WNA NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th November 2026

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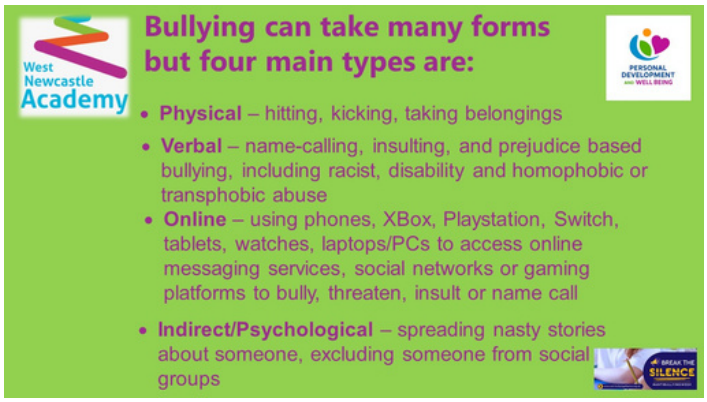
Ben's Blog

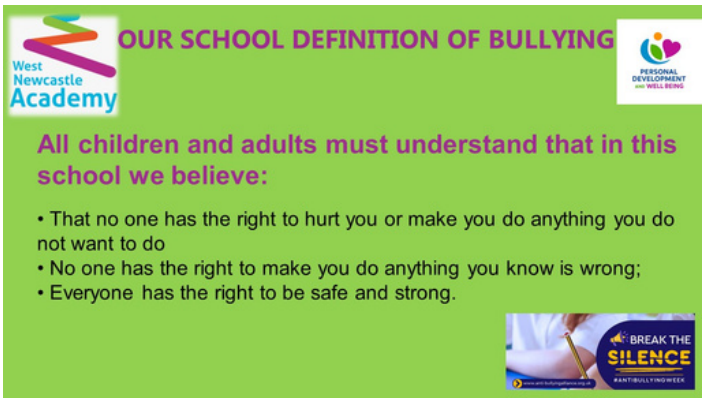
Dear Families,
This week across all schools in the U.K children and young adults are being asked to reflect on what 'bullying means' as well as being encouraged to 'break the silence' and speak up about any bullying concerns.

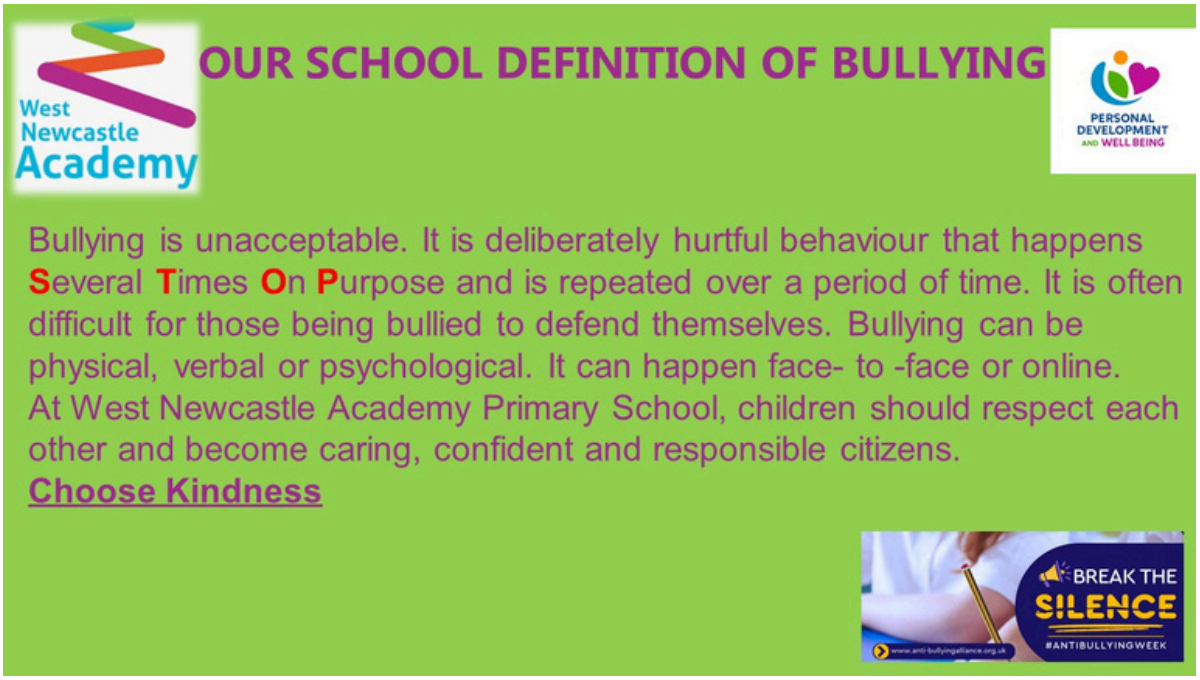
At West Newcastle Academy, we ask all of our children to name two trusted adults in school with whom they would feel comfortable sharing any worries they may have. Whilst bullying is a very rare occurence at West Newcastle Academy, it can happen and we must all work together to become a bully free school. If you haven't had the chance to read our anti-bullying policy then I would encourage you to do so.

Tomorrow, we have an Open Day from 11am for families who are considering registering their child in our Reception class for 2027/2028. Please pass this on if you know anyone in this position.

Have a great weekend. Ben







Diary Dates

25.11.26- Ways to Wellbeing session (Depression)
21.11.26- Open Day

02.12.26- Ways to Wellbeing session (Wellbeing and Self Care)

03.12.26- Winter Wonderland

09.12.26 Christmas Performance 2pm
10.12.26 Christmas Performance 9.30am

Anti-bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week in school. The children showed their commitment to ensuring that we are a bully free school by wearing odd socks on not one, but two days this week. They have also spent time in class and in assembly talking about the importance of kindness and respect for each other.

History at WNA

This half term, all of the classes have a history topic that they are working on. We are covering a wide variety of learning, ranging from Ancient History, with the Y5 children learning about the Ancient Greek Civilisation, to much more modern history, with Y1 learning about the history of the Old Road. They have looked at pictures of the terraced housing that once stood on the Nature Park Site and compared it to what we see now.

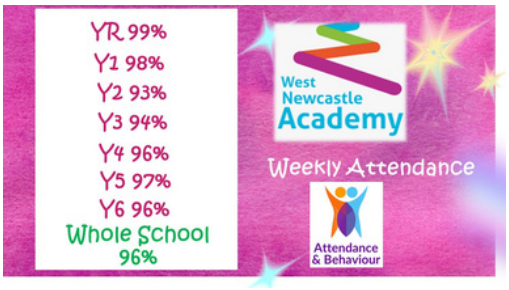
Action For Children

Action for Children is based at Wesley House in Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, providing family support and specialist services for children and young people.
Location & Contact Details

- Address: Wesley House, Bond Street / Bond Court, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8BA (also listed as NE4 8QB)
- Phone: 0191 272 4990
- Typical Hours: Monday–Friday, 09:00–17:00



How was attendance in your class this week?



Nature Park News

This week, the children in the Nature Park have enjoyed another fantastic week filled with exciting learning opportunities. Nursery and Reception children were introduced to their traditional tales for this half term, The Gingerbread Man and The Little Red Hen. Nursery children had great fun decorating their own gingerbread men, while Reception children followed a recipe to bake delicious bread buns. In Year 1, the children have been exploring Paddington Bear and produced some fantastic character descriptions!

LOtC

This week Year 3 spent the day in the Nature Park, where they built a fire and cooked their Anglo-Saxon biscuits. Reception walked to Benwell Library and brought back some books for the class to share. Year 1 spent their LOtC session this week in the Nature Park looking at the Old Road and continued the archeology work that Y4 had started.

Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance is:

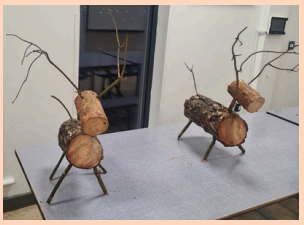
96%

Thank you for making sure your children arrived in school each day on time, despite the cold and wet weather we have experienced this week.

Woodwork Club

This week in Woodwork club, the children worked with different tools such as drills and hand saws. They used wood collected in the Nature Park to create reindeer decorations.







We are happy to be able to offer another opportunity for families to come and look around our school and talk to staff about what we have to offer. Please contact our admin team to book a place.

If you are unable attend on this occasion, but are still interested in finding out more about us, please don't hesitate to reach out. We can offer one to one visits at a time that would be more suitable for you.