

Key Dates

- 12th November – Anti Bullying Week
- 12th November - UK Parliament Week
- 15th November – Mental Health Assembly (Seniors)
- 16th November – Careers Fair (postponed and to be confirmed)

Whole School Remembrance Assembly

Friday morning saw our whole school community gather in the Sports Hall to mark Remembrance Day. Mrs Germany and her team of year 7 helpers did a wonderful job in leading the proceedings. In addition to listening to the year 7s, who were confident and articulate in front of a packed hall, we watched short video clips about remembrance and learned about the excellent work of the British Legion. The ceremony was brought to a close with a live performance of the Last Post, played beautifully by Elliot Woods, followed by a minute of silence and reflection. It was very moving.



They Shall Not Grow Old

Following our whole school assembly, all year 11 and 6th form students remained in the Sports Hall to continue the Remembrance memorial events. They watched the Peter Jackson film 'They shall not grow old', which has been provided to all schools. It had a profound impact and was followed by an intelligent and thoughtful discussion.



Our Remembrance activities will draw to a close on Monday, as students from each year group will be invited to scatter poppy seeds around the school site.

Pages of the Sea

You may already be aware of a special memorial event which is taking place at Roker Beach on Remembrance Sunday, this is part of a nationally coordinated event led by Danny Boyle. On 11 November 2018, communities will gather on beaches across the UK to say goodbye and thank you, to the millions of men and women who left their shores during the war, many never to return. Art work of local people who lost their lives in WW1 will be drawn in sand, lost forever as the tide comes in. The portrait that will be revealed at Roker is of Hugh Carr, shown below.



Y6 Heart Dissection

Year 6 started their new Cornerstones topic Blood Heart - this week and were able to watch a cow heart dissection. Mr Parker came to show the children the different parts of the heart up close. The children were able to ask and answer questions about the function and makeup of the heart. The children really enjoyed the experience and some have even said they are now interested in becoming surgeons.



Primary Maths and English Clubs

KS1 Maths and English Booster clubs are held every Wednesday. English begins at 8am and Maths is from 3:30-4:30pm. We would especially encourage Year 2 pupils to this

who will be partaking in SATs this academic year. Thank you.

Year 7-9 STEM club

This week students moved on from the excitement of water rockets and Newton's third law to looking at rocket fuels. Students experimented with different compositions of sugar and oxidizing agent to make solid fuel rocket motors. They then tested (burnt) them in ignition tubes to see which composition was the most effective.



Year 10 Nissan School Engineering Discovery Event



The event was inspired by the government's "See inside Manufacturing" programme. The initiative was introduced to inspire young people to consider careers in the advanced manufacturing industry.

During the visit to the Nissan Sunderland Plant, Grindon Hall pupils heard how engineers are adapting to an ever changing world; engineers who studied traditional technologies such as petrol-powered vehicles are now learning about electric vehicle technology. Students were given a tour of the production line where they got to see the current cars being built.

Year 9 Discover Careers in Healthcare event



City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust, in partnership with the University of Sunderland, invited pupils from year 9, who have a genuine interest in a career in a healthcare setting, to their annual Work Discovery event.

The Discovery Event, which was held at the University of Sunderland, was an exciting interactive event involving a range of careers from both clinical and non-clinical areas in healthcare.

Year 1 Family Assembly

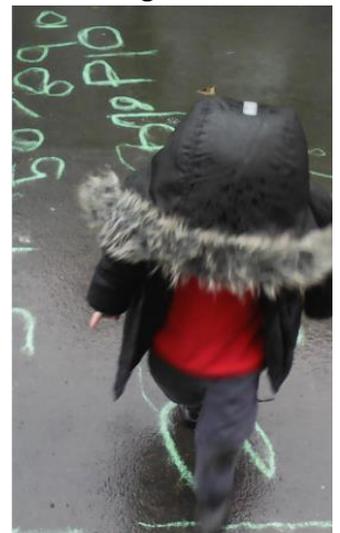
Our Year 1 pupils performed their 'Enchanted Wood' assembly to all Primary pupils and their families last Friday morning. They entertained us with the story of Little Red Riding Hood through wonderful singing and narration. They gave us some riddles to solve and informed us about their trip to the woods in the school grounds. Well done everyone!



Outdoor Classroom Day



Some of our Primary pupils have completed their Maths lessons outside. Year One pupils completed subtraction sums using their own giant number lines drawn on the yard in chalk. Year Five have been learning about the movement and size of the planets in our Solar System. The pupils went out onto the field to set up a scaled size human representation of the planets and timed their orbits, almost, to perfection!



Whole School – Times Table Rockstars



We are thrilled with the initial response to our recent initiative to boost confidence and fluency in maths, 'Times Tables Rock Stars.'

Many of our students are very much enjoying taking part in the online game to develop lightning fast recall of multiplication and division. Multiplication and division underpin so many areas of maths so it is important that students have absolutely secure knowledge in both areas.

What makes this programme so engaging is that it encourages very healthy competition! Students gain electronic coins for correct completion of tasks they can spend on their personal avatar and move up the ranks from amateur to rock star by improving their speed. We really appreciate all support you can give to encourage your child to progress from being 'buskers' to being 'rock legends'

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That's all for this week!

Wishing you and your loved ones every blessing over the coming week.