



Friday 8th March 2024 (7 pages)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to everyone-every year group is in the **green!**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u> <u>%</u>
<u>RECEPTION</u>	95%
<u>YEAR 1</u>	100%
<u>YEAR 2</u>	100%
<u>YEAR 3</u>	93%
<u>YEAR 4</u>	95%

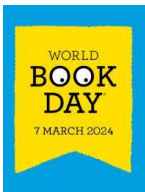
AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Ava and Lewis; our Handwriting Heroes Isla C, Anna, Effie and Bella. Congratulations also to Mollie for receiving the Kindness Award, Alex for the Helping Hand Award and both Harry B and Charlie S for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Charlotte and George. Congratulations also to Alice and Harry A who received the PE/Sport awards. Archie also received a Supastrikers award. All children were given a special sticker and an award to sit on their desk for the week.



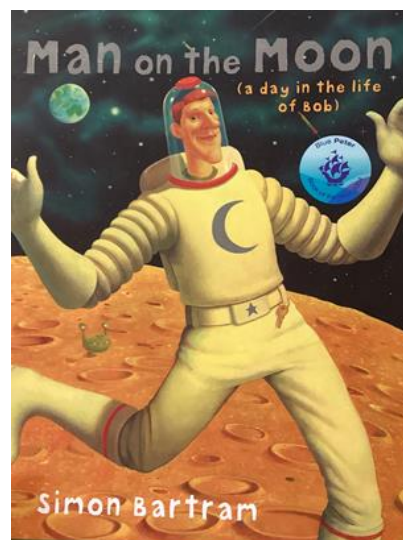
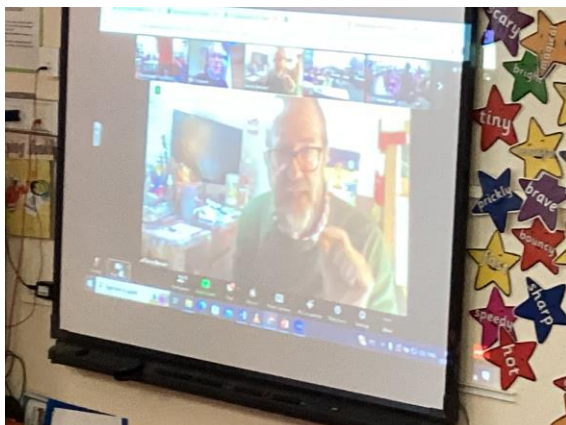
BIKEABILITY

The children in Year 4 had a fabulous session with Tom on Tuesday. They learnt about bike maintenance and road safety. Tom was really complimentary about the children's behaviour and attitude-well done Year 4s!

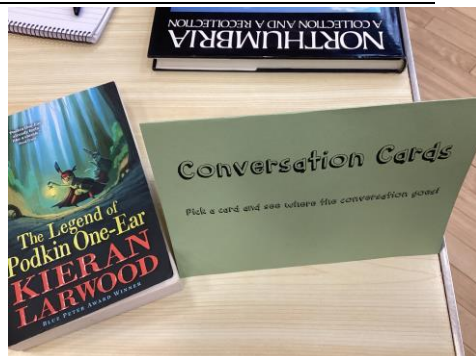


We had a super day celebrating **World Book Day** yesterday. The children in Class 3 hosted a special book themed Friends from the Village. They discussed their favourite books, read to each other and our visitors, took part in a book themed quiz and designed book marks and book tokens.

The children in Class 1 and 2 took part in a virtual author session with Simon Bartram and in the afternoon made chocolate bars linked with Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. All children received a World Book Day token to use in participating book shops.



FRIENDS FROM THE VILLAGE-BOOK THEME



PE KITS

No need for PE Kits on Monday 11th March-Class 2 will be doing DT and Class 3 are out on their trip at St. James Park.



COMIC RELIEF

Just a reminder that children are welcome to wear home clothes on **Friday 15th March** to raise money for Comic Relief. This is completely optional.

The Comic Relief donations page has now been published for our school. To make a small donation please follow the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13538>

COMMUNICATION

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please either send them an email directly or ring the school office and they will aim to return your call as soon as possible.

Class 1 (Nursery/Reception) -Mrs Wilkinson

email: melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe

email: karen.blythe@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long

email: jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

For queries regarding Parent pay, Nursery funding or sessions, clubs, milk, Breakfast club and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.

email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

PARENTZONE-ONLINE SAFETY

Every week, we will share information or an article about online safety. These guides can be found on our website and also on the National College website.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

AGE RATING
7+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 11 th March:	Y3/4 Stadium Tour of St. James' Park (Packed lunch required)
Tuesday 12 th March:	EYFS-Doctor Surgery visit (People who help us)
Friday 15 th March:	Comic Relief -non school uniform (optional)-link for donation above
Wednesday 20 th March:	Y2-4 Queen's Hall visit - 'Fishing for Rainbows' (google form sent out) EYFS-Fire Engine visit (People who help us)
Friday 22 nd March:	Easter Service -(N-Y4)-St. Peter's Church 9.30am- parents/carers welcome
Thursday 28 th March:	Break up for Easter (Good Friday is on Friday 29 th March)
Monday 15 th April:	Summer 1 starts Reception Parent Consultations (letter sent out 7.3.24)
Monday 22 nd April:	Reception, Class 2 and 3 Parent Consultations (letter sent out 7.3.24)
Wednesday 24 th April:	Class 2 and 3 Parent Consultations (letter sent out 7.3.24)
Thursday 25 th April:	Class 2 and 3 Parent Consultations (letter sent out 7.3.24)
Monday 6 th May:	Bank Holiday-School closed
Wed 15 th -Fri 17 th May:	Y4 Residential-Robinwood
Friday 24 th May:	Last day of Summer 1
Monday 3 rd June:	Summer 2 starts
Thursday 13 th June:	Year 3 visit to HMS (more info to follow)
Thursday 20 th June:	Year 4 Leaver Service – Newcastle Cathedral
Tuesday 9 th July:	Transfer Day (Year 4s at Middle Schools for the whole day)
Thursday 18 th July:	Year 4 water fight and Fun Day
Friday 19 th July:	Year 4 Leaver Service-in school

County Lines

Information for parents and carers of primary school-aged children



What is County Lines?

County Lines is a form of criminal exploitation involving the transport and sale of drugs. It can involve moving drugs and money from one street to the next, or from one end of the country to the other, and the people who do the 'running' are often children who have been targeted and groomed into doing so by criminal gangs. Drugs are advertised by text message on dedicated 'deal lines' and on social media.

Why do I need to know about this? My child is so young

Unfortunately, children as young as 7 have been known to be recruited by gangs who are involved in drug dealing and other criminal activity. Awareness is key, as is early intervention, and knowing how to seek help if you are concerned is important, too. Be particularly aware if your child has older siblings or spends a lot of time with older children when you're not present.

How do criminals exploit children?

TARGET

Criminals will watch an area - e.g. children coming and going from school or hanging around a park - to see if they can spot a particularly vulnerable child. They will then strike up a friendship and get to know them before moving to the 'test' stage.

TEST

The criminal will offer gifts such as money, expensive trainers, a phone, and will aim to make the child feel special and part of the gang. They will then test the child's loyalty by asking them to run small errands or hold onto items for them, whilst rewarding this loyalty with more gifts.

TRAP

The criminal will now control the child by isolating them from their friends and family, making threats against them if the child tells anyone about what the gang does. They will demand payback for all the gifts previously given, which could include moving and selling drugs, and sexual exploitation. The child will now feel indebted and trapped.

[This video illustrates the process.](#)

How do I protect my child, and what are the signs that a child could be being criminally exploited?

Be curious about their friendship groups and where they are when they're not at school or with you. Make sure they know they can come to you if they are approached by new 'friends' when they are out and about, especially older people. Remind them about [Childline](#) as a source of support, too. If you have concerns, share them with family members and the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at your child's school.

There are many signs that a child may be being groomed and/or exploited, including a change in their behaviour. Be conscious of any changes in presentation: they may begin to take more interest in their appearance and in the clothes they wear. Visit this [NSPCC weblink](#) for more information.

Report

You can report any information to the police: 999 in an emergency, or otherwise via 101 or [our website](#).

Visit [Crimestoppers](#) for advice on how to report County Lines-related information anonymously.

[Fearless](#) (part of Crimestoppers) is available for young people to make anonymous reports.

CrimeStoppers.



Support

[Unseen's County Lines campaign](#)

- Request an information guide to learn more about County Lines.

Unseen also runs a [free helpline](#) offering advice and support.

[SafeCall - Missing People](#)

- A free and confidential anonymous helpline for children and their families affected by County Lines.

[NSPCC Helpline](#)

- Help and advice if you have concerns about a child's welfare.





HUMSHAUGH YOUTH CLUB

Tuesdays @ Village Hall
6pm -7.30pm : Youth (Yrs 4-8)

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2024

FEBRUARY

13th: Valentine Disco and Pancakes
20th: Closed HALF TERM
27th: Cupcake making



MARCH

5th: Closed
12th: Red noses, Jigsaws and Lego
19th : St Patricks day fun
26th: Easter Egg hunt



No session 2nd and 9th April
Easter Holidays

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