



Weekly Bulletin 21st April 2023

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the summer term. We look forward to a hard-working, enjoyable and productive term ahead. From today, [a home-school links sheet](#) from your child's class teacher is available via both DB Primary and the school website. This details the ways in which you can support your child with their studies as well as informing you of the curriculum content to be covered during this half term in each subject area. I encourage you to read it and to use it as a basis for discussing with your child what they are learning about in school.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things going on in school. For example, news from our ECO team, Worship group, V.I.P. (Very International People) and SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). This week our focus is on Art across school and Mrs Armstrong has shared an update below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Abstract Arts Week

Across school children have been studying the work of early 20th century abstract artists. Wassily Kandinsky is generally regarded as the 'father' of abstract art. Children looked at a number of his artworks and discussed his use of bright and bold colour, shape and line. Then they considered how Kandinsky influenced other artists of the day; Piet Mondrian, Paul Klee, Robert Delaunay, Kazimir Malevich and Alexander Rodchenko. Each year group focused on one of the artists and, using a range of different materials, went on to produce their own piece of abstract art.



PE Days – Summer Term 1

The children are required to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE. Please note: there may be ad-hoc PE days for which you will be informed via letter or SMS text message. Please see class PE days for Summer term 1 below:

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday & Tuesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday & Friday
Year 5	Monday & Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday & Friday

Y3 will go swimming on a Friday for the Summer Term

Industrial Strike Action

The National Education Union (NEU) has balloted its members and they have decided to take Industrial Strike Action. School will be closed on the 27th April and the 2nd May. Please see the [Strike Letter](#) on the School website.

Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Thursday 27th April – School closed – Industrial Strike action

Monday 1st May – School closed for May bank holiday

Monday 2nd May – School closed – Industrial Strike action

Friday 5th May – Y2 Class Assembly

Friday 5th May – King’s Coronation Lunch and Celebration

Monday 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

Wednesday 28th June at 6pm – ‘Treachery at Traitor’s Quay’ – Drama Club Production

Thursday 29th June at 6pm – ‘Treachery at Traitor’s Quay’ – Drama Club Production

#JoinInDMS Together with the DMS Training Youth Choir

Did you know Durham Music Service offers lots of opportunities to make music? Whether you have sung or played in one of our groups before, or at the start of your musical journey, Durham Music Service can’t wait to welcome you!

Playing or singing in a group is a brilliant experience: There’s the chance to make new friends during rehearsals, develop new musical skills and celebrate success at special performances for friends and family. We regularly perform at venues such as Gala Durham, Durham Cathedral and our home at Ushaw College Durham.

I am lucky enough to visit Shincliffe Primary school each week, teaching brass and whole class ukulele to the young musicians. Getting to know the classes better, I have been *super impressed* with their singing where I have noted their enthusiasm, accuracy, expression and volume!

It is with great pleasure that I invite the young singers in Shincliffe to the DSM Training Choir, who rehearse every Thursday evening in Elvet Methodist Church, Durham from 4-5.15pm. I do hope your child can join the choir, usually only open to Y5 and Y6. However, on this occasion, Y4 students are welcome to attend this term, to experience the rehearsals before Y5.

If your child would like to join us, please click <https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/Event/durham-music-training-choir> to register.

If you have any question regarding any aspects of the choir, please email me. k.wearmouth@149@durhamlearning.net

Durham Music Service Brass Teacher

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of thankfulness and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and the pupils.

Some further information about this half term's value:

This half term we are focussing on Thankfulness as our whole school Christian Value. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives.

Some things to think about:

- How can we express our appreciation and thankfulness in the life of the school?
- How can we demonstrate that we see the good things of life as a blessing and a gift rather than a right?
- How can we be thankful for more than just material possessions?

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