



June 24th 2022

Football

On a very hot Wednesday, Miss Crampton and Mrs Daniels took the football squad to Staindrop to compete against 4 teams. The team performed brilliantly winning twice and drawing once on the way to the final. The final ended in defeat against a very strong team but the team were a great credit to our school, competing well and supporting one another. They came home with a runners up medal and huge smiles! Well done to our team. Thank you, Miss Crampton and Mrs Daniels, for coaching and taking the children.

Friendship Games

On Thursday, Miss Richardson arranged for some children from Victoria Lane Primary School in Coundon to visit our school to take part in the Friendship Games to celebrate the Commonwealth Games which are in Birmingham this summer. The children competed in two sports – cricket and basketball. This is a lovely idea to make links with other Durham schools showcasing the values of humanity, destiny and equality. We will visit Victoria Lane in Coundon for another round of Friendship Games on Friday next week.

Athletics Level 3 Event

Many congratulations to Jack, Todd, Miah and Bella who qualified for the next round of School Games and today competed against other qualifiers from other Durham schools at Shildon Athletics Stadium. Jack and Miah ran in boys and girls 100m and joined other children from different schools in the 100m relay. Todd competed in the triple jump whilst Bella competed in the long jump. I will let you know how they got on next week!

Bikeability for Year 6

Today was the first Bikeability session for the children in Year 6 ran by trainers from the Local Authority.

Women in Engineering

On Thursday, Dr Greenwell delivered an assembly about 'International Women in Engineering Day' which is in its 9th year. Women only make up 16.5% of engineers, that is less than one in every five! The children talked about the different types of engineering careers that are available, and we looked at some inspiring women and what they do! Dr Greenwell has set everyone an optional engineering challenge from the 'Little Inventors' programme. Look out on Weduc for more details.

Nut free school and healthy snacks

Please remember that we are a nut free school as we have several children with nut allergies. For children moving on to Teesdale School, they are also a nut free school so please do not take items of food containing nuts on the transition days. A reminder that we encourage healthy snacks for breaks (not crisps or chocolate).

FOMS Summer Raffle

We will be drawing the summer raffle on July 14th. Thank you to those families who have sold their tickets and returned the stubs and money. If you would like to contribute a raffle prize or would like more tickets please call at the school office. Thank you.

School Grounds

I hope you are enjoying the display around the roundhouse and the school grounds in general. Thanks to Gardening Club, Mrs Smith, Mr Hunt and other children and staff who are tending to the flower beds. Next year I hope we can create a small wildlife meadow and add more animal homes to encourage biodiversity.

Sports Day

Nursery class will be holding a Sports Afternoon on Thursday 14th July 1.30 - 3pm. Parents and carers are invited along to watch some traditional sports day races on the school field, followed by a picnic and play in the nursery grounds. Mrs Patterson will post more details on the Weduc app nearer the time.

Sports Day for years Reception to Year 6 is arranged for Friday July 15th at 1pm. Parents/carers and families are welcome to attend.

Term time leave of absence

This term there has been a huge increase in leave of absence requests. The vast majority of these I am unable to accept as the DfE recognise the importance of children being in school and the links between attendance and achievement. Please bear this in mind when booking holidays.

New Starters Parents' Meeting

It was nice to meet the parents of the new Reception starters this week. I hope that you found the information Miss Lauder shared useful. We are looking forward to seeing your children full time in September.

Barnard Castle Rugby Sessions

Children from Year 1-6 have the opportunity to join Barnard Castle Rugby Club's Junior Academy. Sessions are on Sunday mornings starting in September. It is open to children with no previous experience to more confident players. To register an interest, please contact Andy on 0780180120.

Assemblies and School Performances

In non Covid times, we had class assemblies and performances at different points in the year for different phases of the school. As this was not possible due to Covid and guidance earlier in the academic year, we are going to try and squeeze quite a lot into this half term!

Reception and Year 1 will have class assemblies this half term. These will start at approximately 9am and parents/carers are welcome to attend. Reception's assembly is on Friday 1st July. Please come to the School Office entrance once you have dropped the children off on these days.

For Years 2-6, we are going to have two performances of 'Monty does Musicals' at the Witham Hall. This will allow us to have a larger audience on two nights and not have multiple performances, which can be tiring for children. It will also be a great experience for our children. Miss Richardson is helping to coordinate these performances and has sent information regarding costumes and drop off times with each class which should have been shared with you. We will arrange tickets for the performances nearer the time.

Dates for the events can be found in the dates for the diary section.

Uniform Ordering Reminder

Order before 24th July – for delivery to home before school returns in September

A link and information are available on the school website.

Dates for the Diary

I have added all of the dates for the diary for the rest of the academic year in the section below and as you can see there is a lot happening! Some events are added as they are confirmed each week so keep checking please! Details will follow for some of them.

June 29 th	Women's Rugby Team (Y3,4,5 & 6)
July 1 st	Reception Class Assembly
July 1 st	Friendship Games @ Coundon
July 4 th , 5 th & 6 th	Bikeability for Year 6
July 4 th	Year 4 Rugby Competition @ B.C Rugby Ground
July 6 th	Year 1 Class Assembly
July 6 th	Year 5 Netball @ Bishop Barrington
July 6 th	Staindrop Transition (Y6)
July 7 th and 8 th	Teesdale Transition (Y6)
July 7 th	The Oaks Transition (Y6)
July 7 th	Moving Up Day
July 7 th	Nursery new starter visits
July 11 th	Dress Rehearsal (Y2-6)
July 12 th and 13 th	Year 2-6 Performance
July 12 th	Reception Festival @ Staindrop Academy
July 12 th	Football Competition @ Staindrop Academy
July 13 th	Year 6 Festival @ Staindrop Academy
July 14 th	Year 1 Festival @ Staindrop Academy
July 14 th	Nursery sports afternoon and picnic 1.20pm
July 14 th	The Oaks Transition (Y6)
July 15 th	School sports day Reception-Y6 1pm
July 20 th	Leavers' Assembly
July 20 th	Last day of term
September 6 th	Children return to school

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