



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another glorious week! Y8 welcomed the return of their Thursday youth club with Lisa from North Tyne Youth and it was great to welcome Molly, our visiting dance teacher, back into school again. As a school, we have been busy investigating residential visits for next academic year, as well as some curriculum enrichment visits: normality appears to be returning, slowly!

I would like to thank our KS3 parents for their continuous support in reporting their child's COVID-19 test results each week – it is greatly appreciated. If anyone needs the link to our form, it can be accessed [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend – let's hope it's filled with sunshine.

Lindsay Hamilton

Y8 Yoga

Sunshine, soothing music and stunning scenery – a perfect setting for our Y8 new enrichment project: Yoga. Yoga practitioner, Rachel Orange, is visiting us weekly to offer mini-meditation activations, sequences, specific postures, pranayama and relaxation techniques with a mini-Yoga Nidra. Teaching stress management and social / emotional skills through Yoga, Relaxation & Meditation are instrumental to protect and promote healthy social development.





Chicken Goujons

Looks like Y6 were very successful in creating some delicious chicken (or Quorn) goujons. The results speak for themselves. Well done, Y6!



Wonder what's on the menu next week...?



Y7 Science

Year 7 have been carrying out investigations into the acidity and alkalinity of certain substances and learning how to find the pH of different solutions by using universal indicator paper.



Y6 Science

After a long wait, Year 6 finally got into the lab to carry out practical work in science. They were looking at the effect of series and parallel circuits on components within an electrical circuit.



Mr Ramshaw was impressed with the maturity and teamwork shown by the class. Well done!



School News



We are delighted to announce that Théâtre sans Frontières will be visiting us on Friday 11th June to deliver Les Olympiques des Animaux Tokyo 2021! This is a colourful expression of the international Olympic values of Friendship, Excellence and Respect, celebrating the Tokyo Olympics and is performed in simple French. Our KS2 pupils will take part in special workshops and will then have the opportunity to participate in the performance. Tres bien!



Despite national end of KS2 assessments not happening on an official basis this year, it is still important that we have assessment data not only for pupils moving into Y7, but also for transition to high school. Therefore, we intend to carry out our own Y6 internal assessments during the week beginning 21st June. The week will run very similarly to a normal 'SATs' week with one paper each morning. We will ensure that we do all we can to minimize any pupil worries or anxieties during this time and already have plans to offer Y6 pupils breakfast during this week as well as a drastically different timetable with lots of opportunities to focus on wellbeing. A timetable will be shared with parents nearer the time.



Enrichment homework is now 'live' on our website for years 5, 7 and 8, under the heading, 'Learning'. Pupils are expected to complete one piece of their choice and submit it to the subject teacher by Monday 24th May.

Year 6 pupils are not required to complete Enrichment homework this term.



Mobile phones can be a great tool of reassurance for both children and parents during the journeys to and from school. Please can we ask parents to remind their children that if they are bringing a phone to school, it should be turned off at the wooden school gates and placed in the phone box during morning registration. Any pupil not following these rules will have their phone placed in our school reception until an adult can collect it. There are stringent safeguarding rules that as a school we must adhere to. Thank you.