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Dear families of OMS

Here we are, our last Newsflash of the academic year..... and the last Newsflash from us as part of TCLT. We will officially be part of Cheviot Learning Trust when we come back in September. We are really looking forward to working as part of a bigger Trust and all the opportunities it will bring us as a school for both pupils and staff. Here's our new logo:



There was so much going on in the last few weeks of term to celebrate an incredible year for the pupils at OMS. It has been a year of outstanding success and achievement and we are so proud of every single OMS pupil. Check out our facebook page where you can find lots of photos; there's a link to it on the first page of our [website](#)

Thanks for all your patience with My Child at School. We know it has been frustrating for many of you; we share that frustration! Please continue to forward any problems you are having directly to joanne.sloane@ovinghammiddle.co.uk

A separate letter has been sent out reminding everyone about uniform and equipment for September. Please do take the time to read it as there have been some slight changes to the PE uniform following discussions with our Student Council.

And finally, thank you to all at home for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you! Have a fantastic and safe Summer and see you on 5th September at 8.45am if you are in Years 5 - 7. For those pupils moving to high school, we all wish you the very best; we'll miss you but know you'll be fantastic wherever you are heading!!



The Year 8 morning breakfast on Thursday as part of their leaving celebrations. A huge thanks to Mrs Watson, Miss Lister and Mr Addyman for organising this for their classes.



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Staffing

We said goodbye to the following staff on Friday:

Mr Smith who is moving to be the Primary PE lead with the PELE Trust. It is a fantastic and well deserved step up in his career. We wish him all the very best.

Miss Aftab who has been working on long term supply with us since October. She has helped us out with various roles throughout the time and we are very grateful for her going 'over and above' for a supply teacher.

Ms Hudson who has been one of our cleaners for the past seven years and is taking semi-retirement. We hope you get some long overdue rest!

Mr Hogg: our site manager (shared with Ovingham First School) is moving to a promotion in another school. He has been invaluable in keeping both of our schools propped up (quite literally at times!) and OMS and OFS thank him for all his hard work over the years he has been with us.

New staff:

Mr Hetherington who will be co-ordinating our PSHE curriculum and joining the Year 6 form teachers as 6TH, along with 6VN and 6DH. Mr Hetherington is keen on developing the use of our wooded area with some forest school provision....watch this space!!

Miss Bell and **Miss Watson** who are transferring to us from Ovingham First School as Teaching Assistants. They will bring an enormous amount of experience and understanding of the needs of our pupils.

Miss Miracle and **Mr Gorey** who have been with us for some time and will continue with us as Teaching Assistants giving us lots of continuity in our Classroom support team.

Premises staff vacancies

We advertised recently for a Cleaner and Dinner supervisor but unfortunately didn't get any applicants. If anyone knows of anybody who may be interested in either of these posts (they can be combined to be one post), please contact jenny.bullock@ovinghammiddle.co.uk or Joanne.Sloane@ovinghammiddle.co.uk for more details. We will also be advertising for the Site Manager post in the next few weeks, so again, if you know of anyone who may be interested in this exciting opportunity, look out for the advert which will be shared on our fb page, but will be advertised on [North East jobs](#)

Other than that, everything remains the same at OMS for September!

And the results are in

We have been extremely impressed by the number of house points gained this year by the pupils!
The final house results are:

- 3rd - Roman
- 2nd - Norman
- 1st - Saxon





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Our fantastic Saxon house captains, Lily and Nina, collected the trophy in our end of year assembly on Thursday morning. A huge thank you to all of the house captains: Nina, Lily, Arthur, Ava, Harry and Lauren. They have done an absolutely amazing job of running house assemblies and organising school events this year. Well done!

Environmental Award



Oscar W was presented with the Ian Lakey Environmental Award for his hard work and dedication in looking after the environment. It was a very tricky decision but Oscar stood out for his work with Eco club and working with Anne Hudson on the Ovington Tree Project. Well done, Oscar!

Sports Day Success

It was lovely to see so many parents able to attend our OMS sports days last week.

Sports For All was a great success, it was brilliant to see every single member of each class joining in and earning points for their class. KS2 winning class was 5JS and KS3 winning class was 7DG.



Competitive sports day was also a huge success with so many talented athletes performing. We nearly got through all of the events before the heavens opened and rain stopped play!

The results were as follows:

Year 5

- Boys - 3rd - Owen P and Finlay C
- 2nd - Thomas L
- 1st - Walt M





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Girls - 3rd - Lucy K, Abigail W and Daisy L
2nd - Alice Q
1st - Martha C and Hannah L



Year 6

Boys

1st - Alexander R
2nd - Charlie S and Owen L
3rd - Thomas S



Girls

1st - Erin B and Lexi R
2nd - Sophie F, Imogen L and Eve
3rd - Summer B and Fionnuala C



Year 7

Boys

1st - Fran H
2nd - Charlie L and Arthur H
3rd - Dan C





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Girls

- 1st - Martha T and Kate B
- 2nd - Amelia M
- 3rd - Maisy A



Year 8

Boys

- 3rd - Joe K
- 2nd - Luca O
- 1st - Teddy S-K and Louis F



Girls

- 3rd - Ava M
- 2nd - Olivia C
- 1st - Alice L and Emma G





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The overall scores were:

- 3rd - Saxon
- 2nd - Norman
- 1st - Roman

Well done, Roman!



Junior Duke Update

A huge well done to all of the pupils who managed with perseverance and determination to complete their Junior and Senior Duke Awards this year.

The challenges have been completed to an exceptional standard and all of the pupils involved have learnt valuable life skills. Look out for more information on how to sign up next year in early September.



Celebration Evenings

It was fantastic to see so many parents able to attend our Celebration Evenings over the past couple of weeks. Every single pupil in all year groups shared with us their achievements of this year and received a certificate with nominations from different subject teachers. There was also some fabulous talent on display from individuals and whole year groups. What an amazingly talented group of pupils we have at OMS!



End of Year Rewards



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All year groups had a fabulous time last week celebrating all of their hard work and excellent behaviour in an end of year trip.

Year 5 went to Tynemouth to recreate the story of Kingdom by the Sea, the novel they have been reading in English lessons. They visited Marshall's Fish and Chip shop for lunch and then enjoyed splodging in the sea and making sand castles on the beach.

Year 6 got the train to the Metrocentre, visited the arcades, went bowling and had a delicious lunch at Bella Italia.

Year 7 also visited Tynemouth beach. They had great fun playing sports on the beach, building sandcastles and paddling in the sea.

Year 8 started their end of year celebrations on Thursday evening. After their awards evening they partied the night away! A big thank you to Prudhoe Social Club for letting us host the evening there, to Jill Clark for organising everything, to The Snugg for providing the delicious buffet, The Disco Man for providing fabulous entertainment and to Just to Say in Prudhoe for providing the beautiful decorations. Year 8 celebrations continued on Friday with a visit to South Shields beach and fairground - a fabulous time was had by all!

On all of these visits the behaviour of the OMS pupils was exemplary and they were a pleasure to take out!





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These are our overall attendance figures for the whole year. Well done to everyone who tried their very best to attend school regularly!



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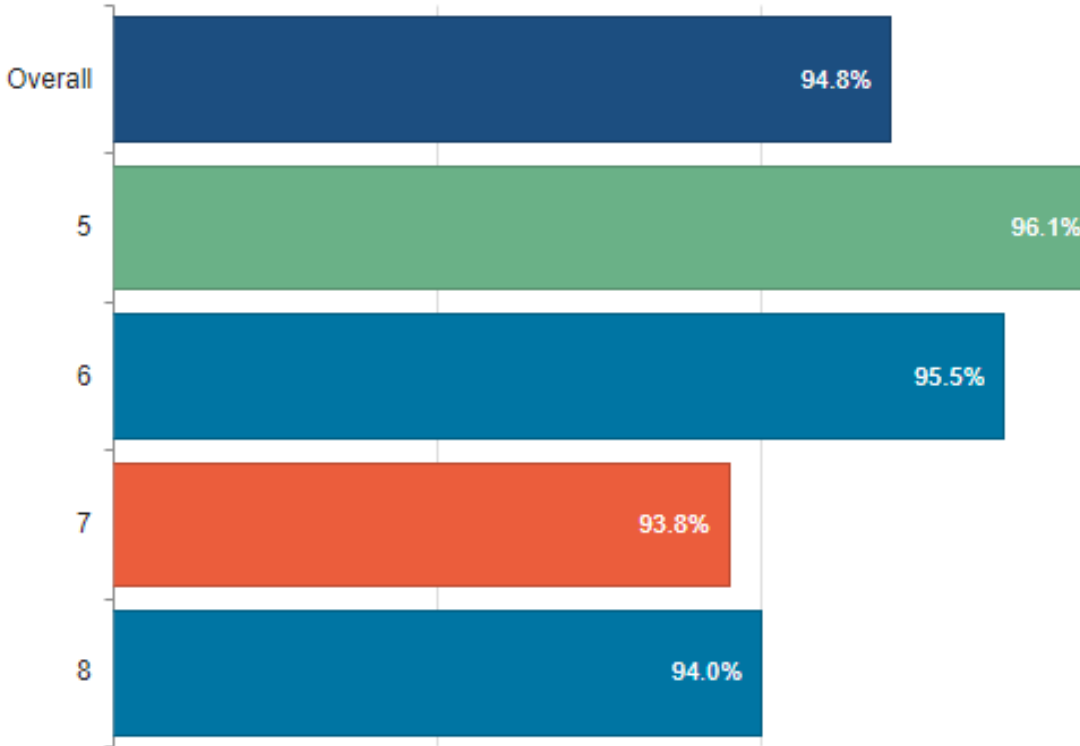
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Duolingo Champions:

5HT	5ET	5JS	6DS	6VC	6VN	7SQ
Charlie L	Charlotte	Natty School champion!	Evan	Gethin	Florence	Claude

Year 5 Star of the Week

5HT	Charlie W for kindness to other children in
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	Sports for All
5JS	Martha, Annabelle, Hannah L and Lucy W for their amazing performance poetry.
5ET	Charlotte for her excellent story.

Sponsored Walk@

Thankfully, the rain held off for our Sponsored Walk. Most of the pupils walked an amazing 12 miles and were still smiling at the end of it! A very special mention has to go to a group of boys in Year 7 who decided to take their fundraising to the next level **Harry L, Ben C, Edward M, Isaac S and Noah B** passed a ball 5000 times during the walk, and added an extra £1 per mile during the walk. They have been raising money on a Go Fund me page and have raised £235 so far for Macmillan. An absolutely outstanding effort boys! In total as a school, we have raised £1250 so far to be divided between school and Macmillan.

Recycle!



If you are having a clear out over the holidays, don't forget that you can recycle unwanted and unloved clothing, bags, shoes (pairs) and small toys for collection and redistribution at our collection point in the school car park .

Summer Fair





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We raised an amazing **£1450** at the Summer Fair. Well done to all the pupils for creating such a fun day for all!
Thanks to all who supported the event and raised much needed funds for school.



Y6 Mystery Writing Competition



A big thank you to all the children in Year 6 who wrote a short story or novel opening for our first ever Mystery Writing competition. This was inspired by reading Siobhan Dowd's puzzle-packed novel 'The London Eye Mystery' in English lessons. There was a high standard and it was a challenge for the judging panel to choose winners, but the book prizes went to:
1st place: Imogen L
2nd place: Isla B



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3rd place: Summer B
4th place: Maya M

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Congratulations to everyone who performed in our first OMS Summer Music Festival! It was wonderful to hear so many children performing. I'm sure those of you who attended will agree, we have some fantastic musicians in school! If that has sparked your musical interests, the information for lessons is below. Once again, thank you to all the children who performed. Keep an eye out for future events, Miss Armatage has already started thinking about our next concert! All information about music clubs and events will be shared in the new school year.

National Youth Orchestra Workshops

On Tuesday 18th July, Ben Haslam who works with the National Youth Orchestra hosted a workshop in the afternoon with some of the musicians in school. Alumni student Ben, will be playing Trombone with the NYO at the Proms this year, this will be televised later in the summer. He will then be off to the Royal Academy of Music to begin his Music degree. So it was a real treat to get him in for the workshop before he goes.

The children were outstanding! They spent the first part of the session learning about the NYO and listening to some music from Ben and clips from the

NYO. They then tuned up their instruments like an orchestra and learned a tune to play together. The children only had an hour and worked incredibly hard. They played the piece *Chameleon* by Herbie Hancock and they were fantastic!

We are hoping to get Ben back in again to run another workshop next year. We wish him the best of luck at the Proms and starting his degree at the Royal Academy of Music later in the year.



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MPN have sent the information below for anyone thinking about music tuition from September. MPN have helped support some amazing young musicians who've ended up:

- In the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
- Touring with the 1975
- As members of Sam Fender's band
- and in Mercury Music Prize and Ivor Novello nominated band Everything Everything

Contact MPN directly for more information.

<https://paritorliveparentv4.azurewebsites.net/2302/>

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Music-Service/Tuition.asp>



Good news! Places are available with Rocksteady for rock and pop band lessons in September.

Your child can learn to play their favourite songs in a band on either drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals. Lessons take place every week during school time. We have seen first-hand that as well as learning new musical skills, lessons also boost children's confidence, wellbeing, social skills, and teamwork. These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music.

At the end of each term the bands perform a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come! Here's what you need to know: - All instruments are

provided. - No musical experience necessary, suitable for year 5 and year 6- Lessons take place in school. - Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills - You'll receive regular online parent timeline updates. - There's a money back guarantee for the first month. - You can cancel at any time.



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You can sign up for lessons online at rocksteadymusicschool.com. If you have any questions about Rocksteady lessons, call 0330 113 0330 (local rate, office hours are Mon–Thurs 8am 8pm, Fri 8am–6pm)

Well Being

Online course for residents of **Northumberland**
'Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!)
 Feeling overwhelmed? Confused? Want to know more about your feelings? Your thoughts?

- Includes a Module on the emotional effects of the COVID-19 pandemic

Emotions are powerful!
Find out more!

Go to:
www.inourplace.co.uk
and enter the 'access code'
HADRIAN
to gain FREE (prepaid) access where eligible

8 Modules

For technical support, contact:
support@inourplace.co.uk
0121 296 4448 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

<https://solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-Northumberland/>



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The Solihull Approach is a portal of online training and resources promoting emotional and mental resilience and wellbeing through positive and healthy relationships.

The **FREE** online courses developed by psychologists and professionals can now be found on a **dedicated web page**.

Schools are encouraged to share these resources with parents, together with the access code **HADRIAN**. They cover aspects of parenting including understanding the teenage brain and understanding your child's feelings.

There is a teenager's version of each of these two courses (postcards attached [here](#) and [here](#)) Understanding your brain and Understanding your feelings.

If you would like to promote these with students over the summer, there is also an online video which **introduces the course about the teenage brain**.



A huge Hi-5 to **Grace in Year 5** who was recently awarded her Silver badge from Cubs - what an achievement! Well done!

Another big Hi 5 and well done to **Natty in Year 5** who came second in her gymnastics floor competition last weekend.

Esther in Year 8 is standing on the 1st place podium and said she was happy for us to share her achievement too!





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We recently shared a Hi-5 for **Anya in Year 5** for her netballing success. We have another Hi-5 to share as Anya was presented with a trophy at the recent Prudhoe Netball Club presentation as she was voted Most Improved Player of the year. Fantastic work Anya!!



We'd really love to hear about any of your Hi-5 moments over the Summer holidays. Send them in so we can celebrate and share any of your achievements and fantastic things you are involved in out of school. Please send them into admin@ovinghammiddle.co.uk with 'Hi-5' as the email subject.

The inaugural Ovingham Middle School Careers Fair

In the penultimate week of term we had our first career fair where eight professional attendees wowed our year 8 pupils with the possibility of careers ranging from tourism to deep sea engineering! Our pupils really enjoyed chatting to the representatives from companies as diverse as Siemens and the NHS. It is important for young people to start thinking about their future life choices and events like this give them the opportunity to consider possibilities that they may not previously have thought about. One pupil, with a deep love of photography, realised that his passion for photographing scenic places could be put to really good use in a career in tourism. This is just one little insight into the positive influence that the event had on our pupils.





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We were very pleased that one of our parents was present in a professional capacity at the Fair and we would love to welcome more of you to our next Fair in 2024!



Upcoming events/Dates for diary - please check weekly for amendments/ further events added:

4th September 2023: School re-opens for the Autumn term at 8.45am

***Have a fabulous Summer holiday!!
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Community Notices: Please let us know if you would like to advertise any community Events.



There are special offers on bus and metro fares this summer across the region, which could help families enjoy low-cost days out this summer.

Anyone 21 and under can travel for a £1 single fare. [Get round for a pound on the bus goes live for young people 21 and under | nexus.org.uk](https://www.nexus.org.uk)

Up to 3 children aged 11 and under can travel free with one fare paying adult.

[nexus.org.uk/bus/take-kids-free](https://www.nexus.org.uk/bus/take-kids-free)

In addition, the £2 adult single fare has been extended until the 31st October 2023 and can be used in conjunction with the above offers.



Summer Vocal Day with National Youth Choir

Date: Monday 21 August 2023

Time: 10am - 4pm

Venue: Newcastle University, Armstrong Building, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU

"I have fallen in love with singing even more than before, which I thought wasn't possible." (SING! Spring Weekend 2023 participant)

Join us and meet some of our inspiring musicians at our free Summer Vocal Day, and get the opportunity to develop your musical skills further! Improve your musicianship and get an insight into what we do on our residential courses as we focus on the core elements of singing practice and performance.

- For anyone who loves singing in Y6 to Y9.
- It's free to take part and support is available for travel costs.
- Whatever your musical interest, this is open to all.
- Sign up here: <https://www.nycgb.org.uk/nycgb-sing>



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Hexham
Kast Coffee Morning
for Kinship carers

Dates for 2023
10am to 12pm
23 June
14 July
15 September
6 October
27 October
17 November

Venue
Hexham Family Hub,
Beaufront Avenue, Hexham
NE46 1JD
In the grounds of Hexham
First School.
Hub landline 01434 601698



Other information
Visitors need to park on the street. Max people allowed is 12 at present. Coffee, tea and biscuits are provided.



Northumberland Cricket Board has some great opportunities for girls aged 8-11 to play and try cricket for FREE this summer at Tynedale Cricket Club with our Girls Dynamos Cricket Camps.

All days will be delivered by Northumberland Cricket Board Coaches. Participants will require a packed lunch, drinks, and sun protection. All participants will receive a free Dynamos t-shirt.



Girls only sessions available

Northumberland Cricket Board Limited

Girls Dynamos Summer Holiday Camps

Tynedale Dates: Mon 7th + Tues 8th Aug Voucher code - 435JNK	Morpeth Dates: Wed 23rd + Thurs 24th Aug Voucher code - 08CGTU
Benwell Hill Dates: Mon 21st + Tues 22nd Aug Voucher code - M69TA5	Alnmouth Dates: Tues 29th + Wed 30th Aug Voucher code - 5F8SMS

To book please visit: ncb.play-cricket.com
Then visit the news tab

All days run from 10:00 - 15:00
Children require a packed lunch, drink, and sun protection

DYNAMOS CRICKET

Date: 7th & 8th August
Timings: 10:00-15:00
Venue: Tynedale Cricket Club, NE46 3EW
Book [HERE](#) voucher code - 435JNK

We also have further holiday camps for your daughter, just in case you are unavailable for the camp above.
Go to our [website](#) to access these dates

To use the voucher code
Click the link then go through the signup process as usual. At the checkout stage, there will be a box to enter a discount code, at this point input the code and it will remove the £40 fee, taking the cost to £0.



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'Let's Be Frank'
& 'Magic Man'
PAUL INNES

Ovingham
Reading Rooms

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For tickets contact Paul on
07966 902530 or at
pmordue@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 9th September 2023 7.30pm start



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ELITE GOLF ACADEMIES

SUMMER JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS WITH FIRST CLASS COACHING DELIVERED IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT. SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE LOTS OF SKILLS, CHALLENGES, GAMES, AND COMPETITIONS. WE WILL COVER DRIVING, IRON PLAY, SHORT GAME, PUTTING, AND ON-COURSE TUITION, 10.00AM - 15.00PM EACH DAY. (PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED).

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY	THURSDAY 27TH JULY
THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST	FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST	THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST
TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST

SINGLE DAY: £40 | TWO DAYS £75

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP CONTACT JJ VALLELY AT:

✉ jjvallely@yahoo.co.uk ☎ (+44) 07899090777

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Stocksfield and District Tennis Club (STC) is looking for new junior members!

With STC boasting four brand-new astroturf courts and summer on its way there has never been a better time to sign up for tennis!



Juniors are able to enrol in weekly coaching sessions with club coach Tom Geary, join in on school holiday tennis camps, book 1-2-1 coaching or simply play with friends or family who are also members. Junior membership is available from as little as £30 per year.

Further information and contacts:

Website: <https://www.stocksfieldtennisclub.com>

Junior Co-ordinator: brianmcveigh@hotmail.com, 07912 351524

Club Coach: tom.geary@gmx.com, 07817 061898

 Find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stocksfieldtennisclub/)





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Stand Up Paddle Board Racing in the North East



Do you own a paddle board? Do you or your children fancy trying a few paddle board races?

There are a few events happening this summer that may interest you. SUP racing is growing rapidly in the UK. This sport may well be in the Olympics soon so getting involved in SUP racing could lead to great things!

NORTHERN SUMMER KIDS SUP SERIES

In the North of England we are heading up a kids race series. Three different days across the North East of paddle board racing, ideal for juniors who can paddle and want to try racing. There will be a short distance race - approx 1.5km, a technical race around buoys and a sprint race. Depending on numbers of participants the children will race in age categories. These days are designed for children new to racing.

1st Race July 15th The Big Dippa at Northerly Swell Whitley Bay

To register for this race please follow the link below.

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=318187>



2nd Race July 29th Ellerton Lake - North Yorkshire

<https://supactiveyorkshire.com/>

3rd Race Sept 9th The Beadnell Belta at Beadnell

Registration will be out for this race at the end of July. If you want more info give Anna a call.

The prizes are fantastic, the atmosphere is awesome and it is a great day out for all the family.

There are also adult races at all the above events. There are leisure class races for adults who have not done a lot of racing but want to complete the course. You could win yourself a brand new paddle board at the Big Dippa For more information please look at the Northern SUP Race Team fb page.

NORTHERN SUP RACE TEAM

Trains at Hexham most Friday evenings during term time. If you are interested in racing and training on a paddle board please contact **Anna Little 07747624541**

OTHER EXCITING FUN OPPORTUNITIES TO PADDLE

CBK ADVENTURES - Cullercoats

Offers SUP lessons and many other water sports.
There are also summer camps for your children to get involved in too.
<https://cbkadventures.co.uk/>

KA ADVENTURE SPORTS - Beadnell

Offers SUP lessons and many other water sports.
There is also a kids club that runs daily
<https://kaadventuresports.co.uk/>

NORTHERLY SWELL - Whitley Bay

Offers SUP lessons <https://northerlyswell.com/joyriding-activities/>



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With a new date, coinciding with the summer bank holiday weekend, Stocksfield Festival is back! It's taking place **Saturday 26th August** from 11am – 4pm at Stocksfield Cricket Club.

This will be a fantastic day out for the whole family but in particular there will be stacks to do for children (many of them suggested by pupils from Ovingham Middle School!)

We have arts and crafts from ArtVenturers, a Climbing wall, Bungee Trampoline, Storytelling, a Bouncy Castle and beat the goalie competition as well as a petting zoo, magician and archery! Community groups will also be there - and there is fabulous selection of food vendors and a music tent with a great line up of local bands (and a bar for the grown-ups)!

Family tickets are only £15 per family (or £5 per adult and £3 per child) but children's activities are all included as part of the ticket price!

It should be a brilliant day and a chance for children and families to come together, meet up with friends and soak up the atmosphere. And all on your doorstep!

Put the date in your diary and see you there!