



# Ellingham CE Primary School Friday Flyer

**12.06.26**

## **Head of School Update**

This week has been a busy one with a very successful visit for Keystage 2 to the Life Centre in Newcastle for a science workshop. Today, Earthworks are going to Edinburgh for a day, and Space Base are visiting Lildorei for a morning of fun. We have enjoyed working with Embleton School to plan exciting activities for both schools, and we know that these days are the ones pupils remember for years to come. There are more exciting plans for the weeks ahead, so keep reading to see what is coming up for your children.

We enjoyed Mr Shaw's visit this week, and especially enjoyed meeting Arthur his lovely dog, who will be joining our school family in September. All the children were very excited to see him and give him a cuddle. We are also preparing for sports day, with lots of practice in our PE lessons. Make sure you have the date in your diary. Hopefully it won't be quite as wet as last year!!!





## Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	100	94.1
Space Base	97.5	94.8
Earth Works	100	90.2
Time Zone	100	93

**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



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## Splash Class

This week, we have been focussing on creation, and the wonders of God's world as part of our RE curriculum. We looked at the huge variety of creatures on our planet, and made a world out of toys and fabric. We also learned about global warming, and some of the things we can do to combat it.

We also had a theme of shelter in our work outdoors. We put up a big shelter tent in W&W this week to play under in the heavy rain, and made a cardboard box tent in the classroom and decorated it.

Reception had a great time with Space Base, making fruit salad and chopping fruit to eat.

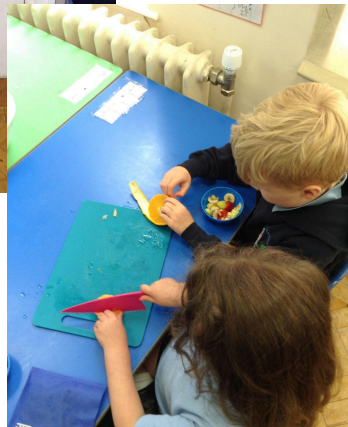




## Space Base class

This week, Space Base has been working incredibly hard. We have been trying different fruits and making our very own fruit salads. The children chopped their own fruit, which they did with great confidence and concentration.

In Science, we went outside on a minibeast hunt using our pooters. We were able to find all sorts of invertebrates, including insects, woodlice, spiders, and worms. We found out that different animals live in different habitats—some live under rocks and in wet places, while others live on leaves.





## Key Stage Two: Time Zone and Earth Works

Earth Works and Time Zone visited Life Science Centre in Newcastle, where we saw a huge range of science exhibits - everything from life-sized animatronic dinosaurs to space and vortices.



We also took part in a renewable energy workshop where we used solar cells and wind turbines to power our lighting circuits.

It was an amazing day, so many thanks to Life Science Centre for inviting us.



We also tried our hand at drama to deepen our understanding of our class novel – Kensuke's Kingdom. Here the children are recreating the departure of a family who are setting sail to explore the whole world by yacht.

This has helped our class to understand the feelings of all the characters.





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## Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 26th June - this is a different date</b>	KS2 Summer Fair and tree planting in memory of Guy Brown
<b>Wednesday 24th June this has been cancelled</b>	Open the Book Y6 transition at DCHS - school organising transport
<b>Thursday 25th June</b>	Nursery & Reception to Embleton Beach School
<b>Wednesday 1st July</b>	Y6 DCHS transition day - parents organising transport
<b>Friday 3rd July</b>	Y5 Camping
<b>Tuesday 7th July</b>	Sports Day 1.00pm
<b>Thursday 16th July</b>	Leavers Service Ellingham Church tbc.

### 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)



## Stars of the week

### Names:

**Splash:** Jasper, for hard work in all areas, and for being such a kind and friendly member of our class .

**Space Base:** Jess – for showing great resilience and a "can-do" attitude. She has produced some amazing work this week, including writing some Set 3 sounds completely independently!

**Earth Works:** Aimee for engaging very well with all the activities at Life Science Centre – reading carefully and making sure she understood the science.

**Time Zone:** Harley for showing endurance during our trip to Life Science Centre by persevering with a difficult task until he succeeded.

Oakley in Y5 has decided to walk to school to raise money for Great North Children's Hospital. This is an extraordinary challenge - he lives 16 miles away.

His epic walk will take him from home to school over 3 days, covering approximately 5.5 miles each day.

This is a charity close to our hearts and if you would like to sponsor Oakley please use this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/oakleywalkstoschool>