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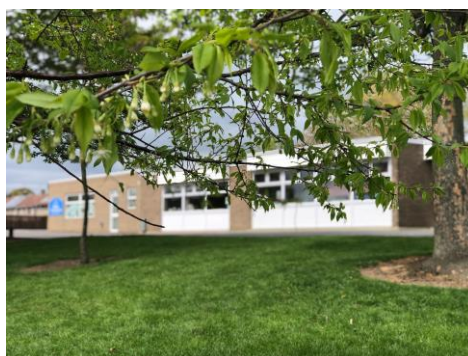
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Newsletter 10
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Dear Parents/Carers

It is a little early for our monthly newsletter but we felt, because there have been so many great things going on, that we would produce a mini newsletter prior to the half term break.

News



Wylam won!!

We received some fantastic news last week which we shared with the children on Friday. As you know we entered the 200 Million Minutes Reading Competition which was launched on World Book Day. We entered the competition to encourage more reading across the school and as an aside to hopefully win a prize.

Over a period of a month we asked the children to track all of the reading they did at home and we did the same at school. **Amazingly Wylam won 1st prize!** We not only achieved the most minutes read across the primary phase, we also achieved the most minutes read across the whole competition. What makes it even more special is that this was actually an international competition! We didn't only beat schools across Britain, we also beat schools in France, Italy, Australia, Canada and India!! The best bit is that our prize is **£1700** worth of books!! A massive well done to all children, parents and staff, and to Mr Daly who led the competition.



Greggs Children's Cancer Run

On Sunday 19th May many of our children took part in the Greggs Children's Cancer run at Gosforth Race Course. The children could take on the challenge of running 1 mile, 3 miles or 5 miles. It was great to see so many of you there, running for this great cause and challenging yourselves. A massive well done from all at Wylam First School. Let's get into training for next year!



Primary Engineer® Programmes
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Primary Engineer

Back in March our children took part in the Primary Engineer Competition answering the question: "If you were an engineer, what would you do?" The children came up with some amazing inventions that would solve real life problems. On Friday we found out that unfortunately none of our entries had been chosen as trophy winners, which is a shame, but.....

2 of our children's designs were singled out by the panel of judges, and will be displayed at the public exhibition to be held at the University of Sunderland on June 8th, labelled as "**Highly Commended!**". The engineers were: Harry and Daniel from our Reception class! A massive well done to all who took part. Certificates and final results will be sent to school in the next few weeks.

Sport@Wylam

Quadkids - a group of Year 3 children attended the Quadkids competition recently. They took part in 4 athletics events across the morning and some of the children even won their events. Well done to those who took part.



Football team - Our KS2 football team played a match against Adderlane First School

last week and, as ever, did us proud. The match ended in a 5-5 draw which was fantastic. Well done to the whole squad.

Frisbee Fun Day on Tuesday 4th June - All children across the school will be taking part in Frisbee sessions across the school day.

Information

Lost Property

We have accumulated a lot of lost property over the half term. In order to return it to its owner, all lost property will be put out in the yard at the end of the school day from Tuesday until Friday. Any lost property not collected by the end of the week will be donated to the Salvation Army clothing bank.

Outdoor Day

On Thursday 23rd May we will be taking part in outdoor day. We have a range of fantastic activities planned with the support of the Orchard Committee who will be running some of the activities.

Y2 Class Assembly

Year 2 will be holding their class assembly on Wednesday 3rd July at 2:30pm. Please come along, if you can, to see what your child has been learning about in school.

SEND Coffee Morning @ Ovingham Middle School

Jemma Lancaster, the SENCO at Ovingham Middle School, will be holding a coffee morning at 9:15 on Tuesday 21st May for parents of children with any SEND needs in Year 4. This is an informal drop in which gives you the opportunity to meet some of the staff on the SEND team and ask any questions in advance of transferring to middle school.

Music Lessons KS2 (Y3 & Y4)

Looking forward to September we are now planning out our music tuition and are asking for expressions of interest. In September we are considering offering:

- trumpet tuition
- ukulele tuition
- clarinet tuition
- keyboard tuition.

Please could you contact the school office if you would like to pay for your child to have tuition in any of the above. Thank you to those who have already replied.

Reminders

Y4 Residential to Newby Bridge

Just a few days to go until Year 4's residential. Please make sure that you check the kit list when packing to ensure that you have what you will need and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in advance. Please can Year 4 parents check for a letter going home tonight as it has to be returned to school by tomorrow. Thanks.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 21st May for individual photographs and Monday 24th June for class photographs.

School Calendar

Monday 20th May	Year 1 trip to Beamish
Tuesday 21st May	School photographs (individual/siblings)
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 4 Residential - Newby Bridge
Thursday 23rd May	Outdoor Day
Friday 24th May	Break up for May half term
Monday 3rd June	Back to school
Tuesday 4 th June	Frisbee Fun Day
Wednesday 19th June	Y4 Swimming Team gala
Saturday 22nd June	Wylam Summer Fair
Monday 24th June	Whole class photographs
Thursday 27 th June	Tag rugby finals
Tuesday 2nd July	Transition Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day (PM) (16th July if it rains)
Friday 12th July	School performance of Heritage Project - Institute (evening)
Wednesday 17th July	Y4 Leavers Assembly, 2pm
Thursday 18th July	PTA Yard Bazaar (after school)
Friday 19th July	Break up for the Summer

Please continue to check the school website for the most up to date information and check out our news section for more pictures and information about events and activities.

Kind regards.

S Gibbon
Headteacher