!

Miss Hall



## **Woodhorn Visit- Year 8**

Earlier in the term, Year 8 and I visited Woodhorn Colliery and Archives. Our visit was to investigate further life during the Industrial Revolution; our history topic for the Summer Term. After a tour of the colliery buildings and a very interesting art session in the Pitman Painters Exhibition, pupils set to work investigating the 1842 Royal Commission into Working Conditions in more depth. We studied archive material relating to the report into working conditions for children. We were all quite shocked to learn how harrowing some of the children's experiences had been. It was a fascinating trip and well-done to Year 8, whose excellent behaviour was commented on by many members of the public, encountered during the day. We were very proud of you!

Miss Hall



## **Mosaic Workshop**

Pupils who chose to take part in the Mosaic Workshop produced some gorgeous pieces of ceramic art work during Summer Activity Week. Pupils used tile adhesive to stick their tesserae down to create their chosen design. Tiles were then grouted and finished off. Well-done to all who participated!





## Year 5 Visit Hadrian's Wall and Vindolanda Fort

On Thursday 12th July, Year 5, their teachers and helpers enjoyed a fascinating day, exploring the Roman Fort of Vindolanda. Here we met with an archaeologist, who talked us through the artefacts that had been discovered at Vindolanda and what these artefacts have shown about life on the northern frontier of the Roman Empire. We then visited the museum, where the objects discovered during on-site excavations are on display. These were incredible and included the largest collection of Roman sandals anywhere in the empire and the only pair of Roman boxing gloves discovered in the empire so far. The most important artefacts there however, are the Vindolanda tablets, original letters written in ink on wooden tablets, which provide incredible insight into the lives of those stationed at this outpost on the northern frontier.

Miss Hall



## Brownie Workshop

Pupils baked their socks off during our Summer Activity Week to create some delicious tea-time treats!



## Fishing at Thrunton

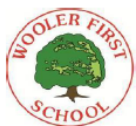
During activities' week, 12 pupils from across the year groups were fortunate enough to attend a fishing trip to Thrunton. Whilst there, the pupils learnt how to tie a fly, how to cast and were shown the entomology of a fish. Students fished on the top lake and were hoping to catch rainbow trout. They did have one or two nibbles, but due to the unusual weather conditions, fishing was very difficult and even the experienced anglers failed to catch anything! Thanks must go to Chris and Jill Blythe for their kind hospitality and Stevie for his patient teaching skills.

Mr Tong



**School opens again on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September**





# Academic Calendar 2018 - 2019



School Holiday
  Bank Holiday
  Pupil Day
  Training Day

September 2018						
Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thu	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	8	15	22	29		
Sun	9	16	23	30		

October 2018						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

November 2018						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

December 2018						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

January 2019						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

February 2019						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22		
Sat	2	9	16	23		
Sun	3	10	17	24		

March 2019						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

April 2019						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

May 2019						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

June 2019						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

July 2019						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

August 2019						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

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



**Explore, learn & grow together**



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