

Sponsored Walk

You raised a fantastic **£1,727.00** for the sponsored walk. Thank you to all!

Poppy Appeal

The two schools raised a fantastic **£177.65**. Thank you all for your help.



Pantomime

£1,205.10 was raised through the sale of pantomime tickets, tombola and tickets, cakes and 100 Club. Thank you all for supporting our PTA!

Christmas Jumper Day

Both Wooler First School and Glendale Middle Schools enjoyed taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14th December. Thank you for supporting this event, together we raised **£190.50** for Save the Children.



Headteacher Headlines



It has been another incredibly busy year here at Glendale Community Middle School. It has been lovely to end the year with some fantastic events where the children have danced, sung, acted and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with family and friends.

The year ahead looks to be full of both opportunity and challenge which, in the best Glendale tradition, we will grasp with equal enthusiasm. The turbulence linked to the reorganisation of the Alnwick schools continues to bump along and it is important to remember all of the aspects that make Glendale special. The quality of the staff; the breadth and depth of the curriculum; the fantastic trips, visits and events that make your children's learning journey special and the excellent educational facilities and caring and 'family' nature of our learning environment. Glendale is a special place and our children are fortunate to have such a great place to learn and grow right here in our community. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to everyone who has helped and supported the school over the past year. The continuing work of all staff, governors, families and the wider community makes our school a special place indeed. I hope you will enjoy looking through the pages of this bulletin and all that has been achieved by the children this term.

On behalf of everyone here at school I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School Calendars

Thank you to Richardson's Repairs for supplying the schools with some fantastic calendars. We hope you enjoyed the drawings as much as we did. The two schools raised **£295** through the sale proceeds. We still have some available for sale at the price of £5 each. Please contact the school office should you wish to buy one.

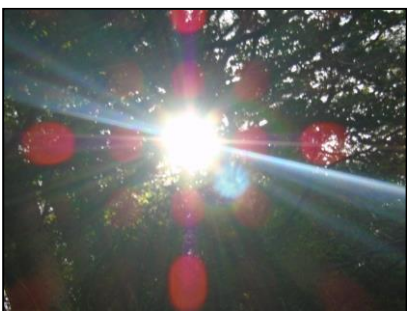
Where the Rivers Meet

Glendale Middle School and the Till Arts Project 'Where the Rivers Meet' were very happy to work in collaboration this month, for three days, when naturalist, Geoff Sample, Jose Mountford, (photographic artist) and Shaun Hackett, (Northumberland Parks Ranger) delivered some incredibly interesting workshops around the Wooler and Till Valley area. Pupils took part in activities, such as: recording wildlife soundscapes; photography in Wooler common; getting close up to invertebrates and carrying out oral history interviews with local shop owners in Wooler Town Centre, which gave the children a fascinating insight into the changes local business people have seen since the introduction of supermarkets.

The Year 6 pupils were incredibly privileged to share the love and knowledge of the school's area with such amazing visitors, as a result of which, they improved and produced some of their own personal writing and reports. It was a true and multi-varied artistic celebration of the River Till and the surrounding area.



The Chocolate Box, Wooler

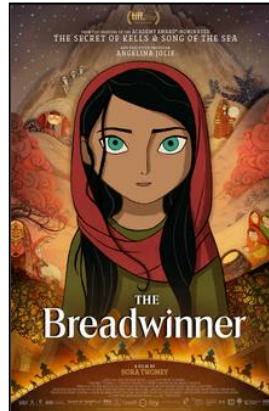


Photography Workshop - Megan (Pupil)



Wildlife soundscapes with naturalist, Geoff Sample

The Breadwinner - KS3 Trip to The Maltings.



On Thursday 11th October, Years 7 and 8 took a trip to The Maltings in Berwick as part of the 'Into Film Festival,' to watch an animated film, adapted from a KS3 novel on war - The Breadwinner. The story is set in Afghanistan and is about a young girl who disguises herself as a boy to provide for her family, after her father is unjustly arrested. The film highlighted themes surrounding Middle Eastern countries, crime and punishment, life and death, growing up, community, poverty, food and health, and family & friendship. Throughout, the importance of stories and storytelling prevailed. This was a compelling morning for all of those who attended, further enhanced by a talk from animator and film-maker, Robin Webb.

Harvest Celebrations

A lovely community event in our calendar – everyone enjoyed celebrating the harvest with music, song and dance. Thank you to all who were able to come and celebrate with us.



Go Smarter Schools Theatre Production - Year 7

On Thursday 4th October, a group of performers came and taught us (Year 7) about sustainable travel. The show was hilarious and educational. It made us realise how much pollution can affect the Earth. We really enjoyed the show and definitely recommend it to other year groups. Thank you to Paul, Charlotte and James.

Sophie M and Ben B

'My opinion on this has really changed. I think that less pollution is so important and helpful.'

Chloe H

'At first I thought the show would be boring, but it turned out to be amazing!'

Adele L



PE and Swimming Kits

Please can you remind your child to prepare their PE and Swimming kit in advance of their school day. We are seeing an increasing number of forgotten kits which causes significant disruption to learning.

As a reminder:

Swimming is on the following days:

Monday: 5M and 7P

Wednesday: 6(2)

Thursday: 5D and 6(1)

PE is on the following days:

Monday: Key stage 3 (Yr7 and Yr8)

Wednesday: Key stage 2 and Key stage 3

Friday: Key stage 2 (Yr5 and Yr6)

Thank you.

Christmas Carol Service

We came together with Little Acorns Nursery and Wooler First School on Wednesday 19th December to celebrate Christmas with a joint carol service at St. Mary's Church in Wooler. Thank you to everyone who came along to join us and well done to our readers and musicians who did a great job in front of such a large audience.



Ukulele

Year 5 are having weekly Ukulele lessons. They have learned several chords very quickly and this is a photo of them playing 'Rocking All Over the World' by Status Quo. The Ukulele is a fabulous instrument for children to play and many can sing along too. If you are looking for non-screen Christmas present ideas perhaps a Ukulele from Santa might lead to the next Ed Sheeran or KT Tunstall one day?!



Year 7 Bird Box Project



Children in Year 7 and Year 8 have been very busy with their projects in Technology this term. Year 7 have taken on the challenge of learning to make a bird box following a super visit to Ford & Etal Sawmill (special thanks to Mr Nevins for hosting us).

Snack & Chat Pupil Discussions

We undertake regular discussions with children across the school to seek their thoughts and feedback about their learning. As you will have read in our recent Ofsted inspection letter, an area that the inspectors wanted us to continue to improve was to further reduce any differences in academic outcomes between different groups of children. Pupil discussions this term have asked children to share with us their thoughts on what helps them to make better progress in their learning and what gets in their way. We asked about their lessons, learning and lifestyles both in and outside of school (clubs and hobbies/interests, sports, reading, how they get their homework done, what helps

them to learn etc.). The information gathered will help us improve outcomes for children at school and to target our limited resources with greater efficiency while maintaining the broad and balanced curriculum at Glendale that was praised by the inspectors.

Hawkhirst Residential

On Monday 5th - Wednesday 7th November, 27 pupils in Year 5 attended Hawkhirst: a scout adventurer site, which is set by the beautiful Kielder forest and reservoir. The pupils took part in bell boats, zip wire, abseiling, climbing, obstacle course, night hiking, bushcraft and campfire songs. The pupils overcame so many challenges and showed such determination - it was inspiring. Their behaviour was fantastic and they were a credit to Glendale Middle School. Here are some extracts of their reviews:

'The bell boats were amazing. It was great to see everyone working together and I loved jumping in the water at the end.' **Reuben P.**

'When I came home, I barely touched my dinner because I was so full from their lunch!' **Tallulah C.**

'We rowed across Europe's largest man-made reservoir.' **Jess Y.**

'When we did the zip wire, I was really scared, but in the end I did it twice!' **Poppy D.**

'I really liked all the activities at Hawkhirst. My favourite one was the climbing wall, even though my helmet fell off. My favourite instructor was Annie, because she was funny and kind and helpful. The other instructors were Kevin, Daniel and Scott. We had lots of challenges; one was carrying a cup of water around an obstacle course.' **Chloe F**

Thank you to our super staff away on the trip with the children and back in school for making this residential experience possible.



A Call from Antarctica

Antarctica Day commemorates the signature of the Antarctic Treaty on 1st December 1959, which was adopted "with the interests of science and the progress of all mankind." The British Antarctic Survey use this day to celebrate the work that they do and to inspire young people to follow in their footsteps into world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Our school was selected from hundreds of entries to take part in activities marking this important work.

Year 7 & 8 worked together to think about the skills that people working in Antarctica might need to carry out their research and received a telephone call from Dr Caroline Holmes, a scientist working for the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge. Caroline explained that she studied Maths, followed by postgraduate qualifications in Atmosphere, Ocean & Climate and Meteorology. She is now part of a team studying the effect of Antarctic sea ice on climate and weather systems around the globe. The pupils asked some great questions and many felt inspired to try to visit Antarctica in the future!



Pumpkin Competition

Earlier in the term we celebrated Halloween with a joint pumpkin carving competition across the schools. The entries were **FABLUOUS** and the children at each school all voted to select their favourites from the other school. Well done to all who took part particularly our four year group winners.



RHS Sunderland

On Tuesday 4th December a small group of Year 7 and 8 children were involved in the RHS Green Planit awards in Sunderland. They presented their projects to the judges winning the 2018 Most initiative Award. They all worked really hard and were a credit to both themselves and their school.



PE and School Sports

Glendale Middle School has been very busy since September 2018; we've competed in a multitude of different sporting events with good success in all and occasionally, outstanding results. The wide variety of sports competitions and outdoor activities that Glendale Middle School participate in has once again had a tremendous impact on the pupils. Next term Mr Pickup will be introducing the **Glendale Middle School Fitness Challenge**. This is a set of fitness challenges starting with a basic standard and leading to more demanding and challenging goals for all. Children will engage in various tests of fitness, power and endurance over the course of the year seeking to improve their personal best against the challenge standards as they progress up the school.

- Boys Area Rugby – we took 4 teams to Berwick to compete in the area rugby tournament, our boys and girls were fantastic, with the year 6 A-team winning all but 2 of their games, and taking third prize among strong opposition.



- Girls Area Hockey – we took 4 teams to the girls' area hockey tournament, all teams showed great attitude and endeavour and were rewarded with top 2 finishes in both the junior and senior tournaments. Our senior girls were especially unlucky not to win but came up against a very strong Longridge team.
- Area Cross Country Championships (Longridge Towers – November 7th) – historically a strength of Glendale, this year was no different with over 40 athletes running at the area championships. With great effort we managed to qualify no fewer than 15 runners to take part in the County Finals and from this, runners can go on to compete on the national stage. All members of staff are extremely proud of all the athletes.

We also enjoyed an inspiring visit from GB Pole Vaulter Sally Scott as part of the GB Sports for Schools scheme. Sally was an excellent ambassador for sports and really put us through our paces.



The Maltings - Cinderella

There's nothing quite like taking 50 children on a cold winter's morning to watch a pantomime to cheer the soul. By 10.30am we were out of our seats, dancing and singing. What a great show Cinderella was! Miss Dunn and Miss Hall have noted down a few tips for next year's Glendale Middle School pantomime. Thank you to all at The Maltings for a super show.



Babes in the Wood Pantomime



In December, at Glendale Middle School, Year 8 (and some year 7s) performed 'Babes in the Wood'. In this panto I played the role of 'Nurse Calpol' (the pantomime dame.) I think my favourite part from the panto will have to be the make-up we had to wear. From this panto experience I have learned that it is sometimes easier to just do what people try and help you with rather than not taking their advice. I have to admit all the practice before the panto was tough. For example, we had to learn all of our lines, remember when we came

on for our scenes and so on, but in the end it was worth it. Also it was tough for our directors (Miss Dunn and Miss Hall.) To be honest it was a shame to only perform the panto for two nights, but in the end all the practice and hard work was worth it. I have to admit I (and some other people too) were nervous on the first night, but once you were in character, it was amazing. It is a shame we can't do this panto again. When I go up to high school I will remember Nurse Calpol and I will keep her confidence.

By Chloe P





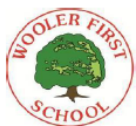
On the 12th and 13th of December 2018 Year 8 put on the pantomime 'Babes in the Woods' at Glendale. I have loved every minute of the experience and found it really enjoyable even though I was being 'booed' at all the time! It has been really fun and I have found new confidence and a love for being on stage. It was scary at first but after the first night I was excited to do more because I just got a thrill from being on stage! It was really fun being the Sheriff, learning all my lines, singing a solo, and just generally have fun with friends. I will always remember being in this pantomime and I think it has made some great memories for us all. I think I would like to do more of this in the future as it has really inspired me! Thanks for the opportunity!

By Eva M



Thank you to everyone who helped our children to put on their pantomime this year. They had a great time and it was **BRILLIANT!**





Academic Calendar 2018 - 2019



 School Holiday	 Bank Holiday	 Pupil Day	 Training Day
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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	
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July 2019						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
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Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thu	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
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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		

**School opens again on
Tuesday 8th January
2019**

January

**All the staff and governors here at
school would like to wish you a merry
Christmas and a very Happy New Year
2019**



Explore, learn & grow together



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