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Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

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Drama Club

Drama Club have been working hard rehearsing for our end of year production - Peter Pan! We hope you can come and enjoy our show on Thursday 4th July. Tickets are available to purchase from today for £1.50.

If anyone has any old costumes they would be willing to donate to school - please send them in to Mrs Ward.

Birtley Aquatic Centre

Next school year, it is our intention to take year 5 to swimming lessons back in Birtley. Please find attached the most recent newsletter regarding the Birtley Community Aquatic Centre and the crowdfunding leaflet for their current crowdfunder.

Well done year 4

Throughout this week the children in Year 4 have been completing their multiplication check to assess their knowledge of the multiplication tables. The children have worked very hard up until this point and should be proud of what they have achieved. **Well Done Year 4!**

Bowel and Bladder Advice

There are an increasing number of queries with regards to Bowel and Bladder Issues. The following link is a leaflet about constipation: [LOB constipation leaflet v1.7 \(gatesheadhealth.nhs.uk\)](https://www.gatesheadhealth.nhs.uk/lob-constipation-leaflet-v1.7)



Ready
Respectful
Safe



Please remember if you bring your bike or scooter to school you need to wear a helmet!



Mini Health Champions

We are the Year 5 School Councillors and Mini Health Champions. We have been looking at ways to make our school a healthier place. Our school dinners are made to be healthy; however some children's packed lunches contain unhealthy ingredients. We have thought of some suggestions for healthier alternatives:

- Instead of having chocolate spread on a sandwich, you could have ham, cheese, tuna, chicken or cucumber.
- Instead of having a chocolate bar, you could have a box of fruit or an oat bar.
- Instead of having a packet of crisps, you could have breadsticks (perhaps with a healthy dip.)

Unless your child has medical needs, please be aware that their water bottle should contain water. Thank you for reading our ideas. We hope that they have inspired you to give your child healthier options in their packed lunches.

#INSPIRE Torch Relay

Well done to all the children today for taking the torch on an epic walk around Birtley - we hope some of you enjoyed seeing them on their way!

Special Mention

At Birtley East we are always striving to offer the children the best we can, both in and out of the classroom, so we would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Wiloughby, our site manager, for the work he has done over half term to repair our sand pit. The sand is ready to be added and the children will be able to play in this area on playtimes and lunchtimes from now on.

End of the football season 23/24

We would like to say a huge thank you and a massive well done to the boys who have represented our school this year in the Chester-Le-Street School Football League. It has been a pleasure to watch them play throughout the school year and develop over the season, both on and off the pitch. Our last league games for this year were against Edmondsley, where we drew 2-2, and Portobello where we unfortunately lost 2-1. Both games were very competitive and our boys played brilliantly.

Well done, we are so proud of you all.

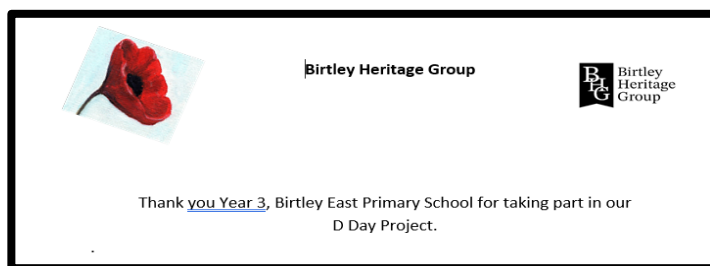
D Day Project

The Birtley Heritage Group have sent a thank you to our year 3 class who have been part of their D Day project:

Well done Year 2 and 3!

The manager to the Washington Wetlands Centre has sent a lovely message about our year 2 and 3 children visiting them today:

We've had your Y2/ Y3 classes visiting here today. The pupils were a delight. They were very well-mannered, chatty and had some great questions. In lovely bright conditions, they were engaged and listened well. They and your staff were a credit to your school. We see 1000s of children here annually and I like to feedback, on the awesome ones.





Kielder Challenge

It is not long now until the new group of Year 5 children take on the Kielder Challenge - a 26 mile cycle challenge around the very hilly Lakeside Way route of Kielder Reservoir. The children have one more ride with Richard, the cycle lead, to complete their training. A parent meeting will be held to discuss the kit list and there will be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have before the challenge itself.

If you can't make the meeting, please let Mrs Small or Ms Riley know and they will arrange a more convenient time to speak to you. Please ensure any outstanding payments are paid promptly. Please see the dates below.

Training ride - Wednesday 12th June 2024

Parent meeting - Monday 17th June 2024 at 3:30pm

Kielder Challenge - Thursday 27-28th June 2024

Wheely Wednesday

The children at Birtley East are given lots of opportunities to be heard in our school and we have listened to and acknowledged their request. For a while now, we have had Wheely Wednesdays where the children are able to bring roller skates and skateboards into school for use at lunchtime. We also have a couple of school bikes that are free to use. However, the children have asked if they can start to bring their scooters in as well, and as we are now able to use the whole of the school grounds due to the improvement in the weather, we are happy for the children to bring their own scooters in on Wednesdays for use at lunchtimes. No electric scooters are permitted. The children can keep their scooters in the scooter pods on the veranda. **CHILDREN MUST BRING, AND WEAR, A HELMET!**

Dates for your Diary

Please note, we include as much information as possible about upcoming events on this newsletter but please also look out for separate communications from your child's teacher.

New or changed dates are highlighted in a different colour.

12 th June	Kielder Training Ride
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During June, **statutory assessment** will take place in the following year groups:

Phonic Screen; all of year 1 and some of year 2: WB 10-6-24
Multiplication Tables Check; Year 4: WB 3-6-24 (and the following week if needed)
EYFS Profile Assessment; reception class

REMINDER: School is closed to pupils for our occasional day on Monday 1st July



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