

Date: 17th June 2022



# 'Newsham News'

Quote of the Week:

**"Be the reason why someone SMILES today!"**

Day	What is happening
Monday 20th June	Assembly with Mrs Armstrong Y10 work experience in school for 1 week Kittiwakes visiting Woodhorn Museum Tempest Photography - family session after school in the Hall
Tuesday 21st June	Oystercatchers visiting Woodhorn Museum Mr Reed from Bede Secondary visiting pupils in Y6 re transferring in September Art club with Mrs Fogarty - Y6
Wednesday 22nd June	9.00am Coffee Morning with Mrs Atkinson for our English as an Additional Language families Assembly with Mrs Elton 1.45pm Family leaning with Mrs Atkinson
Thursday 23rd June	Oystercatchers swimming - pm Football and choir club
Friday 24th June	Assembly with Mr Jones

<u>Star of the Week</u>		<u>Star of the Month</u>	
W/B 13th June 2022		May 2022	
	<b>Reception - Starfish</b> - Vinnie		<b>Reception - Starfish</b> - Stanley
	<b>Seahorses</b> - Dara		<b>Seahorses</b> - Millie
	<b>Year 1 - Puffins</b> - Oliver		<b>Year 1 - Puffins</b> - Lucas
	<b>Penguins</b> —Reuben-Joh		<b>Penguins</b> - Arthur
	<b>Year 2 - Lifeboats</b> - Alfie		<b>Year 2 - Lifeboats</b> - Harry
	<b>Coastguards</b> - Penny		<b>Coastguards</b> - Lexi
	<b>Year 3 - Kittiwakes</b> - Trey-Jaymi		<b>Year 3 - Kittiwakes</b> - Poppy
	<b>Oystercatchers</b> - Kai		<b>Oystercatchers</b> - Poppy
	<b>Year 4 - Whales</b> - Eva		<b>Year 4 - Whales</b> - Ben
	<b>Dolphins</b> - Jake		<b>Dolphins</b> - Kenzie
	<b>Year 5 - Galleons</b> - Hollie		<b>Year 5 - Galleons</b> - Riley
	<b>Submarines</b> - Asia		<b>Submarines</b> - Livy
	<b>Year 6 - Neptune</b> - Eymen		<b>Year 6 - Neptune</b> - Scarlet
	<b>Atlantis</b> - Harry		<b>Atlantis</b> - Hayden

## Birthdays

The following pupils are celebrating their birthday over the next week:

**Jordan-Junior, Malachi, Amelia, Bobby & Emma**



## Team Points:

<p>Bamburgh</p>  <p>89,217</p>	<p>Alnwick</p>  <p>89,695</p>	<p>Warkworth</p>  <p>87,563</p>
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we're now in the final half term of this academic year and that there are only five weeks remaining before we close for the summer holidays. In terms of the dates for all events between now and the close of school on July 22nd, please keep a close eye on communication sent home as we use that as our principal means of informing you.

Following the long-lasting challenges of the pandemic, It is wonderful to see life returning to normal across school and what a joy to be able to provide children and families with enriching and exciting extra-curricular activities once again. School visits, Northumberland Day, Sports Day, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations etc. have all provided opportunities for our children to socialise outside the dreaded "bubbles" that existed for so long and to shine as part of our special school community.

Despite all the fantastic aspects of school life that are returning, I'm still very aware of the significant impact that the pandemic has had on our children's lives. They missed so much schooling and in addition to the academic recovery that is ongoing, many children have found social interactions more challenging now that their friendship groups are widening again. We have provided additional support for that in school and are now looking at class groupings for next academic year as an additional support strategy.

At this stage of each year, we always review staffing and class arrangements. We often move staff into new year groups to support their own professional development and we also frequently mix classes before the children move to their new year groups. This is to ensure we retain balanced classes and make any adjustments to support friendships etc. This process will be completed over the next few weeks and of course, I'll also make sure each class gets to spend some time with the teacher they will be receiving in September before we complete this academic year. This will also help the children to feel settled and secure during the summer holiday.

As you all know, Mr Jones has been appointed as Head of School from September and I will be Executive Headteacher but only working in school for two days each week. I am already handing over some responsibilities as part of that transition (not easy after 18 years as Headteacher at Newsham!) and that handover is proving to be smooth and seamless so I'm sure as parents and carers, you won't notice a difference at all. Senior leaders at Newsham already work in such a collaborative and supportive way so this is a very natural transition and one that will really support our wonderful school moving forwards.

Lots to do before the end of term but as always, please feel free to contact us if you have any queries, concerns, or suggestions. Partnership working is fundamental to everything we do at Newsham, and you all are an important part of that partnership.

Take care  
Mrs Armstrong