



Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are almost at the end of the school year – only two weeks to go.

Rotary Club Writing Competition: On Monday morning, we had two visitors in the key stage 2 assembly, Derek and Joan from the Rotary Club. They had set a writing competition across schools in Washington and came to present prizes and certificates. Adam from 5DF won the best in school award and received a cheque for £25! They were extremely impressed with the high standard of entries from year 3 to 5.

Opera North: On Tuesday, 30 of our pupils joined Opera North on stage in Newcastle to perform Alice in Wonderland. If you were lucky to be there for the performance, I know you will agree with me that it was an excellent opportunity for the pupils. They were amazing and sung confidently on some very difficult songs. I must comment on the behaviour and attitude of all the children, which was exemplary throughout the whole day – a credit to the school. I couldn't even put them off with my small starring role as Tweedle-Dum!

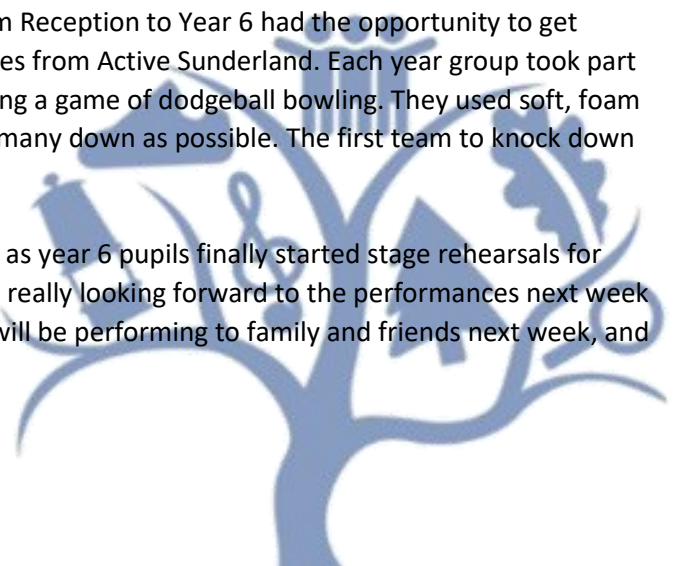
Washington 60 Celebrations and Colour Run: What a great day we have had today. It may not have been the warmest day for a picnic, but thank you to everyone who sat on the school field with your children to help celebrate Washington's 60th birthday. This was topped off with our first ever colour run, with activities related to the decades over the last 60 years to negotiate while slowly changing into a variety of colours. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the run – we hope you have managed to get clean again! Any sponsorship money can be sent into school – all money raised will be going to enhance the outdoor provision during break times.

July 4th Celebrations: As is a tradition of the school, several year 6 pupils represented the school at Washington Old Hall for the Independence Day event. This year the theme was Washington 60 – our pupils shared facts with the audience around each decade and shared pieces of art that pupils had created.

Sports Day: It was a jam-packed schedule of sports day activities for all year groups this week! It's been lovely to see so many families come and cheer the children on! The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves – even cheering on their parents during their race!

Sports Week: As part of sports week in school, all children from Reception to Year 6 had the opportunity to get involved in a fun physical activity with the help of sports coaches from Active Sunderland. Each year group took part in an assortment of energetic warm-up activities before enjoying a game of dodgeball bowling. They used soft, foam balls to try and hit their rival team's bowling pins, knocking as many down as possible. The first team to knock down all the other team's bowling pins were the winners.

Year 6: The excitement in the hall this week has been building as year 6 pupils finally started stage rehearsals for their end of year show: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. I'm really looking forward to the performances next week because the standard of the singing has improved daily. They will be performing to family and friends next week, and we hope everyone has been able to get tickets for the show.



Summer Fayre: Next Wednesday, the school will be holding their annual fayre on the front yard and field – gates will open at 3.30pm. There will be a mix of school stalls/games/raffles along with several community stalls. We are also hoping for a fire engine in the school carpark, although this will depend on emergencies in the area. We hope to see as many of you as possible to support the school – all money raised will be used to support your child's education.

JFK Superstars: Calvin (4AF) and his team Washington FC Jaguars went to a football tournament at Flamingo land they all played amazing and won the Yorkshire cup! I have heard there were lots of stand-out moments of brilliance from the team, and their coach could not have been prouder of them. Calvin's mam tells me they played incredibly well and really fought for each other.



Keira (3JW) climbed to the top of Scafell Pike at the weekend! Such an amazing achievement to climb the highest mountain in England (and in the rain!!). Keira has never done anything like this before and completed her task brilliantly - it was all part of a great celebration weekend for her Grandparents Golden Wedding anniversary. A weekend that they will never forget. Well

done Keira!

Freya Davie (1ES) was presented with dancing certificates and trophies this week for her recent exams in freestyle, cheerleading, tap and jazz. She really enjoying showing them to her teacher and classmates. An amazing achievement Freya, well done!



Poppy (3MS) has recently passed stage 4 swimming! What a fantastic achievement - now onwards and upwards to stage 5!

Richard (Treehouse) was proud to show off his collection of medals and trophies that he has won throughout the football season. Well done, we are proud of you!



Last Friday, Hatty (3MS) took part in a show jumping competition and won 2nd place! Well done Hatty – what a fantastic achievement!

School Uniform Exchange Scheme: Building Blocks in Concord are holding a uniform exchange scheme to help local families. Please see poster for further details:

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Adams - Head of School

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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Max M Mila H
Reception	RSC/MO	Lina B Logan S
	RAM	Keith R Chloe W
One	1AP	Georgina H Khadija D
	1ES	Freya D Harry M
Two	2FM	Peter B Lia-May B
	2MA	Flynn W Lilly-Mae C
Three	3MS	Hatty C Jason F
	3JW	The whole class for sports day
Four	4AF	Rosie B Ted C
	4BK	Bonnie P Tymon B
Five	5RN	All children who performed in Opera North
	5DF	All children who performed in Opera North
Six	6PP	The whole year group for rehearsals
	6LM	
Treehouse	TSK	Scarlett G
	TNP	Lily S



Timetables

PE Lessons: Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. **This is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers.** Please make sure that the shorts are appropriate for school – some have been getting very short. No additional accessories should be worn. At this time of year, we aim to have PE outside on the yard or field if the weather is suitable, however we do still ask that children have a jumper or jacket with them.

Week Commencing 8 th July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 Swimming Year 1	
Tuesday	Treehouse – Squirrel Class and Fox Class	Year 2
Wednesday		Reception
Thursday	Year 3 Treehouse – Hedgehog Class	Year 4
Friday	Nursery	Year 5 (There is no swimming, just PE for both classes)

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – **long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible.** No additional accessories should be worn. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

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Monday	3MS	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	2FM and 2MA
Thursday		
Friday	1ES	Nursery

