

# USWORTH COLLIERY

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All of the staff would like to thank you so much for the gifts. It is completely unnecessary, but nonetheless well received. Thank you so much. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, sharing time with those who are special to you. Have a joyful and safe Christmas. We look forward to hearing all about it in January!

### OUR FINAL DAY AT SCHOOL 2018

Today was a very special day for the children. They all looked wonderful in their Christmassy clothing! We had a pantomime in the morning – 'SLEEPING BEAUTY'! In the afternoon we had an assembly with an extra special visitor, who had to leave his reindeers outside school, but he did manage to bring a present of reading books for every child. Good old Santa never fails!

We were all so pleased that he could spare some time in his busy schedule to come to Usworth Colliery once again. Let's hope that he manages to visit everyone next week! A great end to a wonderful and busy term. The children have worked so hard and they deserved a treat!



### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The final Christmas Performances took place this week. On Monday we had our Reception children's performance of 'Our First Christmas Play' and on Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 children performed 'Primary School Christmas Musical.' Both productions were excellent! You could tell that the children enjoyed putting on the performance from their enthusiasm. Well done everyone. They have certainly done you proud once again this year. This is what Christmas is all about and it certainly got everyone into the festive spirit. Thank you so much for coming along to support your children. There were so many of you in school over the course of the eight performances and I look forward to seeing you in school for many more events in 2018.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY & DISCO

The Christmas parties and discos were a huge success. The children had a brilliant time and really enjoyed dressing up for the occasion. Thank you also to the staff who stayed to supervise the events. Despite the heat in the hall, the loud music and the amount of pastries or biscuits consumed, the children had a wonderful time.

### PERFORMING ARTS GROUP

I am starting the Performing Arts Group for Years 2 to 6 children next term every Thursday night and a letter has gone out about this. We are working towards our version of 'We Will Rock You' on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.45pm & 6pm. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time. We start rehearsals on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Anyone who returns the form by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January will have a place. I am very excited to work with the children on this show, especially after seeing the wonderful performances at Christmas.



### HOUSE WINNERS

Hercules – 3281    Pegasus – 3134    Phoenix – 2893    **Orion - 3530**

**ORION** are the winners of this term's House Point Challenge and all of the children in Orion House received a small chocolate gift for their win. The following children had the most house points in their class and won a selection box:

Y1- Jake Robinson, Y2 – Joshua Brewster, Y3 – Isabel Catcheside, Y4 – Harley Leonard, Y5 – Lana Jackson & Y6 – Leah Tomkins.

**Leah Tomkins is the overall winner with 284 points.**

Well done! All points have been removed and we start from 0 again in January, so every house is back in the game.

### RECEPTION

Reception would like to say a huge thank you to Mark at Robinson & Howe. He has very kindly made two new covers for our outdoor sand and water trays. This will make a huge difference to setting up the outdoor area and being able to preserve ongoing projects. The staff are extremely grateful too as it will save us cleaning the leaves out every day. Mrs Walker

# THE OFFICE HAVE A NUMBER OF PAIRS OF SPECTACLES THAT HAVE BEEN LOST IN SCHOOL. THEY ARE ON THE FRONT DESK

## TWITTER STARS

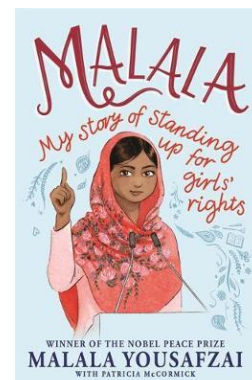
Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1\_UCPS or @TStarKS2\_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed.

## RECOMMENDED READS - NEW RELEASE

### MALALA: MY STORY STANDING UP FOR GIRLS' RIGHTS BY MALALA YOUSAFZAI

The extraordinary true story of a young girl's courage in the face of violence and extremism, and an incredible testament to what can be achieved when we stand up for what we believe in. This illustrated adaptation of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai's bestselling memoir, *I Am Malala*, introduces readers of 7+ to the remarkable story of a teenage girl who risked her life for the right to go to school. Raised in a changing Pakistan by an enlightened father from a poor background and a beautiful, illiterate mother, Malala was taught to stand up for her beliefs. When terrorists took control of her region and declared that girls were forbidden from going to school, Malala refused to sacrifice her education. On 9th October 2012, she nearly paid the ultimate price for her courage when she was shot on her way home from school.

The book follows Malala's incredible journey to recovery in the aftermath of the attack, from the life-saving surgery she receives in a Birmingham hospital to her reunion with her family and their eventual relocation to England. Today Malala is a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Her story of bravery and determination in the face of extremism is more timely now than ever.



## WHO'S BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK

This week I have had the pleasure of seeing Gideon Brown with his amazing swimming award; Isabel Catheside with her wonderful story about a snowman; Mason Stamps & Amiran Mirzayev with their excellent problem solving in maths; Indi Hillam with her brilliant writing (such progress)! Keep up the good work! I wonder who will be in my office after Christmas.

## ATTITUDES TO LEARNING

Well done to all of those children who achieved two 'ones' in their home school book this half-term. They had lunch with me yesterday and a special treat. Well done to Abbie White, Gideon Brown, Chloe Kent, Imogen Tomkins, Jayden Little, Noah Khan, Megan Bloomer, Aiden Hope, Ada Lowden, Molly Hepworth, Chloe Ray, Jessica Marjoram, Ryan Humphreys, Livvy Whiteley-Bell, Joshua Brewster, Charlie Tonge, Isla Turnbull, Marshall Cowley, Peyton Gowland, Tyler Davison, Bobby Duff, Lexi Dunn, Declan Fox, Elizabeth Hall, David Marjoram, Alexis Lowden, Finlay Murphy, Scarlett Paul, Lewis Watson, Finlay Pattison, Joshua Brookes, Annalise Cooke, Lacey Dick, Demi Lamb, Logan Coats, Rebekah Golightly, Connor Conlon, Lola Lowden, Amber Purcell, Freddie Tonge, Summer Bambury, Kiera Blakie, Angel Rutherford, Emily Smail, Sadia Jahan, Lillie Nagle, Jenny Tiffin, Ruby Triplow, Molly Robson, Freya Codling, Melissa Gilmore, Keira Digby, Dylan Newton, Angelina Revell, Tammy Stubbings, Bethany Ferguson, Ruby Turnbull, Faith Bergrun, Chloe Brewster, Milly Jackson, Reece Lewins & Oliver Hall.

## NOTE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START THE SECOND WEEK IN JANUARY

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS

The following children all have 100% attendance and excellent punctuality. They have received a treat today.

**Reception:** Olivia Dinsdale, Mya Mulley, James Rutherford, Logan Wooton, Zander Bergrun, Alistair Dick, Max King, Ava Leonard, Evie-May Lorraine, Ruby-Leigh Marr, Olivia Rutherford & Seth Whiteley-Bell. **Year 1:** Megan Bloomer, Steve Coulson, Ollie Proudlock, Jake Robinson, Harrison Roke, Matthew Sweeney, Izabel Woolley, Harley Dugdale, Abigail Ellis, Joseph Fearon, Indi Hillam, Chloe Kent, Amiran Mirzayev, Blake Page, Maksymilian Sieranski, Imogen Tomkins, Leah Redpath, Matthew Tiffin, Livvy Whiteley-Bell, Brandon Wolfenden & Maddie Wornham. **Year 2:** Maisle Calder, Alice Coxhead, Molly Hepworth, Maisie Muter, Jay Naughton, Emily Rae, Chloe Ray, Poppy Triplow & Daria Zan. **Year 3:** Alfie Burns, Kristians Dizais, Mason Dodds, Bobby Duff, Lexi Dunn, Declan Fox, Elizabeth Hall, Scarlett Paul, Max Teasdale, Isabel Catheside, Max Dixon, Olivia Harle, Jack Hendry, Jacob Lloyd, Melissa Melton, Jake Nagle & Isla Turnbull. **Year 4:** Kyle Brennan, Lacey Dick, Jamie Ferguson, Cerys-Rose Kirsop, Gemma Logenstein, Bobbie Mullen, Callum Naughton, Kiera Blakie, Alfie Cockburn, Benjamin Hedley, Kyla Hope, Gabija Kulikauskaite, Lennox Mullen & Christopher Turner. **Year 5:** Gui Carlos Miguel, Joey Clark, Andrew Gale, Kian Mulley, Lillie Nagle, Kieran Naisbett, McKenzie Proctor, Molly Robson, Ryan Smith, Ella White, Alyx Woollard, Olivia Atkinson, Isabelle Cockburn, Isla Eglintine, Thomas Elliott, Harlow Hails, Sadia Jahan, Alfie Myers, Jayden Paul & Caitlyn Sim. **Year 6:** Harry Burns, Harry Graham, Sydney Gray, Jonathon Naughton, Dylan Newton, Hayden Pattison, Lucas Waters, Daniel Beetham, Faith Bergrun, Daisy Briggs, Alfie Douglas, Bethany Ferguson, Annabel Firm, Oliver Hall, Benjamin Harris, Milly Jackson, Joshua Maughan, Leah-Grace Thompson & Ruby Turnbull.

In addition to this all pupils above were placed in a raffle and the following pupil have won separate prizes: **Reception:** Olivia Dinsdale, **Year 1:** Matthew Sweeney, **Year 2:** Chloe Ray & Molly Hepworth, **Year 3:** Krisitans Dizais, **Year 4:** Lennox Mullen, **Year 5:** Caitlyn Sim, **Year 6:** Jonathon Naughton

The following children had 98%+ attendance and received a certificate:

**Reception:** Mason Laws, Poppy Makin, Emilie Pope, Blake Boyle, Skyla Douglas, Zoe Pearson & Sienna Wilson **Year 1:** Ruby Bygate-Pittiglio, Aidan Hope, Jayden Little, Joseph Patey, Chloe Rudd, Jaxon Gowland, Olivia Hailes, Ocean-Alexis Proctor-Brown, Joseph Sweeney & Abbie White. **Year 2:** Zach Bandt, Joshua Brewster, William Elliott, Sophia Garroway, Catherine Marsh, Harry Robson-Corrigan, Maisy-Boe Sherrington, Tyler Smith, Jackson Cobain, Dean Conlon, Sam Ellis, Courtney Hutchinson, Harrison Newby & Tyler-Jaxon Wootton. **Year 3:** Oliver Dunlop, Peyton-Summer Gowland, Kiara Lamb, Harvey McKenzie, Finlay Murphy, Finlay Pattison, Lewis Watson, Oliver Carr, Logan Horrocks, Jack Smith & Liam Wilson. **Year 4:** Jack Little, Layla McKenry, Campbell Stokoe, Alfie Tyrie, Leo Brewster, Nathan Clark, Connor Conlon, Robert Ellerington, Rebekah Golightly, Lucas Gulshivili & Aiden Soulsby **Year 5:** Ben Bradley, Lana Jackson, Violetta Melnyk, Ruby Triplow, Kayla Cook, Jessica Ellerington, Peyton Forster, Lola Valente, Hollie Wilson. **Year 6:** Adam Bulmer, Michael Fisher, Mellisa Gilmore, Dylan Valente, Chloe Brewster, Thomas-John Bygate-Pittiglio, Joshua Fawkes, Mark Graham, Alfie Kean, David Lamb & Ben Martin.

Thank you to all of our attendance stars and their parent/carers for their support. These classes have had the highest attendance this week. Whole school attendance – % EYFS/KS1- % KS2 – %

Mr Gary Wright

Headteacher