



# Wellfield Middle School

NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parent/Carer

This is the first newsletter of the new school year and there are already a number of things to report to you. All our pupils seem to have settled back into school and I am very impressed with our new year 5 pupils who are well presented and very pleasant and friendly.

This newsletter is part of a larger information pack which you should have received via your child. The information you are receiving at this time is very important and we are asking you to confirm receipt of this by returning the reply slip contained within the pack. I write a newsletter to you about once every 2 weeks. Please check with your child if you are not getting these – they often remain at the bottom of school bags!

## New Security Arrangements at School

I can confirm that new security gates have been installed now. Gates are closed during the school day and parents and visitors must use the intercom system by the gates (main gate for vehicle access and pedestrian gate for those on foot) to gain access. At the moment we are getting used to the new system which seems to be operating with no major problems. This system has certainly made the school more secure for everyone than in the past.

Please remember if you are bringing your child to school or collecting them in a vehicle that you will not have access to the yard from now on. I would be grateful, therefore, if you would park safely well away from the school. It is not going to be appropriate to turn vehicles at the top of Kielder Road as this will cause considerable congestion, be a potential hazard or danger to children and will greatly inconvenience our neighbours. I would very much appreciate your co-operation with these arrangements.

Thank you



*Year 7's have had the opportunity to meet some new creatures when Zoolab visited on Monday.*

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### Breakfast Club

I would like to inform you that a free breakfast club is available to all Y5 and Y6 pupils anytime between 8-15 and 8-45. This takes place in the main hall and is a local authority initiative which was started last school year. A continental style breakfast is served and there is an opportunity to play games and socialise before 8-45. Any year 5/6 pupil is welcome to attend and can simply drop in. Alternatively you can let the breakfast time staff know in advance and book your child in for however many sessions you wish. You can contact the breakfast time staff via our main office. I would encourage you to consider using this facility during this term, although I should point out that it is not yet confirmed whether the local authority will continue to fund this in the new calendar year.

### Cycle Sheds

The cycle sheds are now installed and we have some road safety awareness training planned for this term. I will let you know fairly soon now when pupils can begin to bring cycles to school and how the system will be managed.

### Let's Grow

Wellfield Middle School will be collecting 'Let's Grow' vouchers from Morrison's supermarkets. All vouchers can be brought into school and placed in the collection box. All vouchers will go towards the school gaining gardening equipment for the pupils.

### Toilets

Boys' and girls' toilets have been re-painted/ refurbished during the holidays and look much smarter. We are asking all pupils to really look after these now and to use them responsibly.

### Dinner Money

Another reminder that dinner money has gone up to £1.70 per day £8.50 per week. Please use the green envelopes provided. Dinner money should be paid after registration on Monday morning.

### Lockers

The majority of pupils now have a locker allocated to them. I am sorry for delays with this which were caused by a number of previous pupils not returning their locker keys. It is important to stress again the need for pupils to take care of their property at all times and to have all items clearly marked.

### PE Kit

Could parents please note that the school PE kit includes PLAIN black shorts, it is accepted that the shorts are likely to have a small branded logo. This year we have a number of pupils who are wearing blue shorts and shorts with white stripes as well as Newcastle United shorts. If your child has the incorrect kit could you please rectify this as soon as possible.



## Congratulations

Well done to all our current year 7 pupils who last year achieved great success in their French Asset Languages Assessments which is a national initiative in modern foreign languages. In particular congratulations to the following pupils who all achieved the highest level awarded in all 3 language skills that were tested :

Amy Battey  
Joe Bilham  
Haruno McCartne  
Laura McNally  
Caitlin O'Toole

Megan O'Toole  
Eleanor Parkinson  
Olivia Scully  
Caitlin Tweddle  
Georgina Wilson

Sophie Ash  
Emily Donnachie  
Daniel Murray  
Christopher Reed

## PE Clubs

The PE department are running a number of extra curricular clubs this half term, the clubs already started are listed below. New clubs and information will be displayed on the pupil notice boards and the LCD screen in the main

Monday	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Year 7 boys football.
Monday	3:30pm - 4:45pm	K3 boys rugby.
Tuesday	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Year 8 archery.
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:45pm	Year 6 football.
Thursday	12:00pm - 12:30pm	K2 Unihoc
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:45pm	Girls multi sports
Thursday	3:30pm - 4:45pm	Year 8 boys football.
Friday	12:00pm - 12:30pm	K3 table tennis (sign up on day)
Friday	12:30pm - 1:00pm	K2 table tennis (sign up on day)
Friday	3:30pm - 5:30pm	K3 climbing

Girls football will be starting in January closer to when their leagues start, trampolining for K3 will be starting in November.

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