

Friday 12th January 2018

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th January – Author Chris Connaughton in School.
- Wednesday 17th January – Year 2 Multi-skills at Whickham School – Afternoon only.

Attendance

Year Group	Attendance
Early Years	96%
1	95%
2	96%
3	95%
4	95%
5	94%
6	100%


After school Clubs

All texts have been sent confirming places for after school clubs. Clubs start next week, commencing 15th January. Karate Club was very popular so a group has been put together for Spring 1 (from now until February half term) and another group for Spring 2 (after February half term until Easter). Texts have already been sent to children in Group 1, if you have not received a text your child will be in Group 2.

Harry Potter Book Night

This year Harry Potter Book Night is on Thursday 1st February, 5-6.30pm. It's a fantastic evening with Harry Potter themed activities, quizzes, experiments and Butterbeer. Wizard Robes optional – prize for best dressed wizard.

All completely free for children aged 7 and over (parent/carer Free).

As the event is always  oversubscribed, this year Gateshead Council are holding events at Crawcrook, Blaydon, Leam Lane and Gateshead Central Libraries.


Tickets must be booked in advance as places are limited. To book tickets call 0191 433 6965 or visit

<https://online.gateshead.gov.uk/EventTicketsOnline/pages/eventdetails.aspx?ky=5294>


Did he or didn't he?

Year 5 spent Tuesday afternoon researching one of Swalwell's most famous former residents – William Shield.


They endeavoured to discover whether he really did compose Auld Lang Syne or whether it is purely a story...

Unfortunately after their  extensive research they still were unable to come up with a definitive answer although twelve pupils believe he composed the music for Auld Lang Syne, with nine of them convinced that the music was 'stolen' by Robert Burns and added to the poem without permission!


Year 1 Yoga Bugs

Today Year 1 children had their first Yoga bugs session. Yoga started in ancient India which is Year 1's topic this half term. They started with the 'sun salutation' and the 'warrior' before retelling the story of the Gingerbread man through yoga. They finished with a breathing and relaxation exercise. All of the children worked hard to control their body movements and balance. 

Super Science Workshop

The Family Learning team are delivering a one off 'Super Science' taster session on Tuesday 23rd January 1:30-2:30pm for parents/carers to give them ideas of science experiments and activities they can do with their children at home. The session will be held at Bensham Grove Nursery. Places are limited—Book now Phone Family learning on 4338611 or email kayflynn@gateshead.gov.uk 

Dinner Money Increase

As you will be aware school catering services has not increased the charges for school meals for the past 3 years. During this time labour and food costs have continued to increase. As a result of these costs school catering has increased the charge for a school meal to £2.20 per day or £11.00 per week. 

Attendance Reward

As a special reward for achieving the highest attendance in school during the autumn term, Year 6 had a non uniform day today. Well done Year 6 for achieving 97.2%, keep up the hard work!



Happy Birthday to...

Aaron Murray 9, Falon Brown 11, Jackson Hogg 6 and Archie Bertram 7. 