

Key Dates

- 15th October – Punctuation Roadshow.
- 16th October – Stranger danger assembly (Primary).
- 16th October – Year 5 Drama and creative writing workshop – The Fire station.
- 17th October - Year 6 Meccano Shildon Final.
- 17th October - Year 2 Walkwise (PM).
- 18th October - Year 11 & VI Parents' Evening (4pm-6pm).
- 29th October - Halloween/Firework safety assembly.

Groundworks Assembly Battery Appeal

Rachael Courtney from North East Groundworks came into the primary school this week to deliver an assembly on the importance of recycling electrical goods – especially batteries. We are now asking all pupils to bring in any domestic batteries that are out of use. These will be placed in a special battery tube that will be located outside the Sports Hall. The tube will be collected just before Christmas and if we manage to collect the most batteries between other participating schools, we could win £500. This appeal goes out to all primary and secondary.



Y5/6 Football

The 7 a side team kicked off their season last Thursday over at Castletown Primary. The boys played against local rivals Broadway Juniors, the hosts Castletown and also Farrington Juniors. The players are yet to savour the taste of victory, it will come, but

they certainly played with pride and determination throughout the evening.

Next week sees our first home game when our 9 a side team entertain Redby Primary on Wednesday.

Y5 Creative Writing and Drama Workshop



Y5 are looking forward to their visit to the Live Theatre Workshop at The Fire Station on Tuesday 16th October. Using their current theme of Firedamp and Davey Lamp, the day will focus on the pupils immersing themselves in creative writing and drama.

World Mental Health Awareness Day

On Wednesday we marked World Mental Health awareness day by wearing yellow. Secondary students were absolutely inspired by a wonderful



assembly, led by Lydia and supported by Willow (both students in Y11). We were given a real insight to the everyday challenges of living with mental health conditions, and more importantly, where to go for help and advice. Thank you Lydia-for bringing such an important event to our attention. We could not be more proud of you! In addition to the

learning experience of the day, we are pleased to report that the non-uniform day and bake sale raise £389.23, all of which will be donated to the charity.

N.B. regarding to communication for the #Wear it yellow day, we would like to apologise for any confusion in communications. Our Friday newsletter was delayed as we had been recognised as a sender of bulk emails. Thank you though, for your patience and tremendous support!

Cashless catering & ParentPay

An information pack went out with all students at the beginning of the week giving details of the new online systems that are going live after half term. [Consent letters are needed back by Tuesday 16 October please.](#) Students with the necessary consent will get to see the new cashless tills and be able to register from Thursday 18 October.

Individual letters containing access details for ParentPay will be coming home with students in sealed envelopes from Monday.

Primary school competition - Name a recycling vehicle

In the last academic year many of our primary classes entered a competition to name a recycling vehicle. I am delighted to announce that one of our entries have been selected as a winning name. 'The funky recycling truck' was chosen and will feature with the school name on a recycling vehicle. Well done to all who participated!

Tolerance Tree

A great opportunity came about for us to borrow the 'Tolerance Tree.' The tree is based on the Anne Frank House Saplings Project where a limited number of horse chestnuts were saved and grown from the original Anne Frank tree.

The initiative of the tolerance tree is to suggest that live chestnut trees are planted and artificial trees are created to show support for achieving greater tolerance equality within our communities. It is with greater tolerance and acceptance that we

can be both proud of who we are as individuals and respect others.

We have displayed the tree in the school foyer and ask pupils to place a 'leaf' on it, adding a comment on how they think we can create a more equal and tolerant community.



Planetarium Visit



The sports hall was transformed into an 'out of this world' experience on Friday. Our primary children had a wonderful opportunity to enrich their learning about Space when the Centre for Life's mobile planetarium visited school.

Auschwitz Visit



On Wednesday, Y13 students Tom and Ellie (our Head Boy and Head Girl) along with History teacher Mrs Germany, embarked on a life-changing day trip to Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau. They were part of a group of approximately 200 students accompanied by a Rabbi and educators from the Holocaust Educational Trust. It was an incredibly long day which started at Newcastle airport at 4.30am! The whole experience was incredibly moving and thought-provoking; we will be sharing what we have learned with the wider school community over the coming weeks.



Mobile Phones

Please note that any student who fails to hand in a mobile phone will have this confiscated and this will need to be collected by a parent.

Lock Down Procedures:

Your child may have told you that we have been preparing to practise a lockdown drill. This will become part of the termly school safety routines, much in the same way that we practise a fire drill. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Stationery Stall

Year 11 students will be running a stationery stall most mornings. This is an excellent way to make sure you are fully equipped for learning! All profit at the end of the academic year will be reinvested into purchasing new stationary items for the school.

15cm Ruler	15p
30cm Ruler	25p
A4 Cardboard folder	20p
Black Pen	10p
Blue Pen	10p
Dry wipe pen	25p
Glue Stick	50p
Green Pen	10p
Highlighter	25p
Pencil	10p
Pencil Case	50p
Pencil Sharpener	10p
Protractor	20p
Red Pen	10p
Rubber	10p
Scissors	50p
Triangle	20p
Handwriting Pen	40p



Local Sixth Form Open Evenings

Dates for Y11 parents:

St.Roberts	October 16 th	5:30-8pm
Durham 6	October 18 th	5-8pm
Whitburn	November 1 st	6-8pm
Gateshead College: Careers Choice event. Venue – Baltic – <i>booking essential</i>	November 7 th	6pm
Newcastle College Rye Hill Campus	November 7 th	4:30-7pm
Sunderland College Bede – focus on A'Levels	November 10 th	10-1pm
Sunderland College – Bede – all courses	November 13 th	4-6pm
Harton	November 22 nd	6-8pm
Southmoor	November 28 th	6-7:30pm
Sunderland College – City Campus all courses	December 11 th	4-6pm
Gosforth Academy	January 16 th	6-8pm
Southmoor	January 23 rd	6-7:30pm

Wishing all of our school community every blessing over the coming week.