



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those who have donated lots of resources for our weekly gardening club! It has well and truly taken off and all of our generous donations are being put to good use.

Spring Term Progress reports will be posted home on Monday 28th March, along with details of our parent evenings. At the moment, following current guidance, we plan to hold these on our virtual platform, School Cloud.

We're looking forward to our STEM workshops next week! The Marine Society & Sea Cadets join us next Friday to work with our Y7 and Y8 pupils. They will learn through practical activities and experiments about buoyancy, displacement, density, Newton's 3rd Law and Archimedes Principle. In teams, they'll be tasked with designing and building a ship which is stable in the water while carrying as much cargo as possible. Looking forward to seeing what they all come up with!

At the time of writing this, we have a very low number of pupils isolating with Covid-19 – only 2, which is great. Our extra cleaning regimes remain in practice, along with extra hand-washing and sanitising throughout the school day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Lindsay Hamilton

Attendance this week:

92%

Thank you! We really appreciate all your efforts in getting to school on time, ready to start our day promptly.

Did you know...?

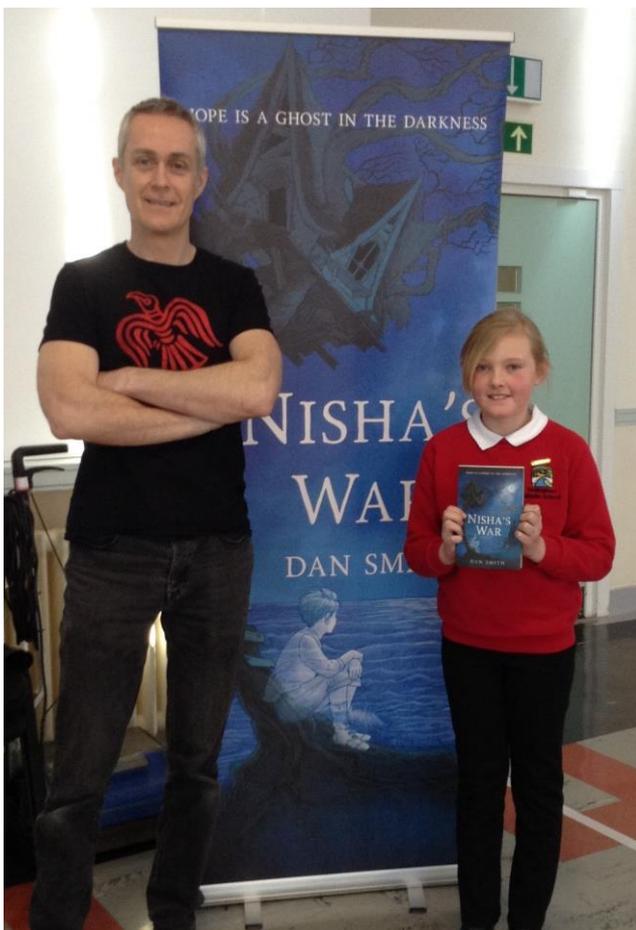
Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
98 – 100%	Excellent	0 to 4	Less than 1
95 – 98%	Good	5 to 9	1 to 2
93 – 95%	Satisfactory	10 to 13	2 to 3
90 – 93%	Unsatisfactory	14 to 19	4 to 6
>90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4

**The government expects your child's attendance to be 95% or better.
Schools are held to account for your child's attendance.
Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised.**

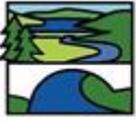


Author Visit

It was great to welcome local author, Dan Smith, into school on Monday! Dan talked about his life as an author and then delivered a creative writing workshop with some of our KS3 pupils. We can't wait to read their short stories, centred around the Roman theme: 'Back In Time'!



Lots of pupils bought one of Dan's novels and were lucky enough to get them signed!



Terrific Tasting!

We had a wonderful, tasting afternoon, thanks to the The Boe Rigg! Parents, pupils and staff had a real treat sampling the delicious options from our current school lunch menu and trying lots of different new foods. Thank you very much, Neil and Linda, for providing this opportunity!





Some Great Opportunities...



There's an exciting, upcoming event at Forum Books in Corbridge! As part of Tyne Valley Film Festival (18th-27th March), and in partnership with Corbridge Film Nights, they will be showing a film inspired by a great children's book. 'A Wrinkle in Time' will be airing in Forum Books, Corbridge on Thursday 24th March. The movie will start at 6:30pm. Tickets are £7 for adults and all under 16s go free! Popcorn is of course included. If you think this is something you'd like to attend, please click on the link to book your tickets! <https://www.tynevalleyfilmfestival.com/a-wrinkle-in-time>



NEWCASTLE SINGS

This new and exciting project is aimed at students aged between 11-18 who live in our region and who would like to sing with others. Workshops start on **2nd April** at Newcastle University and run until June 22. Students will work with vocal leaders to co-create a new piece of music with a professional composer. The showcase concert will be on 18th June 2022.

To register click [here](#).



YOUNG SINGERS IN

Join other young people from across the North East passionate about singing, for a weekend of learning new music and developing musical skills.

30 April & 1 May 10am-4pm, Sunderland City Hall. (2 online workshops in advance, dates tbc)

Who is it for? - keen singers Y6 to Y9, all voice types and musical backgrounds, music reading is not expected. Free to take part and support available for travel costs if needed.

Click [here](#) to apply directly.



Dates for your diary

Friday 18 th March	STEM – Sea Cadets Workshop – KS3
Monday 21 st March	Bikeability Week
Thursday 24 th March	Northumbria Police – Hate Crime – KS3
Monday 28 th March	Wellbeing Week – PE kit every day (Y5 – Y8)
Monday 28 th March	Spring Term Progress Report posted home
Monday 4 th April	Book Fair – in school all week
Tuesday 5 th April	Parents' Evening (4pm – 7pm)
Thursday 7 th April	Parents' Evening (4pm – 7pm)
Friday 8 th April	School closes for Easter holidays