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Making Science Fun

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For this generation of children, it's highly likely that their future will - in some way - involve science. According to the National Careers Service, 70 per cent of all businesses employ people with science, technology, engineering and maths skills, and many are struggling to recruit the staff they need.

Our children's natural curiosity often leads to those 'why?' questions, that can sometimes seem never ending and on occasion can't be answered. However, it is our role as parents and educators to nurture and support this curiosity through the opportunities we give our children. It was therefore fantastic to see so many of you in school last Friday afternoon for our science showcase.

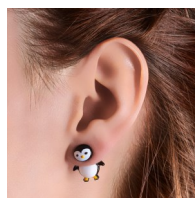
Mike Fletcher, from Sunderland College, had started our science week with a bang with his fascinating assembly before half term. The children then had the opportunity to take part in a number of workshops linked to the different elements of the science curriculum.

Finally, the children got to demonstrate some of the learning that had been taking place over the course of the week with their science showcase activities. It was fantastic to hear them explaining to parents and other pupils what they had been doing and the science behind it. Their curiosity was well and truly being supported by the activities around school. I must take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Hocking who arranged all of the activities during science week, and also to the staff who continue to offer the pupils of Windy Nook such fantastic learning opportunities. *Article 20 Every child has the right to an education.*



Earrings

Our parents and children uphold the "no jewellery" rule very well. Thank you for this. If you are planning to get your child's ears pierced this year, the very best time to do this for school is at the start of the summer holiday. Most ears have healed enough on the children's return to school in September to allow them to join in PE, swimming etc.



Rights Respecting School Award

We are really pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded our Silver RRSA award. The assessor was impressed with the way in which the rights respecting agenda is embedded into our school day and the curriculum. The Rights Respecting Ambassadors and Steering group did an excellent job of showing the assessor around school and impressing her with their knowledge of children's rights both in this country and around the world. Once again, I must thank Mrs. Hocking and the staff for all of their hard work and commitment which has helped us gain this award.



Sun Cream in School
It's here now, even if it's not for long! Sunny weather has come our way!

If you haven't filled in your sun cream permission letter and sent in cream for your child, please do so as soon as possible. Please also remember to send your child in with a sun hat.

What's happening?

- ◆ **Diary Dates**
- ◆ **Staffing Update**
- ◆ **Governor Focus**
- ◆ **Summer term events**



Dogs on Site

Our site is a smoke-free and dog-free site. Dogs are not allowed anywhere on site, neither is smoking. These are Council measures designed to keep children and site-users safe and healthy.

If you walk your dog to school, please make sure it is tied up outside the school site and well away from the gates.

Article 24 Every child has the right to the best possible health.

Remember!

Friday 29th June is an occasional day holiday and school is closed. Children finish for the summer break at the end of Friday 20th July and they return to school on Tuesday 4th September. Monday 3rd September will be a training day for staff.

Article 31 -Every child has the right to relax and play



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More Information

Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that Miss. Calam had her baby, Nieve, during the Easter holidays. Both mum and baby are well and we hope they will pay us a visit very soon.

We have recently appointed Miss. Ceara Crowe and Mrs. Kate Broomhall to our KS2 teaching team to replace Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cable. Both of the new teachers will be in school during our transition days so that the children can get to know them before the start of the summer holidays.

After 15 years at our school, Mrs. Pryn has decided to leave us to work closer to home. We wish her well and thank her for her hard work and efforts in organising PE events and as an active member of the PTFA, providing excellent opportunities for the children at Windy Nook.

Keeping your children Safe on line

The Local Safeguarding Children Board have been made aware of the potential dangers associated with the use of the application "Tellonym" (a play on the words "Tell on him") - The app is available as a free download on the Apple Istore and Google Play and is not regulated.

Tellonym advertises itself as "the most honest place on the internet. See what your friends think of you, answer anonymous questions and ask others the things you have never dared ...". The facility to allow anonymous postings has seen users (of any age) post a wide range of inappropriate messages, comments and photographs which have caused upset and distress to children and young people using the application which has required intervention from the police and other services.

Further information on keeping your children safe on line can be found at <http://theworduk.org/whats-on/keeping-your-child-safe-online/>

Summer Term Events

Week commencing 9th July

Monday 9th July - KS1 Sports Day pm
Thursday 12th July-KS2 Sports Day pm

Week commencing 16th July

Mon 16th July -KS2 Sports Award Assembly, 9.15.a.m
Tues 17th July -100% attendance assembly
Wednesday 18th - KS2 Talent Show at 1.30pm
Friday 20th July- 9.15am Y6 Leavers' Assembly.

Please be aware that if you are planning to attend either the **Sports Award Assembly** on Monday 16th July or the **Y6 Leavers' Assembly** on the last day, our ticketing arrangements will be in place for these events.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

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| Mon 18th Jun | Y6 WW1 history project—3 days |
| Thur 21st Jun | Reception browse classroom 3:30pm KS1 Trip to Preston Park |
| Mon 25th Jun | School assessment week |
| Wed 27th Jun | New class lists will come out to parents Summer Music Concert 5pm |
| Thu 28th Jun | School Games Day |
| Fri 29th Jun | OCCASIONAL DAY-school closed KS2 Athletics at Gateshead Stadium |
| Mon 2nd Jul | School transition day |
| Tue 3rd Jul | School transition day New Nursery parents' welcome meeting 9am, 5pm |
| Wed 4th Jul | Violin showcase for parents of Y3/4 pupils pm Y5 visit to Beamish—5pm return |
| Tues 10th Jul | Y5 cricket festival at Blaydon |
| Wed 11th Jul | School Summer Festival—World Cup theme School Council International Schools Conference |
| Tues 17th Jul | School Council visit Bowes Hutchinson School |
| Wed 18th Jul | KS2 Talent show |
| Thur 19th Jul | Reception Parents Outdoor event PTFA non uniform day fundraiser £1 |
| Fri 20th July | Last day of term |

Sporting Success

Congratulations to all of those pupils who have recently taken part in sporting fixtures. Our 3/4 Team of Quadkids have progressed through to the final. The Y5/ 6 girls football team won the cluster tournament with the boys coming third. Finally the year 5 football team won the league last week.

Article 15 you have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups.

Governor Focus

Windy Nook School Uniform

Our school uniform policy states that children should wear royal blue sweat shirts, white polo/tee shirts, dark grey skirts and trousers and black shoes or trainers. Summer uniform can include summer dresses and shorts. Whilst the majority of children abide by our school uniform rules and in doing so look incredibly smart, recently there have been a number of girls wearing black leggings for school. They are not part of the school uniform policy and therefore should not be worn.

Please can you also remember that long hair needs to be tied back for both hygiene and safety reasons. Thank you for your support with this.