

NEWSLETTER



26th April 2019

Football news

Just before the holidays, our year 5/6 football team took part in three 7-a-side football league fixtures hosted by Hill View.

In the first game, we got off to a great start coming in at half-time with a 5-0 lead against Redby. After a difficult second half, Redby played well and but through some good defensive work we managed to see out the game to win 5-3.

Our second game saw us come up against Barnes school. A great show of teamwork and effort saw us gain a fantastic 6-0 win. Our third and final game was against Castletown. Despite conceding an early goal, we worked hard as a team to come back and equalise to finish the game 1-1.

Well done to Harrison, Ryan, Charlie, Cameron, Thomas, Jack, Lewis and Adam, who represented the school brilliantly on the evening and showed a 'Rights Respecting' attitude to the officials and opposition throughout.



Looking ahead in 4LR

This half term will be very busy in 4LR. We will be reading the new class novel 'How to Train Your Dragon' and developing both our reading and writing skills. Money will be our next topic in mathematics, where children will be rounding, comparing amounts and solving word problems. Our topic this half term is Traiders and Raiders. Hopefully, we will see some excellent homework come into school over the next few weeks.

Go with the Flow

This term in 3CT, our topic is 'Flow'. We will be learning about rivers from the humble beginnings in the mountains though to their entrance into the sea. We will also study plants and investigate the conditions that a plant needs to grow. As part of her creative homework, Grace has planted and grown some cress seeds in decorated egg shells.



Ready for SATs!

Year 6 children are currently at the busiest time of their year, with their SATs tests just a few weeks away. Extra revision is going on in school and also during our fun after-school revision clubs to make sure we are ready. The children are working so hard and the teachers are really proud of the extra effort they are making. We can't wait for the week!

What is happening and when?

13th - 16th May SATs week (Year 6) 20th May Year 6 Hit the surf trip 21st May Year 6 Hit the surf trip

24th May School closes for half term (3:15pm)

3rd June School re-opens (8:50am)

Derwent Hill

Year 5 arrived safely at Derwent Hill on Wednesday and, after a quick bite to eat, the group were split into three teams to complete a range of exciting activities. On Thursday, they had a full day of excursions and there was more fun to be had this morning before boarding the bus home. They have had a super time in the beautiful Lake District and we look forward to welcoming the adventurers back to Sunderland later today!



It's just not cricket

Year 6's PE topic for the term has been cricket and alongside honing our catching, bowling and batting skills, we have learned to play a lesser-known variation of the game, called 'French cricket'. French cricket can be played indoors or in a relatively small space, making it perfect for playing in a garden or park.

Article 15, UNCRC - A great game to play with friends or family, especially during the summer months!

Baaz and Thomas have outlined the rules below.

Game-play:

There are two teams, who take turns to bat and field/bowl. Instead of a wicket, the batman's legs act as the stumps. The batsman must keep their feet and legs together in the same place. The fielders surround the batsman in a circle and bowl the ball at their legs. If the ball goes behind the batsman, they have to twist their body round to protect their legs with the bat. The batsman scores a point each time they hit the ball. How to get players out:

- catch the ball without it touching the floor;
- bowl the ball so that it hits the batsman below the knees;
- if the batsman moves their feet.

Bonus rule: whoever gets the batsman out gets to bowl first at the next batter!

"It's a very exciting game because you're always moving about at a fast pace." Thomas

Key information

Absences

Please inform the school office of any absences before 9a.m. on the day of absence.

Packed lunches

Please make sure your child has their packed lunch in school at the start of the day.

PE kits

Children should have PE kits in school with them at the start of their allocated PE day. PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms. Separate PE trainers must also be brought in. Please can we remind parents that jewellery is not to be worn during PE and long hair should be tied back.

School Car Park

Please could we remind parents that the school car park is for staff use only. Please do not pull into the school car park when dropping off or collecting children from school, including from after school clubs. Thank you.

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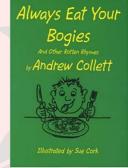
Collective worship

Our collective worship theme this week is **Childhood**. "One of the luckiest things that can happen to you in life is, I think, to have a happy childhood." - Agatha Christie

My recommended read: Mrs Crawford

Always Eat Your Bogies by Andrew Collett

This is a book filled with funny poems and rotten rhymes. I was given this book as a child and still enjoy sharing some of the disgusting poems to my class each year.



Poems like 'The Old and Crusty Loo' and 'The Everlasting Nappy' are always popular and get laughing outbursts from their audience.
Please enjoy an extract from one of my favourites, 'There's Nothing Quite Like a Cowpat':

Some will look like doughnut rings Without the jam inside Some will make you slip and fall Others will make you slide