



# Whytrig Newsletter

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### Autumn Term 2017

Friday, 29 September  
European Day of Languages

Friday, 29 September  
MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday, 4 October  
Year 8 STEM Trip

Wednesday, 11 October  
Open Morning

Thursday, 12 October  
Open Evening

Monday, 16 October  
Year 8 HPV Vaccination

Monday, 16 October  
Parent Evening

Tuesday, 15 October  
Parent Evening

Friday, 20 October  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

Monday, 30 October  
Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

Monday, 6 November  
Year 7 Nissan Trip

Tuesday, 19 December  
Year 6 Safetyworks Trip

Friday, 22 December – 2pm  
End of Autumn Term

Monday, 8 January 2018  
Training Day

9 January to 29 March 2018  
SPRING TERM

Week Commencing 5 March  
Year 5 Bikeability

Monday, 16 April 2018  
Training Day

17 April to 20 July 2018  
SUMMER TERM

Monday, 7 May 2018  
May Bank Holiday

14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
END OF KS2 TESTS (SATs)

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### Stars Of The Week – Well Done!

We had a lovely end to last week when we had our first hot chocolate and biscuits with our first Stars Of The Week. Each week a child from each form class is nominated to receive the Star Of The Week Award because of their sustained effort in lessons, improvement in their behaviour, for doing something for the School Community or for other worthy reasons. We will send a postcard home to inform you that they have been chosen to be Star Of The Week and in the next assembly we will share the nominations with the school, with each child getting a certificate to put in their Pupil Profile. This week's group of nominations who will be having hot chocolate and biscuits are:

5L	Luke Stewart	5M	Ryan Read
6E	Katie-Sue Mahoney	6L	Jamie Gordon
7C	Molly Ellison	7L	Zoe Christensen
8Ro	Kaj Errington	8Ru	Kai Watson

### Gold Pupils

We have our first Gold Pupils of the Autumn Term, who have achieved 25 merits already. A very big well done to Ryan Read, Koby Brown, Aditi Sarkar, Hasan Gulbey, Joseph Smith, Lewis Dixon, Andrew Fountain, Lexi French, Michael Spratt, JJ Maloney and Liam French. They will be presented in assembly with their Gold badges and certificates for their Pupil Profiles. A great start to the term!

### Attendance

The best attending class last week was 6E with 98.59%. Overall, 6L lead this year with 98.98%

### Non Uniform Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day on Friday. In total we raised £237.55 for 'Bullies Out' and starting the fund for a memorial for Skye Aitman.

### European Day of Languages

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we are again celebrating European Day of Languages in School, after very successful days in previous years. Please note this is a change of date to the one previously advertised because of Mrs Stephenson's working days. Each form class has been assigned a country and we are asking the children to dress in their country's national colours or wear a costume which represents the theme. The children will learn phrases from their designated country and have the opportunity to speak in that language throughout the day. There will also be prizes for the best dressed class! Remember the emphasis should be on creativity, not cost. It promises to be an interesting day as it always is! The nominated Countries are:

5L	USA (Hawaiian/Native American)	5M	Mexico (Spanish)
6E	Australia (Aboriginal)	6L	China (Mandarin/Cantonese and more)
7C	Japan	7L	Italy
8Ro	Brazil (Portuguese)	8Ru	India (Official language - Hindi)

### MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our coffee afternoon, also taking place on Friday, 29th September at 2:30pm, in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along to Astley Main Hall and we will arrange for your child to join you. We would welcome any donations of cakes and biscuits and are also holding a competition for the best homemade, open to all pupils, which could be linked to the class' country for European Day of Languages. Any donations should be brought to school on the Friday morning. Thank you in advance for supporting a very worthy cause.

### Year 8 High School Application Reminder

We would like to remind the parents of children in Year 8, that the Northumberland admissions portal is now open. More details on the admissions process, and a link to the admission portal can be found on the Northumberland website at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx#onlineschooladmissionapplication> as the Local Authority are not writing to parents this year about admissions. Please note the portal will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. It is essential that applications are received on time as your child may not be offered a place in your chosen school, particularly if a school is oversubscribed.

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