WNA NEWSLETTER

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Ben's Blog

Dear Families,

It certainly feels as though we are all getting into a happy rhythm once again and the wheels are steadily turning. The start of the school year requires a huge team effort and I would like to express my sincerest thanks to our whole staff team for all their efforts, expertise and dedication over the last month. Moreover, thanks to you our families for supporting the children back to school and for much improved punctuality every morning.

Lots in the newsletter today, most notably, we need all of your children in school next week on Thursday 1st October so we are able to receive their funding for the next financial year. Obviously, we want them in every day for the full 190 days but next Thursday is important.

Finally, please take a look at the clubs list and get your child signed up on Arbor. All clubs begin next week. Some of the clubs such as Computing and the additional English classes have been invitation only.
Wishing you a great weekend.

Kindest Regards, Ben

New Cello Group

Noticing Nature

Diary Dates

28.09.26- RISE Parent session, mental health awareness 2.30pm

29.09.26- Final day of 20 day challenge

01.10.26- School Census Day and Fun day for all children- **GET YOUR CHILDREN IN!**

02.10.26- National Poetry Day assembly at 2.30pm. All welcome.

16.10.26- Harvest Festival Assembly at 2.30. All welcome.

Nature Park News

What a wonderful week it has been for our **EYFS** and **Year 1** children! Our Nursery and Reception pupils have been busy looking for signs of autumn and learning about the importance of Harvest Festival. In Year 1, the children put their Design and Technology skills to the test by designing and making their own fruit salads. A special highlight was our **Autumn Detectives** activity on Monday, where all the children worked together to explore the outdoors. The Year 1 children were brilliant role models for the younger children in Nursery and Reception.

Census Day

This Thursday, 1st October is School Census Day. On this day, we collect data and information for all children registered to our school and report to the Department for Education. On this day, attendance at school is the only way to ensure that the relevant funding for school is allocated. **We will receive no funding for your child if they are absent on this day so please make sure your child is present in school on October 1st.**
We have arranged a fun activity day for the children to enjoy on this day too.

LOtC

This week, Year 4 have visited the Nature Park to continue their learning all about The Old Road. This links to their geography topic, where they are comparing old maps of the area, from when there were rows of terraced housing and how the space looks now.
The children have begun working on excavating a small section of the cobble stones to see what they can discover.

Book Amnesty

Could everyone please have a good look around at home for any reading books that belong to school. We have noticed that some of our reading book boxes are looking a little depleted. This is particularly the case for our younger children's reading books. The Read, Write, Inc books that children in YR, Y1 and Y2 bring home are particularly expensive and will be very costly for school to replace.

Any books you find, please hand back to your child's class teacher.

RSE

We wrote to you in Newsletter 2 of this term about the draft PSHE and RSE policy consultation. This will remain open until 12th October for your feedback. Please email ben@westnewcastleacadey.org with any questions you may have about this.

Activity Clubs

After school clubs are open for booking on Arbor. Remember that all after school activity clubs are free to access. We have a range of activity clubs for children to enjoy, with a focus on keeping children active. Have a look at the poster on the next page to see what is available this term, and book your child's place on your Arbor app.

SIGN UP FOR

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

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BOOK AMNESTY

If you have any books at home that belong to school, please return them to us as soon as possible. Have a good look. Some of our bookshelves are looking a little bare.

Thank you!

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