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## HONESTY TRUST

# EWD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



24th October 2025

### A message from Leadership

Well that's the first half term complete already! Throughout the last 8 weeks we have introduced 36 new pupils, 3 new classes, 3 new teachers, 3 new LSA's, 2 new tutors, 2 new link workers and expanded 2 dedicated nurture bases! We appreciate this is a significant amount of change but it is part of a larger school development plan to improve and futureproof the school over the next 5 years. Many thanks to you all for your continued support and efforts - it is very much appreciated! We hope you have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 3rd November.

### Diary Dates

- October Half Term - 27th October - 2nd November
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### Attendance

This week, our top three attending tutor groups were:

Grant 95%  
Bryan 94.59%  
Allen 87.14%



### Reminders

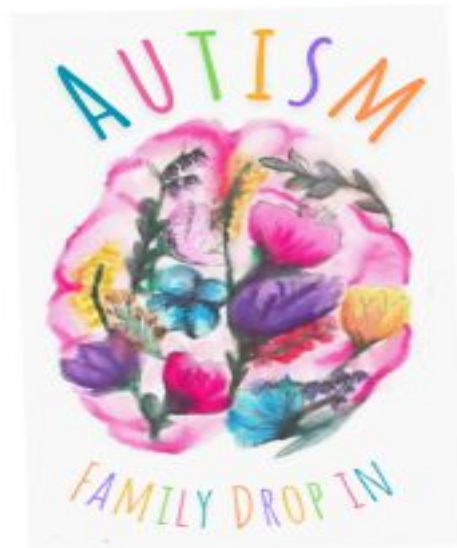
Students need cash or a bank card for shopping in the community - NOT their phone.

**We are a nut and sesame free school**

Medication must be sent into school in the box with prescription label, via taxi escort.



# Important Messages



**Do you have a child aged 0-19 years? Come along for a cuppa and chat and to meet other parents. No diagnosis needed!**

## JOIN US ON:

**Tuesday 11th November 2025 10am-12 at The Lindisfarne Centre**

In the Community Room – 30 Lindisfarne Rd, Alnwick NE66 1AU

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 1-3pm at Berwick Family Hub**

Ladywell Place, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2AE

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 10am-12 at Hexham Family Hub**

On Hexham First School Site, Beaufront Avenue, NE46 1JD

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 10am-12 at The Community Hub at Cramlington**

Forum Way, Manor Walks Shopping Centre, NE23 6YB (Next to Concordia)

### **EVENING SESSION:**

**Tuesday 18th November 5.00-6.30 pm at Morpeth Golf Club**

Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

**If you have any questions, please contact your local Family Hub or email us at:**

**[adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk)**



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# Important Messages



## NORTHUMBERLANDS SEND FOCUS GROUP

  
Northumberland  
County Council



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE !!

**ARE YOU READY TO MAKE  
A CHANGE AND BE A PART  
OF NORTHUMBERLANDS  
SEND FOCUS GROUP?**

- WE WILL COME TOGETHER TO LOOK AT ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOUR LIVES AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SEND.
- YOU WILL GET TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON WHAT MATTERS TO YOU AND HELP MAKE CHANGES IN NORTHUMBERLAND.

CONTACT US



PARTICIPATION@NORTHUMBERLAND.GOV.UK



# Important Messages



Points are mentioned frequently in our newsletters as well as daily with our students.

However, if a student displays one of our RICH-T values they can be eligible for a **Golden Ticket**.



Our Golden Ticket tree has had an autumnal makeover - it has lost all of its leaves from the previous year and is looking forward to all of the Golden Tickets that will grow on its branches!

# What's been happening this week in Key Stage 3



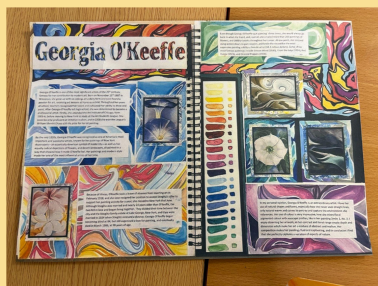
## Behaviour Team Goes Scientific!

This week, the Behaviour Team decided to swap their radios for lab coats and join forces with the Science department! In a surprising twist, our Behaviour Manager Josh, was spotted helping pupils understand muscle contractions because who better to talk about muscles than someone who's been flexing behaviour strategies all year?



## Harrison

Davison class have been fantastic little artists this half term! In preparation for GCSE next year pupils have begun to choose artists who inspire them and create their own responses to their chosen artists work. Here is some amazing watercolours they are working on.



## Davison

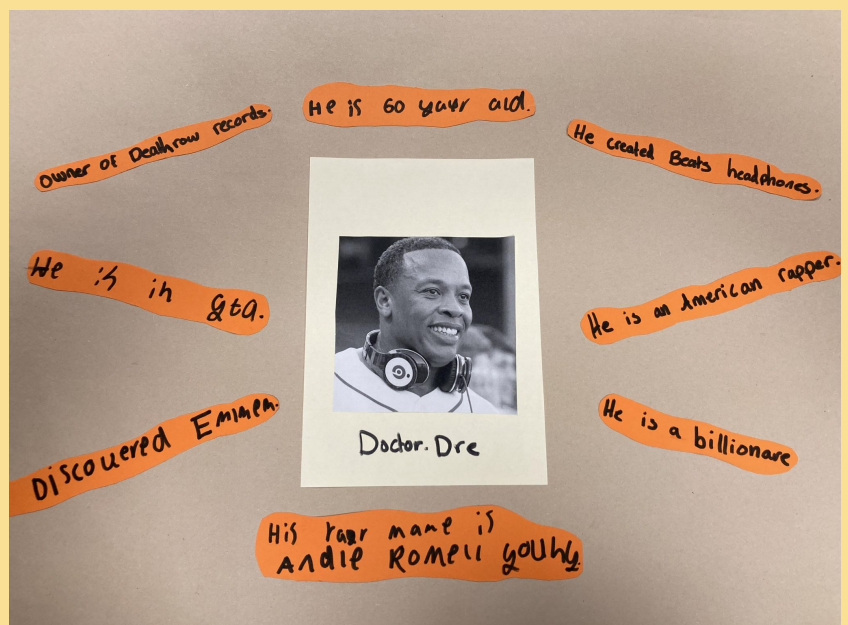
# What's been happening this week in Key Stage 4



In science this week Youll have been learning about how speed is measured and how it affects how fast you can stop a car. They have learned that speed is distance over time and that speed cameras can use this to work out the speed of a car by taking images a set time apart.

## Youll

McHale chose to study Doctor Dre for Black History Month. Every student looked for some key information which helped to create this display for outside our classroom. Well done McHale!



## McHale

# What's been happening this week in Base



In Grant this week we have been working on Geometry in Maths (area and perimeter of triangles, Rectangles and Composite shapes) and practicing Functional Skills exam questions in English Reading and Maths Calculator papers!

Andy paints a wall in his kitchen.

He rounds all wall dimensions to the nearest whole number then uses the rounded numbers to estimate the area of the wall.

What value should Andy get for the total area of the wall using this method?

[4 marks]



We have been celebrating achieving Unit Awards in Humanities!



We have also been getting ready for Halloween with SFX special effects makeup! Watch out... it is a bit gruesome!!



# Grant

# Student Report



## Sykes

*I have been at this school for just about 2 years.*

*I enjoy construction, my lessons and I Love my teachers.*

*My favourite lessons are Photography, English and Construction.*

*When I leave school I want to do bricklaying, plastering or be a tattoo artist.*

*This is what I've been drawing this week, I'm completing a tattoo design unit award.*

*I've also enjoyed doing some special effects makeup on my class.*

*Devin*



# What's been happening this week in school



## Halloween

We've had some amazing costumes at EWD on Friday to celebrate Halloween but also to raise money. We have also had a bake sale to help raise money for our local community to buy a defibrillator for Ponteland. We've really enjoyed doing some spooky activities around school including an apple bobbing contest!

We raised **£71.88** for the defibrillator!! Well done everyone at EWDS!



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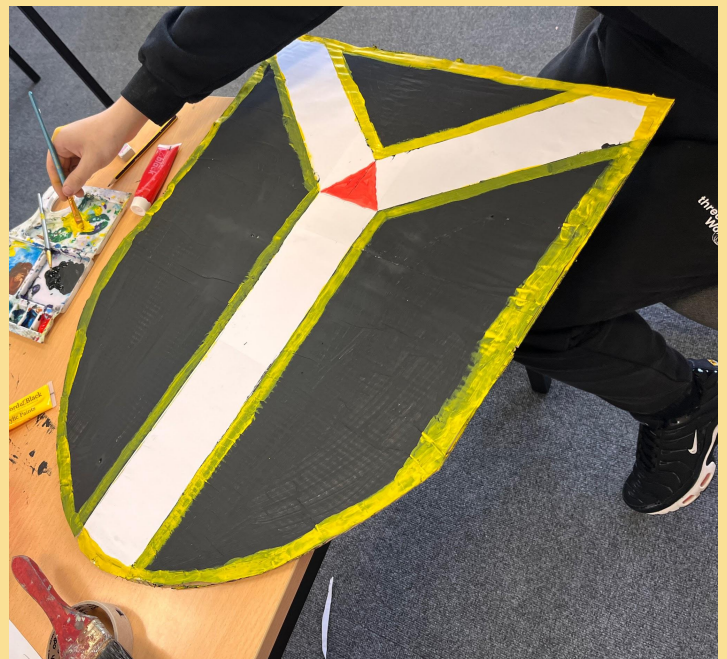


## Halloween



Some of our super cool costumes and face paints up in Base!

## WOW WORK



Ryan from Wood class has taken his Unit Awards to the next level - designing his own heraldic design. Ryan researched what each of the heraldic colours and symbols meant before designing his shield at home and then creating it in school.

Amazing!!

# Teaching and Learning



It's been a fantastic and busy first half term across the school, filled with creativity, collaboration, and great progress in every subject area!

In lessons, pupils have been developing key skills across the curriculum - problem-solving in Maths, improving exam technique in English and Functional Skills practice, and celebrating success through Unit Awards in Humanities. These activities have helped students to build confidence, independence, and resilience in their learning.

As part of our **Black History Month** celebrations, each tutor group selected a significant historical Black figure to research and showcase. Pupils explored the achievements, influence, and legacy of their chosen individuals, producing engaging displays and presentations. This project encouraged rich discussion, strengthened research and literacy skills, and deepened pupils' understanding of diversity and representation within society - key elements of our whole-school approach to teaching and learning.



Students have also embraced their creative side by exploring **SFX (special effects) makeup** in preparation for Halloween—developing practical skills, imagination, and teamwork along the way!

This half term has also seen **many new pupils, classes, and staff** join our community, alongside the expansion of two nurture bases. These developments strengthen our inclusive practice and ensure that every learner receives the right level of support and challenge to succeed.



We would also like to give a **special staff shout-out** to **Joanne Chandler**, nominated by a colleague for being an exceptional member of our teaching team. Joanne is recognised as an active listener, problem solver, motivator, and fair-minded leader - qualities that directly enhance teaching and learning across the school. Her dedication ensures that both staff and pupils are supported to reach their full potential. Thanks for all your hard work, Joanne!

We recognise this has been a period of significant change, and we sincerely thank everyone - staff, pupils, and families - for your ongoing support and positivity. Each step forms part of our *School Development Plan*, designed to strengthen and future proof our teaching and learning provision over the next five years.

# Pastoral Message



As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your young person's journey at EWD.

It has been a pleasure to witness the growth, resilience, and achievements of our students over the past weeks, both in and out of the classroom.

Pastoral care remains at the heart of what we do. We continue to prioritise the well-being, safety, and happiness of our students, ensuring they feel valued, heard, and supported. Our staff have worked hard to foster a nurturing environment where students can thrive socially, emotionally, and academically.

As we head into the break, I encourage all our families to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy quality time together. The holidays are a great opportunity to reconnect, reflect, and prepare for the term ahead.

We look forward to welcoming our students back next term,

## Lesley

# Taxi Information



As a rule taxi driver and escorts are not required to knock on your door so please keep an eye out for your taxi arriving.

Your taxi will wait to your address for 3 minutes, if you do not acknowledge the taxi they will leave without the student.

All taxis have trackers on them and can be traced to ensure they are collecting students daily.

If a student does not get onto the allocated taxi, parents/carers are then responsible for transporting the student to school.

Here are some useful numbers should you have taxi concerns:

Northumberland Council Transport - 01670 624839

[sen.transport@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:sen.transport@northumberland.gov.uk)

Phoenix 01670 540222

[schools@phoenixtaxisbl.co.uk](mailto:schools@phoenixtaxisbl.co.uk)

Darras Hall - 01661 610184

[darrashallprivate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:darrashallprivate@hotmail.co.uk)

Borderline - 0191 2501476

[borderlinetaxis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:borderlinetaxis@hotmail.co.uk)

Luna - 07878175998

[tracybow22@virginmedia.com](mailto:tracybow22@virginmedia.com)

S&A Travel - 01670 851320

[sandatravel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sandattravel@hotmail.co.uk)

Diamond - 01670 353535

[joanburt27@gmail.com](mailto:joanburt27@gmail.com)

Magpie - 07598852226

[magpieprivatehire@gmail.com](mailto:magpieprivatehire@gmail.com)

**If you have any other questions or queries, please get in touch**

# Pastoral Message



Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Important Update – Administration of Non-Prescription Medication in School

We are writing to inform you of our policy regarding the administration of non-prescription medication during the school day.

- Our school does not supply any non-prescription medication, including paracetamol, Calpol, antihistamines, or similar products.
- If you would like your child to receive paracetamol during the school day, you must provide a **new, sealed box along with a written note explaining the reason it may need to be administered. Please provide the students name and date of birth on this note.**
- Please ensure you have read the safety information on the packaging, and note **we cannot accept paracetamol capsules** in school as they are for over 16's only.
- Ibuprofen will only be accepted if it has been prescribed by a doctor specifically for your child in accordance with the DFE recommendations.
- In line with our medication policy, we will continue to contact you by phone before administering any non-prescription medication that you have provided and approved.
- You must contact the school office or the Medication Managers if you are sending any non-prescription medication into school.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils. If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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Catherine Dunn- [Catherine.Taylor@ewd.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:Catherine.Taylor@ewd.northumberland.sch.uk)

School admin- [admin@ewd.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ewd.northumberland.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Chloe Stait

Pastoral and medication manager

Emily Wilding Davison School

# Chloe

Information from our Safeguarding Lead (DSL) - Elizabeth Airey

[elizabeth.airey@ewd.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:elizabeth.airey@ewd.northumberland.sch.uk)

## Behaviour

### Eating Disorders

An eating disorder is a mental health condition where you use the control of food to cope with feelings and other situations.

Unhealthy eating behaviours may include eating too much or too little or worrying about your weight or body shape.

Anyone can get an eating disorder, but teenagers between 13 and 17 are mostly affected. With treatment, most people can recover from an eating disorder

The most common eating disorders are:

- anorexia nervosa – trying to control your weight by not eating enough food, exercising too much, or doing both
- bulimia – losing control over how much you eat and then taking drastic action to not put on weight
- binge eating disorder (BED) – eating large portions of food until you feel uncomfortably full disorder

If you need support you can contact  
[help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk](mailto:help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk)  
0808 801 0677

## Safeguarding A-Z

**Sexual harassment is**  
**just boys being boys not**  
**worth**  
**reporting no big deal**  
**never acceptable.** *Together we can end sexism in schools.*

For more information [ukfeminista.org.uk](http://ukfeminista.org.uk)

