

# Friday Flyer

## 16th June

### Head of School Update

Belsay was, this week, transformed into an artist studio as our Shaun the Sheep was painted! A talented artist herself, Miss Henery used her skills from her former career to guide children to bring Florrie Bea's winning design to life. Over the last term, Art Club took Florrie's initial design and developed it to the fabulous final result which children across school have painted onto the model sheep this week. Belsay's Shaun will be proudly displayed in Newcastle as part of an arts trail along the Tyne in aid of St Oswald's Hospice from July to September. Please [click here](#) for more information on how you can access the trail and hopefully spot our Shaun! More information about St Oswald's and how to donate can be found [here](#).



I am incredibly proud of our children in Y1 and Y4 this week as they have completed their statutory assessments. Y1 children showed off their secure phonic ability in the Phonics Screening Check and Y4 demonstrated their knowledge of times tables in the Multiplication Check. Both Miss Dixon and Miss Cruse have been very impressed by them.

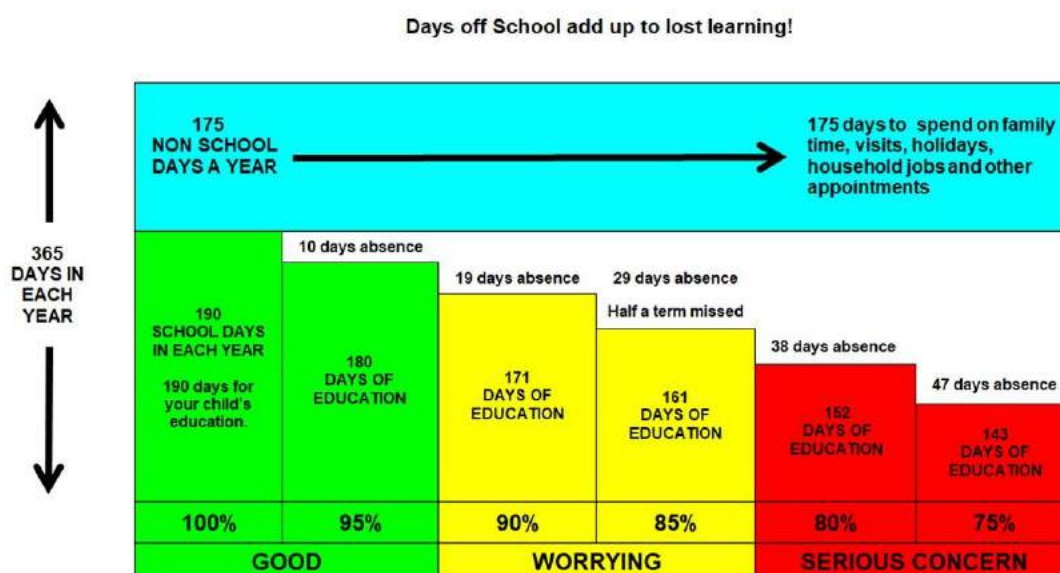
Well done to Key Stage 1 who performed their wartime concert this morning. This was the culmination of their global curriculum theme of peace and conflict in which they have been learning about life on the homefront during World War 2. Thank you to Mrs Wigham and Miss Dixon for preparing the children so well. Mrs Armstrong, the Chair of our Academy Committee, attended and was blown away by the performance.

Best wishes and enjoy the sunshine, Claire Johnson



Class	Attendance
Reception	85.23
Y1/2	97.06
Y3/4	98.86
Y5/6	98.86

Please refer to the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.



**Upcoming events:**

Week beginning 19 June	Bee Week (Y5/6) Stamfordham visiting
Friday 23 June	Bikeability Y3/4
Week beginning 26 June	Y6 France trip to St Omer
26 June	Y5 transition event at Newcastle Eagles
Monday 3 July	Visit to Belsay Castle (whole school)
Tuesday 4 July	Y5/6 trip to STEMfest at Newcastle Eagles
Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 July	Year 6 transition days at Ponteland High School
Wednesday 5 July	Y3/4 trip to Seven Stories
Friday 7 July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 11 - Thursday 13 July	Flow Exhibition of Pele Trust primary schools creative arts work at Ponteland Leisure Centre (see postcards at bottom of flyer for more information)
Mon 10 - Wed 12 July	Bikeability Y5/6
Thursday 13 July	Flow Music Concert at Ponteland High School -6pm
Monday 17 July	Sports Day
Wednesday 19 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 20 July	Wilding Theatre Group - working with Years 1 to 3 plus a performance for the whole school
Friday 21 July	End of term - school closes at 1pm
All dates may be subject to change.	



# Belsay School Tea Towel 2023



- 👑 Featuring a self-portrait of **EVERY** pupil, wearing their very own design of Coronation crown. Also includes every staff member.
- 👑 Beautiful soft natural coloured cotton.
- 👑 All money raised will go towards school support.
- 👑 A lovely keepsake for parents and children.
- 👑 A great gift for grandparents and other family (easy size for posting).





At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

## BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember: featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

## AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

## NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

## LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

## CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

## Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Belsay School in the UK. Having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

**CCTV**  
IN OPERATION

## 'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

## DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

## TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

## GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ('FourBlueShoes', for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

## STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.



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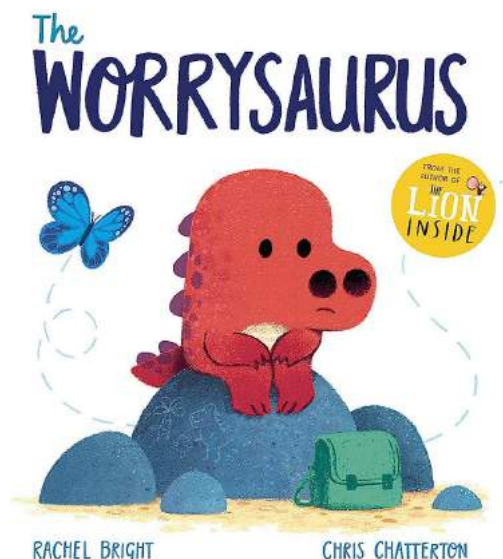
## Shaun the Sheep



## The week in Reception

We welcomed in our new Reception children this week and our current Reception children were brilliant at helping them. They showed our school values of respect and kindness perfectly! I was very proud. It doesn't seem like it should be this time of year already but I know our current Reception children are really looking forward to Year 1.

This week we have been lucky enough to take part in Bikeability. During the week we have discussed this and some children shared that they were feeling a bit worried and scared in case they couldn't do it, or they fell off their bike. We read the story *The Worrysaurus* by Rachel Bright. The children really enjoyed this book and it helped the children to share their own thoughts and feelings. Everyone who took part in Bikeability was amazing!! They demonstrated this month's value of resilience brilliantly as learning to cycle is very tricky indeed! Please see Tapestry for more photos.



As if the week hasn't been busy enough we have also worked very hard with our focus tasks this week. We have thought about odd and even numbers. We also have spent time discussing a very special day that is happening on Sunday, Father's Day. The children have worked very hard to make their own Father's Day cards and the children are very excited to give these to their Dad on Sunday. Whatever you choose to do I hope you have a lovely day.

Miss Houghton



## The week in Key Stage 1

KS1 had a very busy first two weeks back at school after half term! Last Thursday and Friday we took part in a two day Bikeability course where all children demonstrated this month's school value of resilience. We learnt how to pedal, glide and signal safely on the school yard.



Year 1 and 2 sang beautifully to parents and carers during their war performance as part of this term's global theme of Peace and Conflict. The children performed confidently in front of their wonderful artwork displaying the skies of London during the Blitz. Thank you Mrs Wigham for your musical support with this fantastic event! Well done KS1 for all your hard work, we're all very proud of you!



Miss Dixon





## The week in Year 3 and 4

This week in Year 3 and 4 we have continued to work on our new English text 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class'. We began thinking about how the main character was feeling about starting his new school and then planned and wrote some beautiful diary entries from his point of view. This has allowed us to consider the features of a diary entry as well as utilise our creativity and skills. We made sure to include fronted adverbials, write in the past tense, use expanded noun phrases as well as the 'show not tell' technique we learned last week.

In Geography we explored where in the world people are at risk of war and conflict. We discussed why people might have had to leave their homes and become a refugee and also discussed how we might be more aware due to news coverage. We were all very mature and respectful during these conversations and were very curious as to how we can help and understand more.

In Science we carried on our biology topic of 'Animals, including humans' and this week looked at food labels. This was very insightful to discuss why food labels are important but also how they can tell us lots about the food to ensure we have a healthy balanced diet that is going to fuel our individual bodies. We looked at different foods before comparing the foods and deciding which meals would be best for us in certain situations.

Well done to Year 4 who completed their multiplication checks this week, I have been so proud of how hard you have worked and how quickly you have progressed and I am excited to challenge you further with some new times tables. Year 3 have been extremely hard working to challenge themselves to beat high scores and improve daily on their multiplications which has been amazing.

Well done on an amazing week everyone!



Miss Cruse

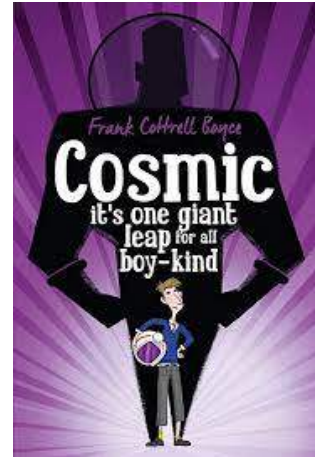


## The week in Year 5 and 6

### English

Liam, our main character in our story, continues to surprise us with his antics! He has been causing a few issues at school; the worst one was pretending to be the new teacher! The headteacher wasn't impressed with his fibs! He also visited a car showroom and was just about to ride off in a brand new Porsche but his father intervened and averted a disaster. Phew!

We have also created some amazing **setting descriptions** for fictitious new planets. Our writing has been superb this week and we are really proud of the quality and presentation in our books.



### Science

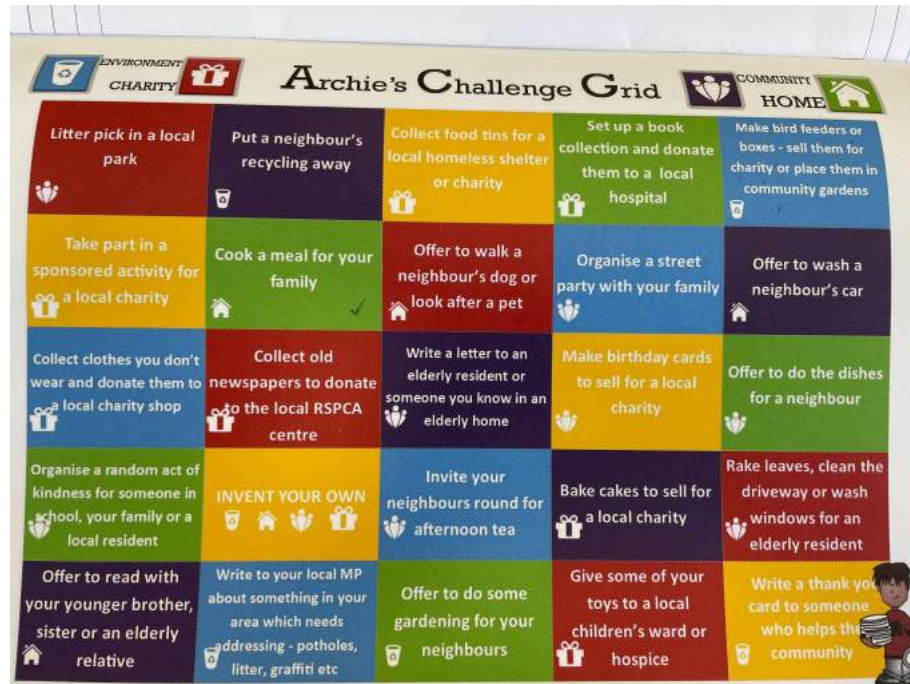
We have brought all of our learning about Space to an end this week, culminating in a double-page spread to show our **new knowledge** and **vocabulary** from our unit of work. Below are some wonderful examples of our work:





## PSHE

We have continued working our way through the Young Leaders' Award with Miss Cook and many of us have been stepping up to the plate and completing lots of Archie's challenges. Helping out families and the wider community is something that we've really taken on board and hopefully this will continue beyond the end of the project. The satisfaction that we receive when helping others is wonderful and many people are grateful for our help.



## Bee Week

We are so excited to take part in Bee Week again next week. All the Pele Trust primary schools collapse the normal curriculum for a whole week and we take part in a variety of activities linked to bees. We have our friends from Stamfordham Primary School joining us on Monday and we have expert beekeepers arriving to talk about their important work. We will be linking up to Tresco on the Scilly Isles later in the week, to talk to our wonderful beekeeper friend, Jilly, who has been working with our trust schools for a number of years.

Mr Harvey and Miss Thomas





## **Bee Week - w/c 19th June**

Dishes inspired by Bees each day this week,  
using Darras Hall Honey!



### **Monday**

Pepperoni Pizza

*With a Chilli Honey Drizzle*

### **Tuesday**

Chicken & Oriental Vegetable Stir Fry

*With Honey & Ginger*

### **Wednesday**

Honey Mustard Carved Ham

*With Steamed New Potatoes and Summer Vegetables*

### **Thursday**

Homemade Cottage Pie

*Served with Honey Glazed Carrots*

### **Friday**

Honey Bee Cupcakes

*Bee themed Cupcake flavoured with Darras Honey*

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dance  
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