

WNA NEWSLETTER

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Ben's Blog

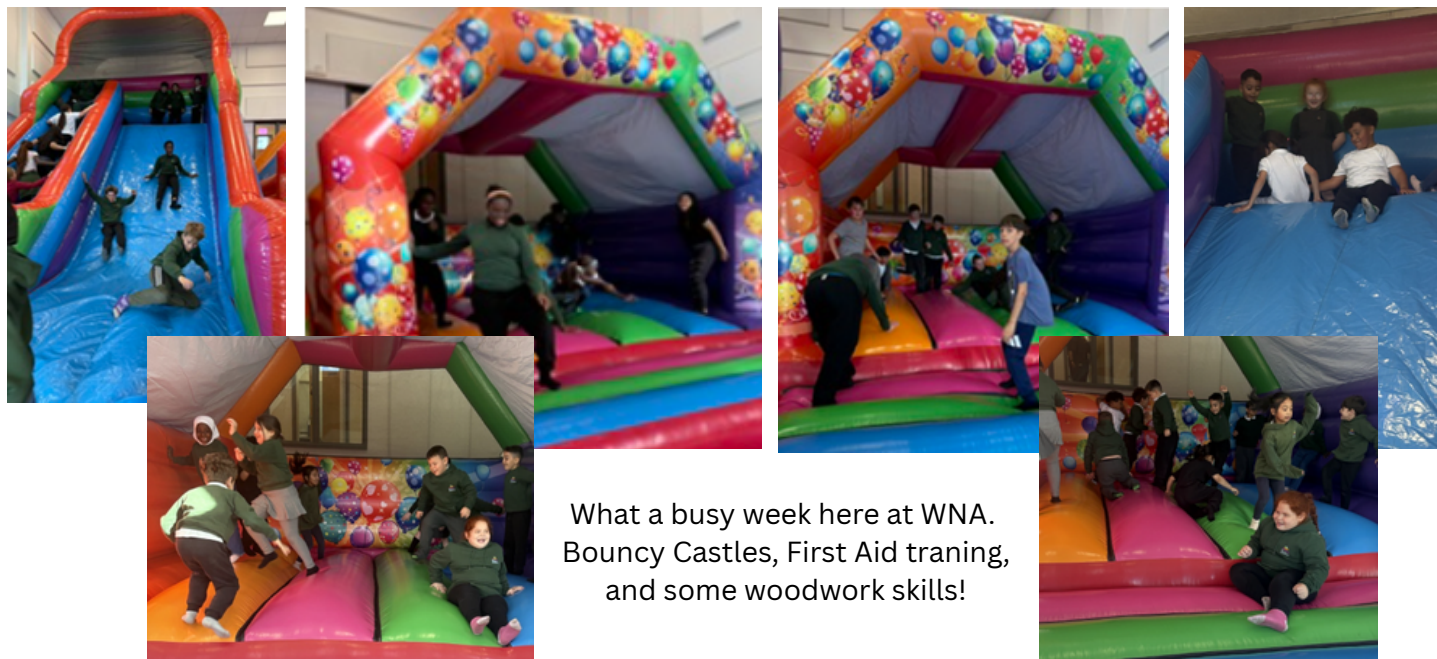
Dear Families,

Happy Friday everyone. It was good to see so many of you during our Poetry assembly this afternoon. We want to create more spaces and opportunities for you to be in school and after Christmas, you will be invited every Friday to our achievement/ reflection and review assembly. Special mention to our awesome Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 children who all performed their poems brilliantly.

To be honest, it has been a rather full week at WNA. On Monday we welcomed two Trust Officers from the Department of Education into school to show them our offer and whole school provision. It is crucial that we nurture and maintain good connections to the Department so they are able to support us further and understand our context more acutely.

We are also currently collaborating on a project with Hawthorn Primary School in Elswick with a focus on Behaviour and Attendance. Once again, it is useful to partner with local schools and learn from each other to improve the outcomes for all our children.

Kindest Regards, Ben



What a busy week here at WNA.
Bouncy Castles, First Aid training,
and some woodwork skills!



Diary Dates

12.10.26- RISE Parent meeting (Sleep) 9am

16.10.26- Harvest Festival Assembly at 2.30. All welcome.

21.10.26- Ways to Wellbeing parent meeting (Anxiety) 9am

26.10.26- October Half term

02.11.26- Staff Training Day

03.11.26- Children return to school

Nature Park News

It has been wonderful to welcome our Nursery teacher, Hee Yun, back to school this week. She has enjoyed catching up with all of the children and is looking forward to gradually returning to Nursery. We have had another busy week filled with fantastic learning opportunities. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Hodgkin Park, where they explored both human and physical geographical features. Meanwhile, our EYFS children have been discussing families and what makes them special. They have loved sharing family photographs and talking about the important people in their lives.



LOtC

This week, Year 3 went for a riverside walk along the Tyne. They had a lovely time looking at the features of the river, talking about the tide and identifying human and physical features around the Tyne, linking to their Geography learning.

This visit also supported their learning in science about the water cycle, and general discussions around water safety.

Year 1 walked to Hodgkin Park and looked at the human and physical features that they could spot on their journey. They were then rewarded with a little play on the park and some time to have fun.

Parental Consultations

Autumn Term Parental consultations will be held on **Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November.**

They will be opening for booking on Arbor at the beginning of next half term.

If you are unable to log into Arbor please contact the school office for support.

Census Day

Yesterday was School Census day and we would like to say a huge thank you to parents and children for your amazing attendance in school. Our whole school attendance for this day was **98.6%** which is an outstanding figure.

As promised, the children enjoyed their time on the two enormous bouncy castles which took up all of our hall space. They particularly enjoyed their lunch too as they were served pizza followed by ice cream.

“Yes! It’s the really cheesy one!” was declared in the Year 6 classroom.



St John's Ambulance

Year 5 spent a morning with St John's Ambulance representatives Ian and Brian. The children were amazing representatives of our school; both Brian and Ian were very impressed with them. They listened, asked brilliant questions and were very respectful. The children learned what to do in the event of a medical emergency, how to carry out CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

Hopefully, we're all in better hands and they learned something new!



Activity Clubs

After school clubs started this week, and the children particularly enjoyed the woodcraft club with Gary where they collaborated on using tools to construct a bookcase for the Nursery classroom.

We have added another club to the booking system this week, Rachel, our music teacher will be holding a choir club for children in Years 2-6.

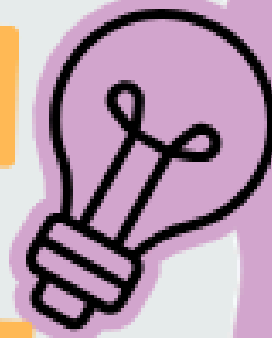




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**AFTER · SCHOOL
CLUBS**

ON ARBOR NOW



YEAR 1 AND 2 GYMNASTICS

MON · 3:30-4:15 PM

WOODCRAFT SKILLS (YEAR 3)

TUES · 3:30-4:15 PM

GIRLS SPORTS (YEARS 3-5)

TUES · 3:30-4:15 PM

FOOTBALL (YEARS 4-6)

THU · 3:30-4:30 PM

SCHOOL CHOIR (YEARS 2-6)

THU · 3:30-4:15 PM

STRETCH, RUN AND FUN (YEARS 5-6) FRI · 3:30-4:30 PM





West Newcastle Academy Primary School and Nature Park Open Day

Tuesday 3rd November 9:45–10:45am or
Wednesday 4th November 4:30–5:30pm

We warmly welcome all parents and carers looking for Nursery, Reception or Primary School places.

Call us on **01912739477** or Email
wna-admin@westnewcastleacademy.org
to book your space.

West Newcastle Academy, Armstrong Road, Benwell, NE4 8QP

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to
our first open day events.

Please share the invitation with friends and family who
may be interested in joining our school.