



Washingwell Primary School

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Attendance

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	98.6%	98.7%	98.9%	99.6%	98.3%	91.9%	95%	99.4%
Whole School attendance %	97.6%							

News

Sporting Events

This week, ten children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a mini basketball competition at Whickham School. The children played three matches in their group, winning them all and progressing through to the semi-final. Unfortunately, they lost 1-0 against Clover Hill and then lost 2-1 against Fellside in a 3rd place match. All children showed great sportsmanship and battled hard for their deserved 4th place to do our school proud!



Children's World Mental Health Week: 3 – 7 February

Every year, for the past 11 years, the week is organised and run by the children's mental health charity Place2Be. It is all about helping young people speak up and feel empowered to talk about mental health. Each year the week has a theme, and this year is **'Know yourself, Grow yourself'** and is all about encouraging you to build self-awareness.

It is so important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness.

This year Place2Be's have teamed up with the characters from Inside Out 2 to explore the importance of expressing our emotions. Together, we will discover how getting to know who we are and what makes us tick can help us build resilience, grow and develop.



This week's achievers are....

Achievement for All

School Value: Ambitious Theme: Improving the presentation of our work

Mars: Eva Clark

Earth: Anna Barnes

Jupiter: Oscar Batey

Neptune: Kyo Stanley

Venus: Eadie Wright

Saturn: Zara Young

Mercury: Jamie Cheetham

January House Challenge

Our House Challenge for this month was set by the Schools Sport Partnership who tasked all schools in Gateshead to design this year's Dance Festival programme cover around the theme of 'Respect'. Each school has to submit three designs to Gateshead and this year the three winning designs were created by Brooke (Earth), Jacob (Neptune) and George (Saturn).

The winners of the school House Challenge for most entries was Discovery with 31. Well done to all those children who took part, supporting their house, following our school value of 'Together'.



School Crossing Patrol

Your school crossing patrol Mrs Potts, who works on Broom Lane/Millfield, Whickham, will be absent from work for one-week Monday 3 – Friday 7 February and will return to work on Monday 10 February.

Unfortunately, during her absence, the Council are unable to provide cover.

Resuscitation Dolls



We are looking to borrow some resuscitation dolls, so that our Year 5 children can learn and practise CPR. If you have access to any, we promise to take care of them! Please contact Mrs Erskine if you think you can help.

Thank you



Living with Neurodiversity?

Do you have, care for someone who has or suspected of having a neurodivergent condition? If so, Citizens Advice Gateshead can offer you or them advice and support.

Conditions may include:

- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia (DCD)
- Dyscalculia
- ADHD
- Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC)
- Tics and Tourette's syndrome
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Anxiety
- Bipolar disorder
- Depression
- Learning disabilities

Our service covers the following areas of advice:



Scan the QR code to visit our Facebook page:



If you want advice or want to know more about the service, you can contact us using the following details or go to our website for more information:

Phone: **0191 490 4384 ext. 631**

Email: **lwn@citizensadvicegateshead.org.uk**

Online: **citizensadvicegateshead.org.uk**

SEND Information

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Tuesday 11th February

4:00-5:00pm

Blaydon Winlaton Family Hub

Children under 12 with additional needs - come along
and join a LEGO building session!
Parents, carers and siblings welcome

Contact: familyhubs@gateshead.gov.uk

Tel: 0191 433 5579



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**FAMILY
HUBS**

 **Gateshead
Council**

Reminders

Tax Free Childcare

Did you know, you can get up to £2,000 a year for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare, if you're a working parent or in receipt of certain benefits? This goes up to £4,000 a year if they have a disability. To claim this, you'll need set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can then use this account to pay for approved childcare, such as childminders, nurseries and after school provision.

To check your eligibility and find out how to get started, follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Parking around school ...

Please be considerate when parking so as to ensure it is safe for both pedestrians and vehicles. Thank you for your co-operation and support in keeping our streets a safe place for all.

‘Be cool, park SAFELY away from school

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mrs Mustard	Jupiter	Wednesday 5 February 2025 – am/pm	Mrs Ellison
Mr Nicholson	Venus	Thursday 6 February 2025 – am	Mrs Bridger
Mrs Bridger	Saturn	Thursday 6 February 2025 – am	Mr Cheel

All dates can be found on our school website Calendar tab: <https://www.washingwell.org.uk/>

Monday 3 February 2025

Children's World Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11 February 2025

Jupiter Showcase – 9.15am

Wednesday 12 February 2025

Year 5/6 Mini Hockey at Whickham School– 12.30pm – more information to follow

Thursday 13 February 2025

Year 3/4 Bikeability in school – consent forms emailed to parents

Wednesday 19 February 2025

Gateshead Schools' Swimming Gala – 12.00pm – invited children only

Thursday 20 February 2025

Earth Showcase – 9.15am

Thursday 20 February 2025

Year 1 Cricket Festival at Gateshead Stadium– 9.30am – more information to follow

Friday 21 February 2025

School closes for half-term holidays – 3.20pm

Monday 3 March 2025

Staff training day – school closed to all pupils

Tuesday 4 March 2025 **NEW**

School re-opens to all pupils 8.40am

Year 3 Quicksticks Hockey at Whickham school– 12.30pm – more information to follow

Year 6 Transition at Whickham – Science pm

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Music Workshops – am

Wednesday 5 – Friday 7 March 2025

Year 4 residential visit to Kingswood

Thursday 6 March 2025

World Book Day – more information to follow

Monday 10 March 2025

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm all year groups

Tuesday 11 March 2025

Neptune Showcase – 9.15am

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Year 1 – 6

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Parent consultations – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Nursery & Reception

Tuesday 18 March 2025 **NEW**

Class photographs

Wednesday 19 March 2025

Mercury Showcase – 9.15am

Thursday 20 March 2025

Mars Stay & Play – 9.15am

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Spring Assembly 9.15am – more information to follow

Monday 31 March 2025

Venus Showcase – 9.15am

Tuesday 1 April 2025 New

Y6 Transion at Whikcham – Art pm

Wednesday 2 April 2025

Saturn Showcase – 9.15am

Thursday 3 April 2025

Key Stage 1 Girls Football at Gateshead Stadium -9.30am – more information to follow

Friday 11 April 2025

School closes for Easter holidays 3.20pm - No Whizz Kids after school session

*A reminder that we are a Safeguarding School and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to
Children's Services*