



Newsletter 10- 28th January 2022



New Staff Member

We are pleased to announce that after half term Mrs Cowper will be joining the school team working in EYFS. Mrs. Cowper has extensive experience in leading nursery and is looking forward to meeting and getting to know the children and parents at Butterknowle School.

After School Clubs

Monday - 3.30-4.30 Football Club Years 3-6 (booking essential). There is no charge for Football Club.

Computer animation 3.30-4.30 available for all children

Tuesday – Art

Wednesday – Science experiments

Thursday – Homework club

Friday – Story Club

Please send an email to butterknowle@durhamlearning.net to book your child into after school club or breakfast club.

SATS Year 6

Mrs Makin has organised a parent information evening about the upcoming Year 6 SATS for Tuesday 8th February at 3.20pm in the school hall. Please wear a face mask.

Year 2 club

Mrs Harmer will be running a club for year 2 children starting after half term on a Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm this will run from March 1st until 5th April. Each session will focus on a specific aspect of maths or English and the children will take part in a range of activities. If you would like your child to attend please let Mrs Harmer know. There will be no charge.

Swimming

Robins started swimming last week and the children had an enjoyable lesson. Mrs Makin was impressed with their ability and behaviour as well as patience as they were put into their groups. Well done Robins this is lovely to hear.

P.E.

If your child has long hair, please ensure that it is tied back on the days that they have P.E. They can bring a hair bobble to school if they can tie their own hair.

KS2 have PE on Thursday and Fridays (swimming)

KS1 have PE on a Thursday and Friday with the coach.

EYFS have PE on Thursday and Friday with the coach

Brass lessons

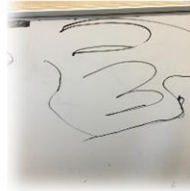
Middleton and Teesdale Silver Band, DCC are offering Y4 and Y5 pupils **FREE lessons** for one year. Instruments and music tuition books will be loaned free, hire of instruments are normally £32.25 term, there will be 30 lessons in total.

Please note - previous information sent out to parents on behalf of the silver band was incorrect, there is no charge for these lessons. If you would like to take part in the Brass lessons you will still need to return the consent form with your signature to agree to look after the loan instrument only, no payment is required. Please return by Monday 31st January.

Learning around school

Blackbirds

Blackbirds have been working hard this week learning about numbers. They have had lessons on number 6 and 7 and have carried their learning into other areas such role play, writing and puzzles. They enjoyed making and eating their refrigerator cake.





Owls

Have had another fun filled jammed packed week in Owls.



On Monday we went for a walk up the village whilst the sun was shining to take photos of our local area as part of Geography.

On Tuesday we had a music session with Ms Hughes learning about fast

and slow. In the afternoon we did history and we found out about Grace Darling.

On Wednesday we looked at the photos from Monday and designed the front of a post card with a key feature from Butterknowle.

On Thursday we looked at teamwork and did go noodle in the hall for PE (if you hear a gentle hum of the footloose tune now you know why!) On Friday we enjoyed our weekly trip down to forest schools for toasted marshmallows and bird watching with Blackbirds (the class not birds!)

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 16th February – High 5 Netball Competition Y5 & Y6 at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre (pupils will need to arrive at school at an earlier time of 8.45am)
- Thursday 17th February – Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills Festival at Staindrop Academy. **Please note the bus will be leaving at 9.05am.**

Robins

It has been another busy 2 weeks in Robins class.



We have been investigating melting in Science and started creating our Anglo Saxon model village. Last week the Y4 and Y5 children were treated to a taster session from Middleton in Teesdale Silver Band. The children all had a great time trying a cornet, tenor and a baritone.

The newsletter can be found on the school website www.butterknowle.durham.sch.uk .If you require a paper copy of the newsletter please inform the school.