



Nursery



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Isla- May Weir for trying so hard with her reading at home and at school.

This week, Nursery have been learning about people who help us at school. We took some pictures of adults who help us around our school and talked about what they do. In our classroom, we enjoyed playing schools with our friends. We also went for a spring walk and identified footprints in the snow. Next week, the children are going to learn all about Easter.

Year 2



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Tianna Jones, for always being a kind friend to everyone in Class 2.

Year 4



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Delaney King for awesome descriptive writing.

Class 4 enjoyed mummifying tomatoes on Tuesday as part of our Egyptian Day. Thank you for all your imaginative costumes!

Homework will be online on Freckle and Spelling Frame from now on. Contact Mrs Vincent on Dojo if you're struggling to log on.

Reception



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Aria Cain for trying hard to write sentences without adult help.

Reception had a great time on Egyptian Day. We made some lovely Egyptian Jewellery and enjoyed looking at photos and videos of pyramids and temples.

Year 1



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Aiden Wells for moving onto Accelerated Reader and thriving with his independent reading.

Year 3



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Year 3 is Robyn Steel for her excellent knowledge on our history day.

Class news - Year 3 joined a live lesson from the Roman Baths in Bath, and found out all about tools from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They used their previous learning to ask fantastic questions about the objects.

Year 5



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Alex, he has written an excellent diary entry this week and he has tried extremely hard with his spelling and handwriting. He also had the confidence to read it aloud to the class.

Year 6



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the week is Oliver Norris for his resilience when working through challenging maths problems.

W.A.S

Wellbeing Award for Schools

Our school are currently working to achieve this Wellbeing Award for Schools. The award aims to promote positive social and emotional wellbeing, mental health and wellness for pupils and staff in your school.

Headteacher's Awards

Mrs. Miller, Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Goldsmith get the award this week for ensuring children leave their ELSA, Nurture and Thrive sessions feeling happy and supported.

Christina Scott and Layton Gibson get the award this week for cheering members of the school community up with their polite attitude and friendly conversation.



Our first history themed day was a great success. Everyone got into the spirit of things and the children learnt lots of facts in a really fun way.



Team Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust and West Cornforth Primary are establishing a community partnership. The trust was established in 2015, to help improve the quality of life of children and adults who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis or cancer bereavement. They are based in Spennymoor, County Durham and provide bespoke help and support covering any emotional, physical, practical or financial needs that are required. The trust understands everyone's journey is unique, and they try to create a sense of calm and normality at a time when people are also dealing with the obstacles of day-to-day life.



In the forthcoming months, we will be organising lots of fun activities which will involve parents/carers and children. These will range from family football tournaments, barbeques, and even a Connor Solan pop up charity shop to name a few. All money raised will be shared between West Cornforth Primary and the Solan Trust.

Whispers Around West Cornforth Primary School

We are starting a new Podcast in school called Whispers around West Cornforth Primary School. Every week we will give you a glimpse into school life, chat about some positive news stories and find the best joke from around school to make you laugh! Our first episode will be airing soon and will be uploaded to our school website.

Buddy Bench Poster Competition

The Wellbeing Mentors are hosting a poster competition. The posters will need to be about the Buddy Benches and what they are used for (if you are upset or lonely). The Wellbeing Mentors will choose six winners from different classes. These posters will then be laminated and put up around school and the winners will receive a prize. We would like these posters to be completed by Wednesday 6th April. Please bring in your completed posters to Year 5. Good luck!

Thank you, Party Time Inflatables, for sponsoring our sports kit.

<https://www.party-time-inflatables-durham.co.uk/>

Tel: 01388 417490 (9am-3pm, Mon - Fri)

Mob: 07748 469589 (9am - 7pm, 7 days)

Email: info@party-time-inflatables-durham.co.uk



Wrap Around Care at West Cornforth Primary School

The children who attend the wrap around club have named it *West Cornforth Primary School Wild Cats*.

We offer a breakfast club which opens from 7.15am to 8.45am at the cost of £3.00 per session.

The children receive a choice of cereals, toast, fresh fruit and yoghurts.

After school wrap around care runs every school day from 3.00pm - 6.00pm at a cost of £5.00 per session. These sessions are predominantly play led, with additional activities such as crafts, baking, art, sports, music and dancing. The children can also complete homework during these sessions.

A light tea is also offered with a choice of fresh fruit and yoghurts.

Here are the children's thoughts about our wrap around club:

" I like West Cornforth Wild Cats because I get to play with all of my friends and we have lots of fun."

" I like going to after school because I like going into the hall and playing football."

" I like the lovely things."

" I like the fact we can use the hall for movement, games and dancing."

" I like going to breakfast club, as I love the cereal."

"I have lots of friends in Wild Cats."

Come and join us!

TOTAL DRAMA ALL★STARS

Mr Gough's Drama Superstars!

All children this week are drama superstars for their participation in Egyptian Day. All children got into the spirit of Ancient Egypt and fully applied themselves in workshops!

Great work in drama!

With this summer's Women's Euro Championships exactly **100 days** away... There are a couple of FANTASTIC opportunities for your children to watch local women's football matches here in the North East for just **£3.00**.

CLICK below to get tickets for DURHAM v SUNDERLAND at Maiden Castle on Sunday 24th April, 2pm kick off:

https://durhamwfc.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/durham_women_v_sunderland/email

NEWCASTLE v BARNSELEY @St James Park, Newcastle, 2pm kick off, Sunday 1st May (Gates open 12:30pm) £3 adults/U16s & Concessions go free! Cash only at turnstiles.

#letgirlsplay

There's also loads of great resources around the Euros here:

<https://www.figc-fis.eu/reserved-area/sign-up.html>

Hope you can make it.
Mr Whitelock

Mr. Whitelock's Sports Superstars

Rec:

Paris-Leigh Tucker & Amelia Taylor

Year 1:

Jacob Knowles & Max Tantam

Year 2:

Subash Saladi & Liam Ashford

Years 3:

Layton Hart & Edward Dennison & Archie Braithwaite

Year 4:

Chloe Miles & Luke Forster

Year 5:

Lewis Cain & Alfie Watson Allen

Year 6:

Jake Chapman & Francesca Seargent



Help your family be safer and savvier online

With the Easter holidays fast approaching, Be Internet Legends have designed activities to entertain and engage families and **reinforce the online safety learning we deliver in school**. You can access their Legendary Parent Hub by using this link:

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendaryparent>



Hi, Abby here from the library,

Just to let you know about our free Easter crafts, which are running throughout the holidays for all ages. Our planned crafts are:

- Tuesday 12th April 11:00am or 2:00pm – **Build-A-Bunny** – Booking required
- Thursday 14th April 11:00am or 2:00pm – **Marble Ink Easter Baskets** – Booking required
- Tuesday 19th April 11:00am or 2:00pm – **Marigold Frog Planters** – Booking required
- Thursday 21st April All Day – **Easter Magnets** – No booking required

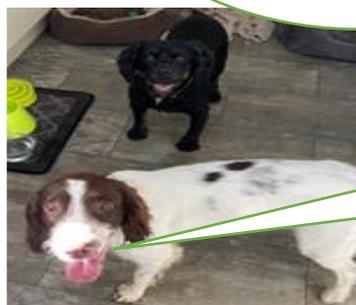
For more information, leaflets are available in school. If children/parents are stuck for something to do over the holidays, come and join us! We have had lots of children from WCPS come to our after-school crafts and activities. They have all been extremely well-behaved and have made some lovely things. As always, they're a credit to you.



Bruce's Corner

Exercise is good for you

How much time do you spend outdoors when you are not at school? If you are spending too much time on your games console or phone, switch them off and call for your mates. Do something to increase your heart rate. You will feel better for it.



I thoroughly enjoyed playing in the park with my mate Copper, last week. After playing in the sunshine, we shared a cool bowl of water. Nothing beats a bowl of cold water after a game of chase!



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

SEND Coffee Morning

We are holding an informal coffee morning on **Tuesday 5th April from 9am** for parents and carers of children with SEND. Invites will be sent out next week. Laura Redhead (Occupational Therapist) from Sensory Worx, Joanne Watson and Lindsay Burkinshaw (Emotional Wellbeing and Effective Learning Team) will be there alongside Miss Gregg (SENCO). The coffee morning will be a chance for parents, carers, staff and professionals to meet and have informal discussions. It will be useful to have discussions and gather views on SEND support at West Cornforth Primary School, as well as find out what information you would like to be covered in future coffee mornings. There will be coffee, tea and biscuits on offer, so please come along if you're free!



ELSA - So, what do the children think?

On completion of their ELSA programmes, we ask the children to reflect on their experiences and leave us some feedback. Here are some of the comments we receive:

"It has helped me a lot with my anger and my problems in the playground."

"I think it helps me a lot. Once I've had a session, it makes me feel much better."

"The activities have helped me feel less alone."

"Helps me get through a lot of things. Adults offer support."

"I enjoyed the fun games and activities."

"Mrs Miller gives you information in a positive way which helps you to feel happier, be positive and learn better."

"Every time I have completed a session, I come out smiling."

Speech and Language Support for Parents

Tiny Happy People is there to help you develop your child's communication skills. Explore their simple activities and play ideas and find out about your child's amazing early development. **Simple, fun, free activities to try at home:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Miss Gregg is our school SENCO. If you would like to speak to her about your child's special educational needs, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. **Miss Gregg is now available to contact via your child's Class Dojo account.**