

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 7th May 2021

This day in history

1928 The voting age for women in Britain was reduced from 30 to 21

2002 The Queen officially opened the Gateshead Millennium Bridge



Derwent Valley Partnership's (DVP) Holiday Activities with Healthy Food ('Fun and Food') Fund May 2021

The DVP's 'Fun and Food' Fund aims to ensure as many children and young people as possible, have access to food during school holidays, alongside enriching activities, in particular considering those children and young people who would normally receive a free school meal during term time.

The 'Fun and Food' programme aims to support activities for children and young people during May half term 2021, and provides an opportunity for groups and organisations in the Derwent Valley area to apply for a small grant (minimum amount £500) to help them deliver projects locally during this time.

Please note that all projects must adhere to the current government guidelines in relation to Covid-19.

Applicants must provide a healthy snack or meal (breakfast, lunch or tea) as part of the activity – this could be a packed lunch, meal delivery or socially distanced meal/picnic outdoors, for example.

Application forms and guidance notes can be requested from the Derwent Valley Partnership by emailing dvaap@durham.gov.uk or phoning: 07818 310365.

Please note that all fully completed applications and supporting documents must be received by 12 noon on Wednesday 5 May 2021.

Moki Activity Bands

A huge well done to Year 5 who managed an amazing 777,929 steps this week!

That means that this week Year 5 have walked 346.66 miles this week.



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 93.0%

Year 2 = 93.1%

Year 3 = 98.2%

Year 4 = 96.0%

Year 5 = 92.8%

Year 6 = 98.1%

Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

Feelings Workshop

Year 3 & 4 had their second feeling workshop this week. We hope it will help them understand their feelings, emotions, friendship and looking after our own mental health and wellbeing.

Testing reminder for parents and carers from Durham Council

If anyone in your household has symptoms you need to book a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as soon as possible. For more information and to book a PCR test visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call NHS test and trace free on 119

As coronavirus symptoms in children can vary it is advised that children who are unwell should not attend school until they are well again.

If you have difficulty accessing a PCR test your school may be able to help, as most schools retain a small stock of these tests. Alternatively Durham County Council offers support to people seeking further advice about coronavirus through the County Durham Together Community Hub, details of which can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or by phoning 03000 260 260.

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Asymptomatic Covid-19 testing sites open across County Durham

Residents will be able to check if they have coronavirus without showing any symptoms as lateral flow test centres open across County Durham. Durham County Council has launched its Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Community Testing programme, where rapid Covid-19 tests are now available for people without symptoms of coronavirus. Residents who wish to take a test can book a slot at one of the 14 new LFD sites across the site. Walk-in slots are also available.

The tests can be taken at:

- Annfield Plain Library, DH9 8EZ
- Belmont Library, DH1 2AA
- Brandon Library, DH7 8NN
- Chilton Library, DL17 0EX
- Easington Colliery Library, SR8 3PN
- Lanchester Library, DH7 0NT
- Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, DL5 4HT
- Pelton Library, DH2 1HS
- Spennymoor Leisure Centre, DL16 6DB
- Teesdale Hub, DL12 8TD
- Trimdon Library, TS29 6PY
- Willington Library, DL15 0PG
- Wolsingham Library, DL13 3AB
- Woodhouse Close Library, DL14 6JX

Home testing kits can also be ordered for residents who would prefer to take a test from home. These can be delivered to home or collected from the nearest Community Collect site.

All of the above LFD testing sites are registered as Community Collect sites for home testing kits. Local Pharmacies have also signed up to become a collection point.

Those who wish to take all their tests at home are encouraged to consider taking their first test at one of the LFD testing sites, as staff can give helpful guidance to feel more confident testing at home.

Residents are also advised to take a test even if they have already received their Covid-19 vaccination. It is important to still take part in the scheme as those who are vaccinated can still carry and transmit the disease to other people they come into contact with.

Amanda Healy, Durham County Council's director of public health, said: "One in three people with Covid-19 do not show symptoms. LFD testing can help us to identify the positive cases we would otherwise miss due to a person not showing symptoms. Identifying positive cases in people early, and those they have been in close contact with, can significantly reduce transmission of the virus through detection and self-isolation.

"These tests are accurate and sensitive enough to be used for asymptomatic testing in the community. However, no test is 100 per accurate and there's still a chance you can be infectious, even if you test negative. This is why, following a negative result, it is important that you still continue to follow all national guidelines regarding social distancing, wearing face coverings, washing your hands regularly and meeting people outdoors to reduce the spread of the virus."

Residents can book an LFD test online at www.bookwhen.com/dcc_testing or by contacting County Durham Together Community Hub on 03000 260 260.