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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the summer term. It is lovely to see pupils in school once again, learning with their peers and teachers and re-uniting with friends, some of whom they have not seen in such a long time. Life online has become even more important for us all during the lockdowns and has been a lifeline for family and friends (who knew we'd all be zooming!). This virtual world also brings its own dangers, especially for our children, and as a school we are committed to keeping everyone safe when online.

To this end, we have joined National Online Safety (NOS), the world's most comprehensive provider of online safety resources. Their aim is to empower schools and parents by providing the information needed to get young people talking about staying safe in the digital world.

Our membership with NOS provides a wealth of accredited course and resources for staff and parents delivered through a whole school community approach.

To access and log into your parent account please follow the link: [NOS Parents' Enrol](#)

There is also an app where you can download free guides and watch short videos to keep you up to date with the latest games, apps and technology to keep your children safe online.

iPhone: [App Store](#)

Android: [Google Play](#)

Please take some time to explore the app and what it can offer and take a look at the E-Safety section of our school website where you'll find a mine of useful information, including details of our annual Safer Internet Day back in February.

It is so important that we all teach our children how to be safe online whilst using their PCs, laptops, smartphones and tablets. This means protecting themselves from online harms and risks which in turn may lead to unsafe communications or even affect their mental health and wellbeing. It is vital to keep communication open and talk to your child about what they are doing online and the resources available on NOS help us all in this goal.

Have a good half term!

Kevin Moloney

Headteacher



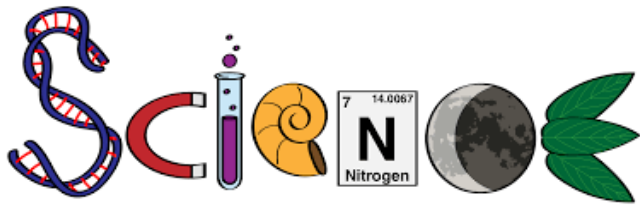
#OnlineSafetySavvy

Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Bamburgh Class Outdoor Learning Day**
Thursday 22nd April
- ◆ **Bank Holiday, School Closed**
Monday 3rd May
- ◆ **Ford Class Outdoor Learning Day**
Monday 10th May
- ◆ **Alnwick Class Beach Day**
Tuesday 18th May
- ◆ **Bamburgh Class Beach Day**
Thursday 27th May tbc
- ◆ **Trident Soccer**
Mondays, Ford Class
- ◆ **After School Cricket**
Wednesdays, Bamburgh Class
- ◆ **After School Multisports**
Thursdays, Etal Class
- ◆ **Break up for Half Term**
Friday 28th May
- ◆ **Teacher Training Day, School Closed**
Monday 7th June

Please keep checking the calendar on the school website for more events





WEEK ▶▶▶

Children all the way from preschool through to year 6 had great fun being super scientists to celebrate Science Week last half term with a week full of investigating and exploring!

The whole school focused on the theme '**Innovating for the Future**' and we took part in live farming sessions to learn all about British farming and some of the incredible innovations happening in farming across the country.

We found out about lots of other incredible STEM careers too and had great fun exploring our school grounds with every class taking part in an outdoor workshop to learn about our local wildlife.

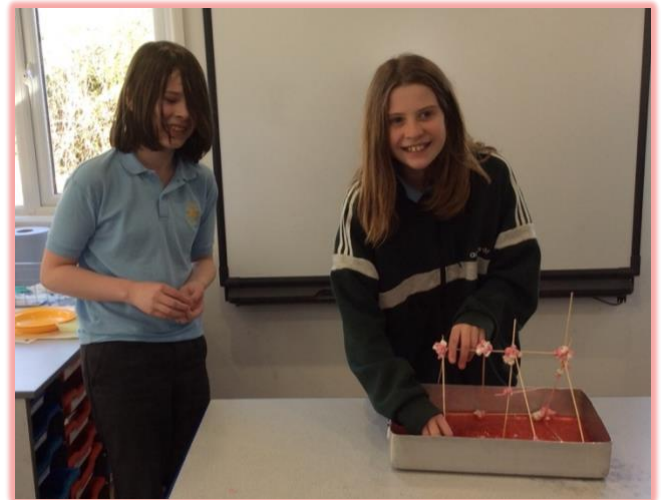
I hope you enjoyed celebrating at home too- follow these links for some super home science ideas!

Miss Gleghorn

[Home | WowScience - Science games and activities for kids](#)

[All SuperStar challenges \(crestawards.org\)](#)

[ExpeRimental | The Royal Institution: Science Lives Here \(rigb.org\)](#)





As well as a busy Easter week we were celebrating Science Week too! This linked in so well as this term we had already been doing our exciting 'Egg-speriment' with eggs for Humpty Dumpty and thinking about sticky spider webs for 'Incy Wincy' as part of our Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes topic. Our science week celebration saw us investigating as entomologists in the school field and our focus was all about Bumble Bees.

We learnt about the importance of farming and why farmers are so important in helping us to look after insects. We then starting learning about the amazing bumble bee. We acted out the life cycle story learning about the important queen bee, the busy worker bees, the bumble bee eggs, larvae, cocoons and making new worker bees! We learnt that the bee is another animal that hibernates and then went exploring to see if we could find any bumble bee burrows. Along the way we

spotted willow trees, apple trees, dandelions, daffodils and daisies and thanked them all for providing the bees with pollen and nectar. We even managed to spot some burrows and found some larvae.

Finally, we talked about animals that like to eat bees and discovered that as well as badgers...robins do too! We looked at a robin's nest and compared it to a swallow's nest and a blue tit's nest.



What an action packed afternoon we had with SO many facts to take on board! I wonder what amazing facts you can remember? A perfect science week before our growing topic this half term... we are going to have so much fun exploring within our amazing school grounds.

Mrs Johnson



Great bad hair day!

Pupils in Bamburgh Class had some super bad hairstyles for Red Nose Day! It was great to see so many pupils in school joining in and raising money for Comic Relief. Thanks to all your generosity, we raised a fantastic £147.00!



As part of our Red Nose Day celebrations, we also held a 'Battle of the Bands' times table competition. The overall class winners were Etal and the overall individual winner was Jack F. Here are the winners from each year group - well done everybody, you all rock!

Year 6 Winner Will



Year 5 Winner George



Year 4 Winner Erica

Year 3 Winner Oscar



Overall Winner Jack F



Year 2 Winner Mila



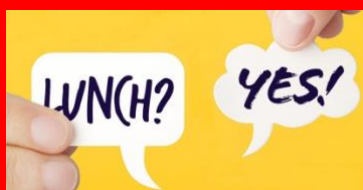
Year 1 Winner Ursula

Here are Freddie and Henry receiving their Numbots certificates as part of the Times Tables Rock Stars competition. Freddie for the highest score and Henry for the most played. The added bonus was Easter egg prizes - well done everyone!



Enjoying the great outdoors...

We have been enjoying our new areas in our EYFS space. The sun has been shining on us for the start of term and we've begun lots of exploring, learning and fun for our new growing topic: The Great Outdoors!



A school dinner costs £2.30
34 days @£2.30 = £78.20

Menus are on the school website. We would ask that you keep on top of lunch payments - in advance or on the day - thank you.

Please pay promptly - we like cash and cheques payable to NCC. You only need to write one cheque - just write on the back what it is you're paying for!

A reminder that we have a small number of pupils in school with severe nut allergies. Exposure to nuts and nut products can cause a rapid and serious reaction for these individuals. We ask for your co-operation in not sending any nut product in to school, either as a snack or in packed lunches



Thank you!

A big thank you to the Alnmouth Burgage Holders who continue to support our Beach Days and Forest School work. Their generosity enables us to provide great outdoor activities for all of our pupils.

Healthy snacks please!

If you send a playtime snack for your child, please only send in a piece of fruit or veg - no processed snacks. Thank you.

It is great to see so many of our pupils and families taking advantage of the spring sunshine and cycling to school. For safety reasons, however, we ask that bikes are not ridden in the school grounds. Thank you.



Ford fun day on the field...



March is a really important month in the life of our pond. The children learned how to pond dip safely and identified living things using identity charts including frogs, frogspawn, ram horn snails and newts.

It was great to see everyone working together to plan an Easter egg hunt. The children carefully hid their eggs and wrote clues to help others find them - some of the clues were a little tricky!

There was also drama - the children listened to a story set in a pond. They reflected on the pond as their inspiration and wrote and performed their creations to the rest of the class. There was a frog rap and a tale of a good frog versus an evil frog, to name but a few!



On Monday 15th March, Ford Class had an eggciting outdoor learning day in the school grounds along with Mrs Melkerts and Mrs Whyte.

The children loved learning about different types of nests and seeing some real examples and pictures of what nests were made from. They went on a nest hunt around school, thinking about places where nests might be, looking carefully using binoculars. Finally, the children built their own nests using some of the same materials that birds use to make their nests, including moss and mud.



We had lovely spring sunshine all day and it was wonderful seeing all the class having fun in the fresh air together. They were all superstars!

