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# Newsflash

## 15/09/23



Dear families of OMS

We are only into our second week and already there is so much going on! Clubs have started, we've had our diversity day, election speeches for House Captains, Sports Captains and Young Sports Leaders, elections for school council, applications for music ambassadors, prefects. All that as well as pupils working hard and being the best they can be in their lessons!

### House/sports Captain elections

We have three houses in school: Norman, Saxon and Roman. Our year 8 pupils are invited to apply for the role of House or Sports Captain. These positions carry great responsibility in school. The House Captains are the year 8 representatives on School Council but also are asked to organise and support school events, show visitors around school and participate in the interview process for new staff. Sports Captains are expected to promote sports and healthy lifestyles across school and organise and support the delivery of clubs and activities. Every week we have house assemblies which are delivered by our House and Sports Captains. These assemblies celebrate achievement and effort, and encourage pupils to be the best they can be, to work hard and be resilient. On Tuesday we were blown away by the speeches delivered by the candidates to their respective houses. They all spoke articulately and passionately and it was a hard choice for those voting. The results will be announced in an assembly on Monday afternoon, along with all the other positions of responsibility but a huge well done to all our year 8 pupils who put themselves forward for any of these positions!

### Bus Voice

We will be meeting with the pupils who travel on each bus to talk to them about behaviour expectations and we will also be appointing some of our Year 8 pupils to be our bus voice who will report back any issues to staff in school. The bus voice pupils are also there to support any pupils who need some extra support on their bus journeys. The bus safety rules are in place so that all pupils can travel safely and in comfort:

- Seatbelts should be worn at all times
- Pupils must stay seated throughout the journey,
- Phones should not be used at all during the journey,
- Food should not be consumed - the bus journeys are so short and pupils can eat once off the bus.

A member of staff boards the bus every evening and reminds pupils of these basic bus rules and we would appreciate your support in also emphasising these expectations to your child.

### Nut free School

Please note that we are a nut free school to protect those who have nut allergies. Please do not send any nuts, or nut products into school. One of our bus drivers removed a snickers bar from a pupil last week during their journey home.



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### Jewellery / makeup

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us with the school expectation regarding make up and jewellery. However, there are still a handful of pupils arriving at school wearing make-up which they then have to remove. Please help maximise their learning time by ensuring your child is not wearing make-up or jewellery when they leave the house, and reinforce this expectation with your child. Thanks in advance for your support in this matter.

### Diversity Role Models

It was great to welcome Diversity Role Models into school this week in order to enrich our PSHE curriculum and our RSE provision. Anne and John worked with all KS3 pupils to discuss inclusion and empathy through role model storytelling. Diversity Role Models actively seeks to embed inclusion and empathy in the next generation. Their vision, along with our own, is a world where everyone embraces diversity and can thrive. This will help create a world where future generations embrace, accept and support difference. Their mission is to create an education system in which every young person will know they are valued and supported, whoever they are. Thursday's workshops aimed to create safe spaces where our young people could explore 'difference' and consider their role in creating a world where we all feel accepted. John and Anne are LGBT+ role models who spoke openly about their lived experiences, with a focus on building empathy so that pupils could understand the (often unintended) impact of their language and actions.



**Diversity  
Role Models**  
Let's end LGBTQ+ bullying

### Parent/Carer Consultation

At OMS we are committed to working together with you to ensure we provide the best education for your children. On top of our weekly Newsflash and regular facebook posts, we are of course available to discuss any issue you would like to raise by contacting the office and making an appointment to talk to the relevant member of staff. We also have an annual feedback survey, and will occasionally survey parents on a particular issue. To enhance communication , we launched some drop-ins last term, inviting parents into school to chat about school life over a cuppa to find out more about your views and suggestions. We also had a walk around school to give you the opportunity to see OMS 'in action'! I would like to run these half termly, and they are open to anyone who would like to join us. We've rebranded them as School Over a Cuppa (SOAC) meetings. These are the dates for this term:

Thursday October 12th, 9.15am  
Wednesday November 22nd 9.15am

**It would be helpful to know numbers intending to come along so please could you sign up on this quick [form](#).**



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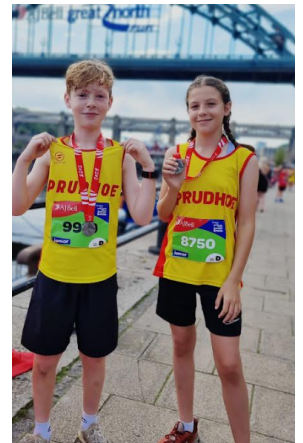


**We know lots of pupils took part in the Junior Great North Run last weekend, so a huge Hi-5 to all who ran in the blistering heat. Here are a few who have sent in photos.....**



Abby in Year 6 who completed the Junior Great north run in a personal best. 152nd and 24 mins. Well done Abby!!!!

Martha and Arthur (Year 8). They had both also taken part in the Miners Race the previous weekend, with Arthur taking second place and Martha taking second, closely behind one of our other Martha's in Year 6!



### **Evan(Year 7) and Bethan(Year 5)**

Evan and Bethan ran the event for the first time, raising money for North East autism charity The Toby Henderson Trust. So far they have raised over £630 ([here's details on their Justgiving page](#)).

Bethan started the fundraising whilst still at Broomley when she had a week selling her home made crafts at playtimes. They both put loads of effort into

training and were amazing. Saturday was extremely hot, Bethan ran at 8.45am in 18C heat smashing everyone's expectations with a super speedy time. By the time Evan ran at 11am it was 25C! Evan ran all the way and enjoyed himself high 5ing the watching crowds! If that wasn't enough, Bethan was then interviewed by BBC Sport and her clip was shown during the BBC Great North Run TV coverage on Sunday. How impressive with 10,000 children taking part!!



We really enjoy hearing about so many of your Hi-5 moments this year. Keep on sending them in and let us know about any of your achievements and fantastic things you are involved in out of school. Please send them into [admin@ovinghammiddle.co.uk](mailto:admin@ovinghammiddle.co.uk)





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### Sport@OMS

It was great to have the Sports Festivals back up and running this week. We have 80 pupils at The KS2 Football festival on Tuesday Evening, lots of great teamwork and fun was had by all.



On Thursday evening 32 KS3 Boys took part in a football tournament at Highfield Middle School. It was great to be back playing football matches again. Well done to everyone who took part.



### Upcoming events:

- 18/9/23- Whole School Skipping Day - all pupils to come to school in P.E Kit.
- 18/9/23 - Barcelona Parents Evening at 6pm for all pupils and parents going to Barcelona World School Games Trip.
- 20/9/23 - KS2 Girls Inclusion Football Event - 12.30pm to 3pm at OMS
- 20/9/23 - Girls League Netball Matches Year 7 & 8 at OMS v's Highfield
- 21/9/23 - KS2 Basketball Festival at OMS - 3.30pm to 4.40pm
- 22/9/23 - Year 8 Girls and Boys Football Fixtures at St Joseph's School, Hebburn 3pm to 5.30pm



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## Music@OMS

### Pearl of Africa Children’s Choir

On the 19th of September we are welcoming the Pearl of Africa Children’s Choir into school for the day. They will be performing in the morning before spending the day running workshops teaching the children African drumming, singing and dancing. There has been a fantastic response to the workshops and we are going to accommodate as many children as we can! Thank you to everyone who has completed the form to attend. The form will close on Saturday (16th September) night at 7pm, if anyone else would like to sign up please do it as soon as possible.

Pupils will be able to buy Ugandan crafts during breaktime and lunchtime on Tuesday. They will need to bring money in if they would like to do this Prices range from 50p - £12.

The group will be performing a concert at Prudhoe Community High School in the evening at 6:30pm. Tickets are available from **Leonie Bell, Tel: 07725056233, email: [leonie@pearlofafrica.org.uk](mailto:leonie@pearlofafrica.org.uk)**

**PEARL OF AFRICA CHILD CARE**

**THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR UK TOUR**

**SINGING SO OUR FRIENDS CAN GO TO SCHOOL**

**Your local concert:**  
Prudhoe Community High School  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm  
Adults £5 Children and concessions £4  
Contact Leonie Bell for tickets reservations. Details below  
DO NOT CONTACT PRUDHOE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR TICKETS

**WWW.PEARLOFAFRICA.ORG/DONATE**  
Tel: 0772 505 6233 Email: [leonie@pearlofafrica.org.uk](mailto:leonie@pearlofafrica.org.uk)

## Music Clubs



The **OMS Big Band** will be starting up again soon. If you play an instrument and would like to join please come along! The club is open to the whole school and it would be lovely to have some new faces join. We will be starting to prepare for Christmas with some exciting plans coming up.

In the next few weeks, the **Keyboard club** will start up. This is open to all years and any ability! There will be limited spaces for this club; the signup sheet will go up in the music room. If you would like to attend make sure you put your name on the list! Miss Armatage will let you know if you have a place.



The **Theatre Club** will be starting after half term. This will be a club running after school and will be the starting point for the 2023/24 production (we will tell you what it is soon!). This club will be a chance for children to expand on their new Drama skills and learn more about theatre and performance. It is sure to be good fun. Sign up forms will be sent out before half term.





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## Wellbeing @ OMS

Throughout the year we encourage staff, students and families to engage with activities to support their mental health & wellbeing and the start of a new academic year is an ideal time to think about this. Perhaps you have a hobby that you have let slide, a friend you haven't seen for a while, or that exercise regime that went out the window during the summer holidays. Through the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, you can help improve your mental health & wellbeing. Pupils have pages in their Homework Diary where they can track their activities and list of suggested things they can do to meet the 5 ways.



## Food Studies

This week we will be making

*Thursday 21st September:*

Year 8 Bolognese or chilli

Year 6 Tomato and basil tart

*Friday 22nd September:*

Year 5 Fruit salad

Year 7 Apple galette

**Pupils must bring a suitable sized and named container to the lesson so they can bring their creations home!**

## Recycle!



A reminder 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 . We think this project is so important to encourage our pupils to be aware of the effect waste has on climate change. We are hoping that by starting with recycling, your child will also begin to ask the right questions about climate change and the ways in which they can begin to look after the planet for future generations.

**Have a great week!**

**The OMS team**



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### Upcoming events/Dates for diary - please check weekly for further events/changes added

- 18/09/23: Whole School Skipping Day
- 19/09/23: Pearl of Africa Choir performance and workshops
- 19/09/23: Pearl of Africa Choir performance, Prudhoe Community High School, 6.30pm. See flyer for information about tickets.
- 29/09/23: Macmillan Coffee Morning. Key Stage 2: 9.15 - 10am, Key Stage 3: 10 - 11am.
- 04/10/23: Open Evening for Year 4 pupils.
- 11/10/23: Pastoral parents evening. 3.45 - 6.30pm. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's new form teacher.
- 12/10/23: SOAC meeting 9.15am. Please sign up online
- 19/10/23 - 20/10/23: Year 5 Residential to Beamish
- 27/10/23: Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils.
- 28/10/23 - 05/11/23 Half Term. School reopens on Monday 06/11/23
- 22/11/23: Whole School Road Safety Assemblies
- 22/11/23: SOAC meeting 9.15am. Please sign up online.
- 08/12/23: School Fair, 1.30 - 3pm
- 12/12/23: Christmas Music Concert - 1.30pm
- 13/12/23 - 15/12/23: Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
- 22/12/23: Last day of Autumn term

### Community Notices:

Please let us know if you would like to advertise any community events.



It gives us great pleasure to let you know that we will be running our After School Youth Club “**Hot Chocolate!**” again, which is suitable for Yr 5 - 9 pupils. Starting up again has been made possible by the generous sponsorship of Prudhoe Town Council, NE Youth for Christ and The Gate Church, Prudhoe.

As usual, it's happening at the **Gate Church on Swalwell Close** and will run for **10 weeks (term time only)** from **Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept at 3.00pm – 5.00pm** where each week a team of

trained and experienced Youth Workers will provide organised, fun activities, encourage teamwork, speak to the youngsters and sometimes help with those difficult life-questions including values, identity, discrimination, suffering and Christian faith. There will also be some DBS checked Volunteers from the church to make sure there is plenty of “**Hot Chocolate**” and **some wholesome snacks**. **It is free of charge; we just require a Consent Form to be completed and returned to us.**

<http://thegatechurch.org.uk/>



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**Canoe Slalom Development Day**

BRITISH CANOEING slalom NORTH

**BUILDING SKILLS & HAVING FUN**

- Expert coaching on-hand
- Fun practice sessions
- Try out different craft
- Refreshments available
- Sign up online

Hexham Canoe Club  
8th October 2023  
Info & online sign-up here: [slalom@hexhamcanoeclub.co.uk](mailto:slalom@hexhamcanoeclub.co.uk)

Hexham Canoe Club would like to invite students from schools across the region and their families to get involved in a great day of paddling fun.

### Canoe Slalom Development Day: - Sunday 8th October

In conjunction with British Canoeing England Talent Program and with support from clubs across the north, we are hosting a Canoe Slalom Development Day at Tyne Green.

This is a brilliant chance for any interested people, (aged 8 - 98), to develop their paddling skills, have some fun and if they want, get involved in canoe slalom. There will be on-water fun slalom sessions designed to introduce the sport and develop skills. There will be a short presentation about the sport in the clubhouse and refreshments will be available after your session.

People will need to follow the link in the poster to sign up and secure their place.

**Waggonway on Wheels**

## Accessible Cycling Event for All Ages and Abilities

Sunday 17th September 2023  
10am - 1pm  
Wylam Jubilee Field

- 3.9 miles out-and-back route on the Wylam Waggonway
- With the emphasis on participation and fun, it's up to you how far you ride
- All adult, children's, & adapted bikes and trikes welcome
- Free entry, turn up on the day
- Music and refreshments as part of Wylam on Wheels

Smile Through Sport and Newburn Leisure Centre providing adapted bikes to try out ([smilethroughsport.com](http://smilethroughsport.com)).  
Cycling Without Age offering trishaw rides along the route ([cyclingwithoutage.org.uk](http://cyclingwithoutage.org.uk)).