

Community News

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Coffee morning and afternoon tea

A massive thank you to everyone who attended the coffee morning and afternoon tea on Monday 2nd October - making it a fantastic event once again. The annual 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' helps to raise funds for the medical and emotional care of those facing this terrible disease.

Extra money was raised from a tombola, raffle and guess the bear's birthday competition. Altogether, over **£1000** was raised for a very worthwhile cause.

Thank you to all the staff and children who worked so hard baking and icing cakes, serving teas and coffee, and especially those who offered to help tidy up at the end of the day.



Safeguarding

Your child's safety is our top priority!

If your child comes to school by car, they need to be dropped off in the Academy carpark and should enter school through the year 5 gate. Unless pupils are attending breakfast club, they should not be on the school premises before 8:30am.



We are continuing to promote the School Gateway as a more efficient way of sharing information with parents. If you haven't already done so - activating your account is easy. All you need are your email address and mobile number that the school holds on record for you. Download the app: if you have a smartphone, download School Gateway from your app store. **OR**

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on new user. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this number to log into School Gateway.

It is a 2-way system so we can send you messages and you can reply or send us a message, which is especially convenient when reporting a pupil absence if you're hurrying out to work!

If a letter we send home requires permission from home please either reply by email to grant your permission or use your child's homework planner to send consent.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 01289 307480.



BARK Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated this half-term. We have delivered your treats and toys to the animals at Berwick Animal Rescue Kennels. There were lots of wagging tails and purring cats when the parcel was opened.



School Sport

Yr7&8 Rugby Against BMS

On Thursday the 28th September our yr7&8 rugby team made the short trip across the Tweed to take on bitter rivals Berwick Middle School in a match after school.

With only a few practices under our belts, Mr Middlemist saw the game as an opportunity to learn from a more experienced opposition. However, the Tweedmouth team started the match with a bang and, thanks to some excellent handling, scored two early tries. Berwick came back into the game and Mr Middlemist feared the worst. However, some tenacious tackling from Tweedmouth saw them turn over the ball and then run the length of the field to score a third try.

In the run up to half time, Berwick managed to score a try of their own and right on the stroke of half time a Tweedmouth handling error saw them spill the ball which Berwick pounced on to score a second try.

In the second half, the game was evenly matched with both teams taking it in turns to score tries; the decisive try was scored by Tweedmouth through an excellent run from Jack Middleton who scored in the corner. Soon after, the final whistle blew and Tweedmouth had run out 45 – 31 winners in what had been a fantastic advert for schoolboy rugby.

Yr7&8 Rugby @ Kingston Park

On Thursday 5th October our yr7&8 rugby team travelled to Kingston Park, home of the Newcastle Falcons, to take part in an emerging schools rugby festival. Tweedmouth were drawn in a pool against teams from Hayden Bridge, George Stephenson's and St Mary's: all much larger schools from Tyne and Wear.

Once again our boys exceeded expectations and finished 2nd in their pool beating Hayden Bridge 6 tries to nil, George Stephenson's 5 tries to 3 and losing to St Mary's by 1 try. Throughout the day, our boys conducted themselves fantastically well and many of them impressed scouts from the Newcastle Falcons. The boys will travel back down to Kingston Park in November to take part in a similar festival; so can we all wish them good luck.



Tweedmouth Community Middle School

House Captains



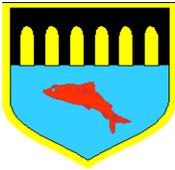
Our House Captains have been elected and are ready to lead their teams to victory in the upcoming sporting events at TCMS.

Yr 6 & 7 Football V's Glendale

On Tuesday 17th September Tweedmouth hosted Glendale Middle School for some friendly football fixtures after school.

The **year 6** team took a 2 goal lead in their game. However, the lead did not last long as Glendale came back, scoring 2 goals of their own to draw level. Tweedmouth took the lead again thanks to a well worked goal and as the half time whistle blew Tweedmouth were winning 3 – 2.

Into the second half and fortunes had completely turned around as Glendale began to dominate play and their incessant pressure paid off with two goals giving them the lead. With 5 minutes before time, Glendale wrapped the game up with their 5th goal. The **year 7** team had different fortunes in a game which they dominated from start to finish. Their early dominance saw them rewarded with three quick goals thanks to some excellent inter-play and cool finishing from Conal Ham. After 10 minutes, Tweedmouth scored a 4th goal thanks to an outstanding free kick from Brody Johnston which nestled in the top corner. Tweedmouth continued to dominate and brought up two more goals to make it 6–0 at half time. Tweedmouth began the second half in the same vein and quickly scored a 7th. Finally Tweedmouth managed to make it 8 when Riley Wilson calmly slotted the ball past the Glendale keeper. Goalkeeper Adam Newton, who had been swapped into right midfield, subsequently popped up at the back post to score goal number 9. The game was rounded off right on the final whistle when Sonny Cowe scored to make it 10-0 win for TCMS.



Back to School Quiz

The year 6 staff held a 'Back to school' quiz this week. Mrs Taylor, Miss Allan and Miss Garland would like to make this a regular event at TCMS as it gives our pupils the opportunity to show their parents how hard they have to work in school. It's also a great way for teachers and parents to meet in a less formal environment. Thank you to everyone who entered a team this time: you were our guinea pigs and we hope you return for the next quiz. Well done to the Birlees who won a family swim, kindly donated by the Swan Centre.

P.S Sandgate, Cowport, Nessgate and Scotsgate are in fact the correct gate names for the Walls – it had been a long day!

Year 5 Hirsell Trip

Year 5 pupils have been learning about life cycles in their science lessons. They visited The Hirsell in Coldstream to go on a woodland walk and discuss some life cycles in their immediate environment. The pupils also made healthy bread, which they will be learning about in future technology topics.



Rothbury Trenches

Our year 7 and 8 pupils travelled to Rothbury this term for a history trip. They had the opportunity to visit the trenches used to train young men of the Northumberland Battalion. Pupils learned how to march, looked at the equipment used by soldiers and visited the original trenches.



TCMS PTA held their first meeting this term.

Unfortunately, there was a poor turnout. If you think you could bring some great ideas for events and activities for our pupils or you have good organisational skills, please contact admin@tweedmiddle.co.uk

Year 6 Berwick Boat Trip



Year 6 pupils have been learning about Berwick as part of the school's 'Identity' topic. They hunted all over the town to take photographs that matched old photos provided by their teachers. After that, they were treated to a boat trip up the river, learning about: the bridges, fishing shiels, Berwick castle and uses of the Tweed.

Berwick Archives

Local archivist, Linda Bankier visited our year 6 pupils to present some information to them about Berwick's history. It was great to quiz her on some local tales and discuss the need for evidence to substantiate any stories. The presentation was very informative and we will be welcoming Linda back into school in November to do some follow-up workshops with the pupils.



Grab 'N' Go Lunches

School packed lunches are available to pick up for £2 in our school canteen. They consist of: sandwich, fruit pack and a drink of juice. No queuing for this one, just Grab 'N' Go!

Zumba



Our year 6, 7 and 8 girls have had the opportunity this term to attend lunchtime Zumba club led by local instructor: Julie Kay. The club will continue next term and will be open to year 5 girls also. We are hoping to get some boys' sessions set up in the future.

Our newsletter is distributed to 305 families in our school. Also, we are now delivering to 302 families in our feeder first schools. If your business would like to sponsor our first school edition, please contact admin@tweedmiddle.co.uk

Animation

As part of Berwick Film and Media Festival KS3 students were invited to attend the film screening of 'The Red Turtle', an animation about a shipwreck, illustrating the circle of life.

As a follow up to the film, 30 year 8 students got to work with Robin Webb, a North East Animator, in a one day workshop. Pupils were put into teams, where they had to come up with a name for their production company. They were given a brief to imagine they were shipwrecked...where would it be, what would it look like, who would be there? Students then got to create a storyline and create their characters from modelling clay, before being shown the technique of stop frame animation...12 frames (images) produced 1 second of film... Finally students were recorded to create the voice over and sound effects for their animation. Robin will now put together the sound and images so the pupils will have their own mini animation creation....watch this space!



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