



Ellingham CE Primary School Friday Flyer

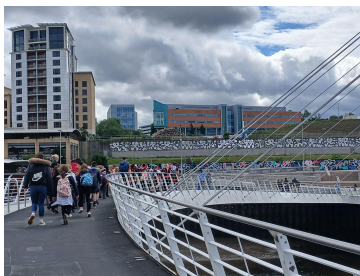
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Head of School Update

It was a pleasure to visit Newcastle City Mosque yesterday with Keystage 2 pupils from Ellingham and Embleton School. We had a very warm welcome and a really interesting and informative morning, learning all about the Muslim faith and exploring the mosque. Our pupils were respectful and curious and a credit to the school. Afterwards, we explored Newcastle, with a walk down to the Quayside, taking in the Castle Keep and the amazing bridges over the river. It was a lovely day with lots to see and learn.

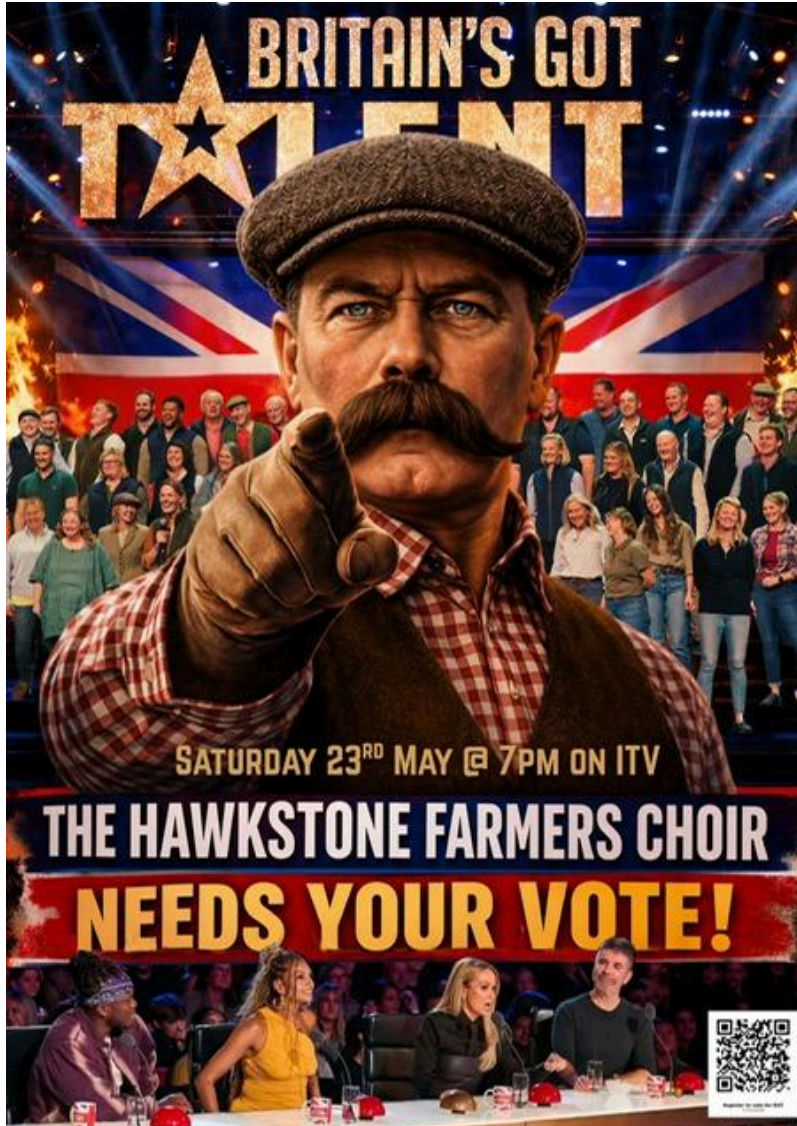
Other highlights this week include a fabulous lantern making session, as part of the What a Wonderful World festival in Alnwick Playhouse; a visit from our new Executive Headteacher Mr Shaw, and welcoming back Mrs Senior, in preparation for her return from maternity leave, later this term.

We wish you all a happy and restful half term holiday, and we hope the promised sunshine finally makes an appearance for us all.





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Exciting Community News:

One of our parents, Katryna Shell, will be representing the farming community of Northumberland, in Britain's Got Talent on Saturday night. Good luck Katryna from everyone at Ellingham School.

We will all be watching and voting.



Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	75	93.8
Space Base	87.5	94.5
Earth Works	100	89.9
Time Zone	94.3	92.6

Did you know? Each pupil has 175 non-school days a year to spend however they like. The table below shows the significant impact of absence over time.

Days of school add up to lost learning						
Days in school	190	186	180	175	171	170
Percentage attendance	100%	98%	95%	92%	90%	<90%
	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Caution	Cause for concern	Serious concern

Absence Procedures If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

We have a continual focus on attendance and punctuality and this is of the utmost importance in your child's education. Please remember that our school gate closes at 8.55am as this is when our lessons begin. Anyone arriving after this time is classed as late and will miss valuable learning opportunities which take place immediately after registration, such as phonics.

What are the risks of missing a day of school?

'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.' The Education Hub - Department for Education



Splash Class

This week has been a lovely one with lots of fun activities. We have been watching our strawberries and wildflowers grow, and we have our first tiny frog in our tadpole tank. Everyone enjoyed a very relaxing lantern making workshop which involved a lot of very sticky glue. Mrs Senior told us all about bees and how important they are for national bee day. We made the most of the rain by adding bubbles and paint to the puddles and making some colourful mixtures. We hope you have a very relaxing holiday next week and enjoy the sunshine.





Space Base Class

This week, Space Base had some special visitors. They came in to help the children make lanterns. The children loved this activity and worked amazingly well as a team.

On Wednesday, the children learned about bees for National Bee Day. They enjoyed learning about bees and why it is so important to protect them.

Throughout this half term, the children in Space Base have worked extremely hard and deserve a well-deserved break.



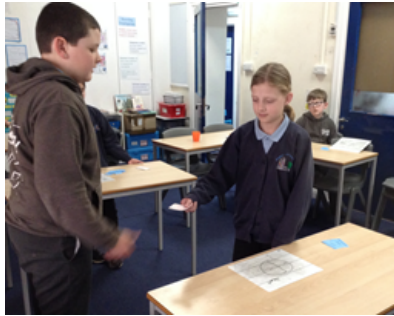


Key Stage Two: Time Zone and Earth Works

In Earth Works' Science, we investigated the length of the digestive system and its parts by making a model using lengths of wool. We used accurate measuring and calculation skills to create our labelled model.



In Time Zone, we explored how our blood flows around our double circulatory system and used a game to model the transport of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood around the heart, body organs and lungs.



Our pots inspired by Neolithic Grooved and Impressed Ware are now dry. We continued our pottery unit by creating coil pots inspired by Bell Beaker pottery from the Bronze Age. We discovered that coil pots are much harder to make than pinch pots!



Year 6 had a delicious picnic lunch to celebrate completing their SATs tests. Well done Year 6, and a big thank you to Josie, who put on an amazing spread for the boys!



In History, we used a discussion activity to explore the survival challenges facing people in the Stone Age and to practise our Oracy skills. We prioritized a set of challenges facing Stone Age people and then discussed the threats and assets facing humans in the Palaeolithic Era.





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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4th June	KS2 Countryside Day
Thursday 4th June	Open morning for Wellies&Wonder
Wednesday 10th June	Time Zone visit to Life Science Centre Newcastle with Embleton
Friday 12th June	Earth Works to Edinburgh with Embleton
Friday 12th June	Space Base to Lilidorei for the morning
Friday 19th June	KS2 Summer Fair and tree planting in memory of Guy Brown
Wednesday 24th June	Open the Book Y6 transition at DCHS - school organising transport
Thursday 25th June	Nursery & Reception to Embleton Beach School
Wednesday 1st July	Y6 DCHS transition day - parents organising transport
Friday 5th July	Y5 Camping
Tuesday 7th July	Sports Day 1.00pm

After School Clubs

Karate continues on a Monday **(This club will now continue until the summer holidays)**

Multi Sports with Callum on a Tuesday.

Art club continues on a Wednesday

Forest School continues on a Thursday

Fun Club on a Friday (if required - currently no takers)



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Stars of the week

Names:

Splash: Robin for being very grown up and eating all his snacks.

Space Base: Rupert and Otilie- For showing great resilience and determination in their optional SATs.

Earth Works: India for a fantastic piece of homework on a neolithic camp.

Time Zone: Oakley for writing a great explanation text on earthquakes.

Extra Art Club award to Camilla for creative, calm colouring.