

WNA NEWSLETTER

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Ben's Blog

Dear Families,

This week our Full Governing Body met and the main purpose of the meeting was to review all of our attainment outcomes (results) from last year. Every year, schools in England are measured based on a number of outcomes:

- Early Years Good Level of Development Data - **Reception Class**
- Phonics Screening Check- **Year 1 and Year 2**
- Multiplication Check- **Year 4**
- Reading/ Writing/ Grammar-Punctuation-Spelling/ Maths- **Year 6**

These results are also available on our school website so click [here](#) to have a look. We are exceptionally proud of our Year 6 results this year so huge congratulations to our previous Year 6 children and also to Amy, Lizzie and the staff team for their efforts and expertise.

Our long term plan is to ensure consistently positive results in line with or above national average year on year. This is a genuine challenge and will take time to embed. Whilst attainment and results are only one piece of the jigsaw- they are an important factor in our continued success as a school. Happy Weekend- Ben.



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.



Year 5 visit to
the Life Science
Centre





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

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

Y5 at The Life Science Centre

The children demonstrated some brilliant teamwork in their electricity and energy workshop at The Life Science Centre.

They were great listeners, investigators and problem solvers. Some of them are destined to be future renewable energy engineers!

Well done everyone for such great work.



Harvest Collection

Next week, we will be collecting food donations as part of our Harvest Festival event. We would like to ask that each child brings an item or two that can be donated to our local Foodbank. Every food donation is put into a food parcel and distributed to people in need across the City. If you are able, please consider donating items such as; Milk (Long Life), Fruit Juices, Cereals, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Soup, Rice Pudding, Custard, Tea Bags/Instant Coffee, Rice/Pasta, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Biscuits or Snack Bars, Toiletries, Sanitary Towels, Nappies or Pet food



Nature Park News

We have had another busy week for our EYFS and Year 1 children, with lots of exciting learning taking place. This week, Year 1 made a delicious fruit crumble, which they cooked over a campfire. The children were sensible and demonstrated excellent fire safety throughout the activity. Meanwhile, Nursery and Reception have enjoyed a science-focused week, learning about germs and the importance of washing their hands. They carried out a range of exciting investigations to explore why using soap is so important.



Harvest Assembly

You are invited to join us on **Friday 16th October** for our Harvest assembly. Assembly will begin at **2.30pm** and we will be sharing all of the songs we have been learning this half term.

We had such a great turn out for our National Poetry Day assembly last week, and hope you enjoyed the performances. It would be lovely to see you all again next Friday.



LOtC

This week, **Year 5** visited The Life Science Centre and took part in an electricity workshop. This linked with their LOtC work about energy and how it transfers.

Year 1 have been learning about healthy eating and have been practicing using kitchen tools and utensils safely. This week they chopped and prepared fruit to make a fruit crumble, which they then cooked on the fire in the Nature Park.

Year 6 visited a careers fair at Excelsior school on Wednesday, where they learned about some potential careers that might interest them when they grow up.

Attendance

In stark contrast to the brilliant attendance figures that we saw last week, today's attendance was a very low figure of **83%**.

We understand that incidents of genuine illness cannot be helped and that they are few and far between. Please support us promoting attendance at school every day with your children, every school day really does count.

