



Wellfield Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am including with this newsletter a list of rules and expectations which we have been discussing with pupils recently. The list serves as a reminder to pupils of the standards we expect in school. I intend these expectations to be re-inforced in school a great deal and I thought it would be useful for you all to see the list yourselves for reference.



Texting & Email Service

We are about to introduce this service which will enable us to inform you very quickly of major items eg school closures as well as other pieces of information. We would like as many parents/carers as possible to sign up to this service, so that we can get important news out to you as quickly as possible. Sign-up information is on the attached sheet.

Parent Governor

I am pleased to announce that we have a parent who has come forward to be a governor. There is still one more vacancy and if any parent is still interested I would ask them to contact the school by next Friday 29 January. I am happy to give more information to anyone who is still thinking about this.



Car Parking

Space is very limited for parking cars near school and the immediate area around school becomes very congested at the start and end of the school day. We have had near misses in the past and I do fear that eventually a pupil is going to be seriously hurt. We are asking pupils to take great care when crossing roads and it will help enormously if you can park up well away from the school gates. Please can I also ask you to take great care – unfortunately children don't always think and will run out without looking so in many ways we need to think for them. Thank you for your help.

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Language Extravaganza - Students Report on their day out

A few weeks ago a special event was held at Whitley Bay High School. This event allowed local school children to sample learning some different and unusual languages. On offer was Spanish, Japanese, Russian, Mandarin, Greek and Italian. We had forty minutes for each of the four sessions of our choice to play a few language games and learn a few common phrases. At 12.00 we went to the main room and ate from a buffet with foods from all the selected countries, prepared by some of the sixth formers. At 2.30 the event was over. We had learnt a few phrases and words, had met and worked with pupils from other schools and had some things to take home. It was a really great day. **Katie Fort.**

A little while ago pupils from different schools in the area were invited to an event at Whitley Bay High School. In the morning I was a bit worried that I would be alone, but I wasn't. Everyone was really friendly and kind.

First I had Spanish. The group learned to say their name and who they are: Me llamo Andrew. Tengo Doce Años. Then we had cards and had to match them with their partners by only saying their names.

Then we had Japanese, my personal favourite. To start we got an introduction to Japan and learned greetings. Syonara, goodbye. Konichiwa, hello. Later we wrote our names in the Japanese alphabet with ink on paper.

After that we were hungry, so we were treated to a buffet of lots of different foods from the countries; it was really nice.

Thirdly we had mandarin. We had a PowerPoint on the board telling us the words and phrases and some information. Then we did Origami.

Finally we did Russian. We were given a booklet with all the colours, letters and numbers in it. Everytime we did something good we got sweets. I got an extra one.

All in all it was a really good enjoyable day. **Andrew Moy**

Cycling



Thank you for your returns regarding cycle training. Having consulted with Parents' Forum it seems possible that a small number of pupils may have completed level 1 training out of area and so be eligible to proceed to level 2 training. If you would still like your child to do level 1 or level 2 training and you have not yet informed us please return the slip during the next week.

I would like my child to complete level 1/level 2 cycle training (please delete as necessary)

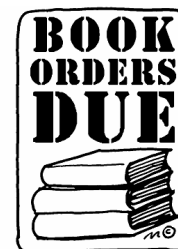
Name of child

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Stationery Shop

As you will see from the list of expectations, we are going to be checking that pupils are well organised with pens etc. To help them we are running a stationery shop most lunchtimes in the library where basic items can be purchased. All items will be reasonably priced.



Library News

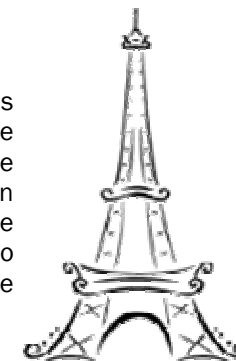
Last half term all pupils were invited to take part in a Reading Challenge. Pupils had to read 5 books of their choice, with parents/carers signing a card to confirm this. Well done to all those pupils who completed the challenge and received a prize

A Christmas Quiz was held in the library. Nearly 100 pupils took part with prizes being awarded to all those who correctly answered all the questions.

As mentioned above, stationery is now on sale in the library 12-30 to 1-00 Book orders should be returned by Tuesday.

Y7 France Trip 2010

We have sent out this week letters about this trip via pupils who will be in Y7 next November/December which is when the visit takes place. We wanted you to have plenty of advance notice due to the cost involved. All deposits must be back in school by Friday 29 January. Please note it is not first come first served. We hope to be able to take all those who want to go. In the unlikely event that this is not possible names will be drawn from a hat in the presence of school council members.



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