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# LIGHTHOUSE

Latest News from NCEA  
“Let your light shine”

Warkworth  
Show

Exploring  
Harvest

Sixth Form  
Open Evening



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Love

Care for each other.  
Help others do well.  
Support those in need.

Mark 12:31, John 3:16, John 13:24-35, Romans 12:10, 1 Corinthians 13:1  
John 4:11

# A NOTE

*from the*

# CEO

Pupils show their love for those in need

Each year, we produce a Development Plan for Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust and its schools. As part of this, we've reviewed the way that we set out the Trust's LIGHT values. We've worked to present these in a clearer way to make them more meaningful and memorable for our children and our wider community. As we've moved to a half termly format for Lighthouse, I'm going to focus on a value in each edition.

Our first light value is love, something that the world has felt very short of in recent times. From the ongoing conflict in Ukraine to recent events in Israel and Palestine, war and its horrific impact on civilians as well as those in combat makes the headlines almost daily. This can bring feelings of helpless and worry for many of us, as we are powerless to stop these huge conflicts.



However, what we can do is to ensure that our schools and wider communities are places which care for others, helping and supporting those most in needs. Over the last couple of weeks, our schools have been celebrating Harvest Festivals. This has meant not only giving thanks for the harvest in an ancient tradition, but also, where our pupils can, bringing in food for donation to those most in need.

In spite of the huge challenges many in our community face just to make ends meet, I am inspired by the generosity of our pupils, families and staff in providing donations for local foodbanks and charities as part of their Harvest Festival.

I believe that this captures the spirit of the Love in our Light values; it is a show of care for each other and supporting those who are in need. None of us can tackle global problems on our own, but by showing their love for the people in their local community through their generosity, our pupils are demonstrating that they can make a difference to the world around them. That's exactly the spirit that our Light values encourage our pupils to show and continue in their lives.



# HARVEST *Celebrations*

BY SALLY MILNER  
TRUST CHAPLAIN

As we near the end of the first term of the new year, it is good to think about all of the things that we have been busy with. I love seeing all the Harvest Festival donations gathering in our school as we give thanks for all the fruits of the earth. All the tins and packets, the fruit and the vegetables that have been donated so generously by you all. Some schools are able to walk to church, others gather in their school halls. I find it very moving to hear little ones singing Dingle Dingle Scarecrow and bigger ones perform the Harvest Samba. To hear poems and readings about farmers and growers ploughing and sowing and how God blesses the land with sun and rain.

I hope many of you managed to get to a Harvest celebration and thank you for all your donations. They have now been packed up in boxes and taken off to the various foodbanks that cover our area and also to the People's Kitchen in Newcastle who cater for the homeless.

I hope that everyone has a good half term holiday and returns refreshed afterwards.

*Generous God we give thanks for the harvest,  
for all those who work to put food on our plates.  
We thank you Lord for sending the sun and rain to nourish the earth.  
We pray for the work of foodbanks and those who feed the hungry  
May justice and fairness prevail that all can be fed and no-one goes hungry. Amen.*

# CCF AT



# OTTERBURN

The CCF Team at Duke's spent a weekend at the end of September in Otterburn at a camp.

SGT Georgia Hughes, School Staff Instructor, took the CCF team at Duke's Secondary Duke's to a camp in Otterburn.



The CCF completed in: Map orientation, Handrails, moving with and without a personal weapon, Why things are seen, Field signals.

They also a good insight into camp life with a different organisation.

All cadets were smart and on time and a credit to Duke's.

They made many friends out side of their contingent.



# WARKWORTH Show

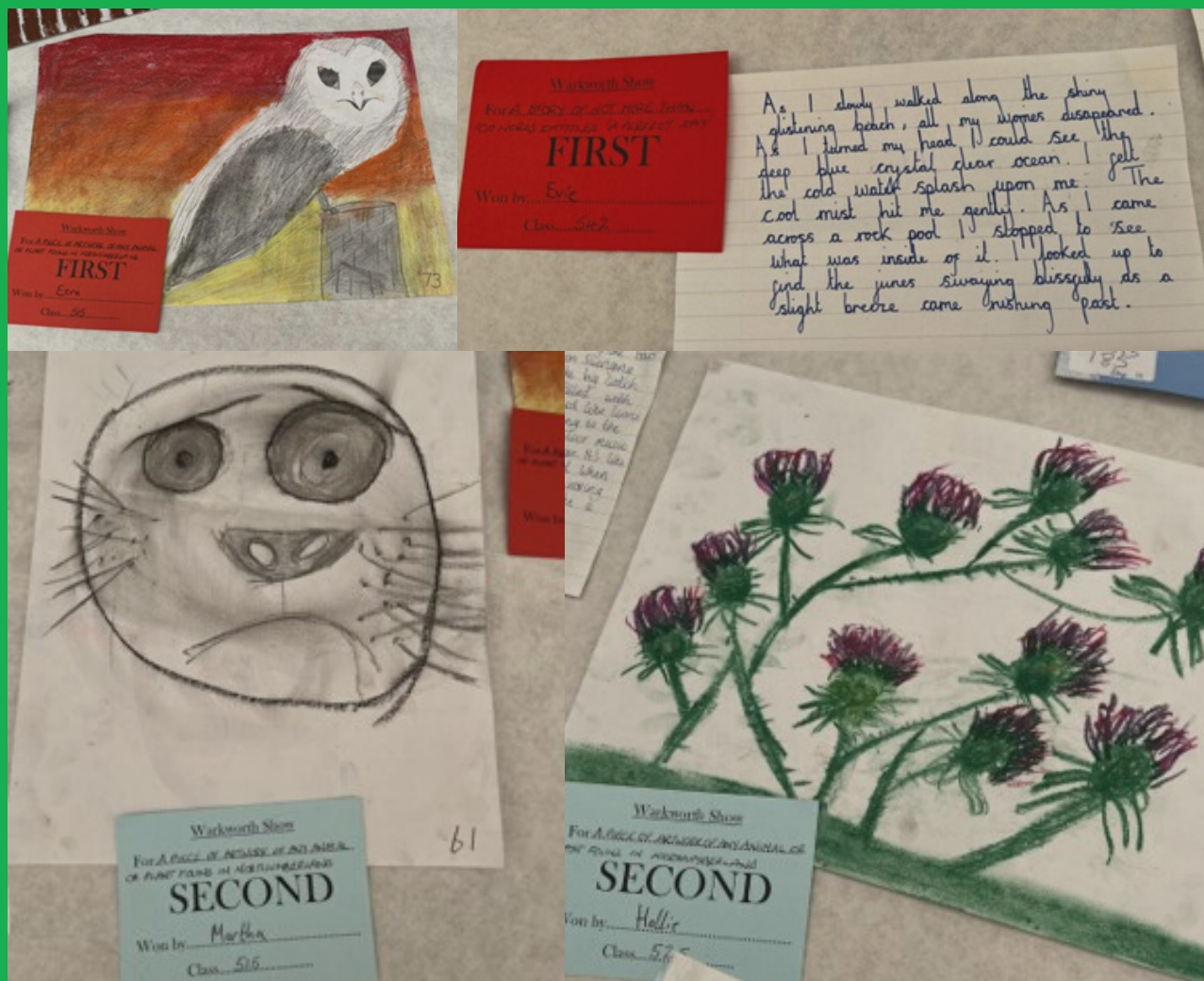


The annual Warkworth Show is a village tradition dating long ago - this year's summer event was the 151st!

Amidst the classic cars, historical re-enactments, food and drink and plenty of enjoyable events, NCEA Warkworth Primary School participated in various competitions, with the school sending over 100 entries across a range of events: a record!

As one member of the Show Committee put it, the children of the school were "the stars of the show", making us very proud.

There were over 13 different award winners within the various categories including artwork, storytelling and poetry. Please enjoy a sample of the wonderful work. As we continue to build strong links with the village, we are already thinking ahead ahead to next year's which we cannot wait for!







The children of Thoams Bewick taking part in a Fun Run to raise money for the school.



# ONE VERY FUN RUN

Mrs O'Connor organised a House Fun Run to raise funds for the school's outdoor area. The children ran around the school field as many times as they could, earning points for their house team. Aidan house won with the highest points scored. The school also raised over £2.600 for outdoor equipment! We are so grateful for the money raised and the support of the community.

Well done to Thomas Bewick children and the community for raising such a fantastic amount!



# Aspirations DAY



The children at James Knott all enjoyed careers week which began with aspirations day.

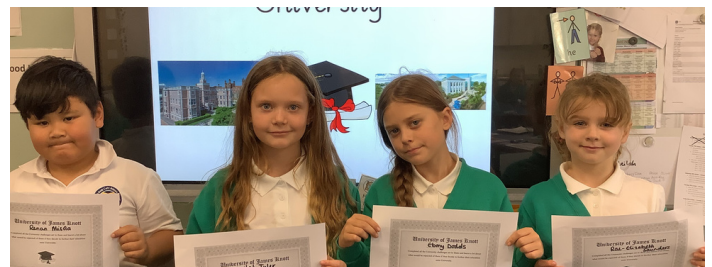
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Thanks to our careers programme children as young as 3 years old are now thinking about what they would like to be when they are older. Everyone loved dressing up and talking about what they would like to be in the future. We have been recording these ideas for the past 6 years and it is lovely to track how children's ambitions have changed as they develop their personalities and interests. We continue to have dreams to be footballers, youtubers, doctors, nurses and vets, and this year we have many beauticians and hairdressers, fashion designers, authors and scientists. We encourage all children to believe that they can be whatever they want to be as long as they persevere and show determination. The future definitely looks bright.

Here are a few of the fabulous outfits that were chosen this year.

As part of careers week, Year 3 had fun looking at University and what might happen if they chose to go there; such as living with friends and maybe even having to get a weekend job while you learn and study! The children had lots of questions about university and talked about some family members who have been to university or some who are there now. The class completed some fun challenges and wrote reasons why they thought University would be fun. Well done to the class and everyone who achieved their James Knott University certificate!

On Friday the James Knott children experienced a range of career workshops in mixed aged groups. Each group moved to a different teacher every 30 minutes so they could experience what it would be like in a range of different jobs. These included, a meteorologist, forensic scientist, civil engineer, knitwear designer, volcanologist and architect. Not only did the children get to develop their investigation, design, research and drawing skills but they also developed the skills to be a good listener, to be a good communicator and to work as a team. We were very proud of how nurturing and kind the older pupils were with the younger children in their group, supporting and encouraging them to have a go and never give up.





# ROOTS *and* SHOOTS

The William Leech Roots and Shoots team visited Alnwick Garden for the final celebration event and couldn't believe their eyes when they harvested their veggie patch. These vegetables together with the ones from the school roof garden were shared with our families at our Meet the Teacher event.





# Harvest FESTIVAL



Our LIGHT Ambassadors helped to lead our family Harvest Festival in school as we thought about sharing and looking after others. The very generous collection of food was taken to the Wansbeck Valley Foodbank where it will be used to support families.

# MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Supporting our children's emotional wellbeing and developing their positive mental health is very important to us at Grace Darling. Being happy and comfortable helps us to be in the right mindset to learn. World Mental Health Day was on October 12th and we decided to have a drop-down week where the children would be able to work on strategies to support their wellbeing. We had a range of activities such as Yoga, mindfulness

walks, writing worry leaves (which the children loved 'blowing away') and creating our own positive affirmations. We also had some special guests from the If you care, share Foundation who worked across the school with all children in Y1-6. They discussed feelings and identifying different emotions in ourselves and others. The children recognised that we don't all share the same feelings and spent a lot of time working on how we can make

ourselves and others happy when we may feel down. The children wrote down their happy thoughts which are now stored in a treasure chest in each classroom and any time they need to reflect on these, they are given time to do so. The children were also delighted to receive a positive mental health goody bag at the end of the week.

# Open *the* book

These are pictures from 'Open the book' who are a group of people from local churches who come and lead an interactive collective worship about once a month. The story today was Jesus calming the storm told with words, actions, costumes and sound effects. The sessions are engaging and children look forward to them.



# 3SIXTY AT BISHOP'S



In the Summer term we were proud to finish in first place, in the Large Primary School category, of the national Big Walk and Wheel competition, which was hosted by Sustrans.

During the two week period over 90% of of daily population walk, scooted or cycled to school and this was monitored by The School Council.

In recognition of our amazing achievement, Tracy Aitken from the transport team at Northumberland County Council kindly presented the whole school with a stunt display, from the brilliant 3SIXTY stunt team.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the session, they were amazed at how brave Mr Wright was volunteering to take part and at how easy the team made it look to walk the ladder!





# Top SPORT

## DUKE'S 6TH FORM FOOTBALL TEAM MAKE THE FINAL

Northumberland 7-Aside Tournament in Walbottle! The lads defeated St. Mary's, Wallbottle and St. Cuthbert's finishing top spot in their group. The final showdown against Dame Allan's finished 2-2 but we fell short on penalties.



Mr Hunter's Year 8 travelled to Bede to take on a tough opponent. The boys showed incredible resilience and team spirit to run out 1-0 winners with a late goal from Andrew Hyden! School debuts for Zach Crate, Lewis Young, Stephen Dawson, and Jackson Morley. Lewis Scott snagged the title of Man of the Match.



# EXPLORE *Vacancies*

We always have opportunities to be a part of the NCEA team, across our 9 schools and in Central Services.

Take a look at our latest vacancies online at <https://www.ncea.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/>.

Can't see what you are looking for? Join our Mailing List to receive updates!

## ST MICHAELS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

- LEVEL 3 EARLY YEARS TEACHING ASSISTANT



## DUKE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

- SCIENCE TEACHER - MATERNITY COVER



## NORTHUMBERLAND CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY TRUST

- DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & SAFETY & ESTATES
- LETTINGS ASSISTANT



## JAMES KNOTT C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

- LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR



## BISHOP'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

- LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR



# SIXTH FORM

*Open Evening*



TALK TO US ABOUT

**LIFE IN SIXTH FORM**

**SUBJECTS AND CAREERS**

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

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**4PM - 6PM**

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#YouDontNeedToTravelFarToGetAhead



**£2 PER TICKET**

AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL  
OFFICES AND THE  
PERFORMING ARTS OFFICE

**\*COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS  
FOR ALL PERFORMERS**

RAFFLE  
REFRESHMENTS

# **A MERRY** *Little Christmas* **CONCERT**

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FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

**6 PM - 8 PM**

THE ATRIUM DUKE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL,  
ASHINGTON, NE63 9FZ

**LIVE MUSIC BY:**

JAYESS NEWBIGGIN BRASS BAND  
YEAR 6 INSTRUMENTALISTS  
GRACE DARLING CONCERT BAND  
DUKES WIND BAND  
THE NCEAT STAFF CHOIR



# KIDS EAT OUT FOR LESS GUIDE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

**EXTREME**  
**COUPONING**  
AND BARGAINS UK

**TESCO**

Free Kids Meal At Tesco Cafe This October Half Term When You Buy Anything In The Cafe & Show Your Clubcard. Monday Friday Only. England 23/10/23–03/11/23. Northern Ireland And Wales 30/10/23–03/11/23

**ASDA**

Kids Eat For £1' Café Meal Deal Has Been Extended Until The End Of The Year With No Minimum Spend. + Free Ella's Baby Food Pouches For Children Under 18 Months Old With Any Purchase

**M&S CAFÉ**

23rd–27th October In England And Northern Ireland, And 30th October – 3rd November In Wales And ROI, Kids Can Enjoy A £4 Kids' Munch Menu At M&S Every Time You Spend £5 Or More In M&S Café

  
Morrisons  
Since 1899

Kids Eat Free All Day, Everyday At Morrisons Cafe! One Kid's Meal With Any Adult Meal Over £4.50

 **SIZZLING**  
PUB+GRILL

You Can Get A Kid's Main Meal For £1 All Day, Monday To Friday When You Buy An Adult Sizzling Meal.

  
**IKEA**

Little Ones Can Enjoy Kids Pasta With Tomato Sauce And A Soft Drink For 95p Or Any Other Kids Meal For £1.50. Available Daily From 11am At Ikea Restaurants.

  
**FRIDAYS**

Download The TGI Stripe Rewards App For Free Kids Meal When An Adults Meal Is Purchased.

 **PAUSA**

All Day & Everyday, Free Kids Mini Meal Deal When You Spend £4 In The Cafe

  
**YD! 活**

Until The 3rd November, Kids Eat Free All Day In Our Restaurants When Dining With A Full-paying Adult (Minimum £10 Spend)

  
Pizza Hut

For O2 Customers Free Kids Mini Monster Meal At Pizza Hut Restaurants (RRP From £7.99) Each Week Until 05/11/2023.

 **Harvester**  **TOBY**  
CARVERY

Download The Harvester & Toby Carvery Apps To Stay Up To Date With Latest Offers. Including Kids Eat For £1 With Adult Mains Purchased!

  
**Bills**

Up To Two Kids Can Eat Free All Day From Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November (Excluding Saturday & Sunday), If One Adult Orders Any Main.

 **Beefeater**  **Brewers fayre**

Two Kids Under 16 Eat For Free With Every Adult Breakfast Purchased At Brewers Fayre Or Beefeater!

 **dobbies**  
garden centres

Enjoy A Free Child's Hot Meal Or Pick N Mix Lunch Box Including A Drink With Any Adult Main Course Purchase.

**BELLA**  
**ITALIA**

Kids Eat For £1 With The Purchase Of Every Adult Main, Monday-Thursday! Enjoy Three Courses & A Drink!

 **Travelodge**

Free Kids Breakfast For Up To 2 Children Aged 15 Or Under For Every Full Paying Adult.

**Premier Inn** 

When An Adult Orders A Full Premier Inn Breakfast Or A Meal Deal, Up To Two Under 16s Eat Breakfast For Free!

 **HUNGRY**  
**HORSE**

Kids' Meals For Just £1 And Larger Meals For Only £1.50 With Every Full Paying Adult Every Monday.

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