



West Jesmond Primary Newsletter 7 Autumn Term 2025



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Local Study Week 2025: Coal Mining in the North East!

We are very excited to announce that our annual Local Study Week for 2025 will be all about coal mining in the North East. During our Local Study weeks, we use our whole school area of focus to develop an understanding of the history and geography of our area. Over recent years, we have looked at topics including shipbuilding, local suffragettes, Jesmond Dene and the Town Moor. Each year group has a different Big Question that they will investigate. We are also looking forward to welcoming in some special visitors and exciting trips. Look out for whole school homework and an exhibition of our work in the school hall at the end of the week. If any of our parents, grandparents or friends have any memories or items linked to coal mining (from anywhere in the world!) please share them with us next week!



Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultations this week. We hope you found them to be a useful and constructive insight into your child's learning and development at school. However, these short meetings are only a part of our conversation with you. All parents are able to arrange to speak with class teachers at any time between the formal parent consultations. Our wider team are also available for conversations. These include our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), Gemma Jordan, our EAL (English as an Additional Language) Lead, Verity Groot, our Well-Being Lead, Rachael Spanner, our School Counsellor, Vanessa Corker and our Family Support Officer, Emma Clark.

Eco Committee 2025

We are excited to announce that the Eco Committee will be led by Mrs Walker this year. The group met on Tuesday to carry out an environmental review of the school, which will help shape our action plan as we take our first steps towards renewing our Eco-Schools award. If any parents work in climate change, sustainability, or renewable energy and would be willing to support our efforts, please get in touch with the school office - we'd love to hear from you!



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Lost Property

We have already collected a lot of lost property this half term. Items of clothing will be on tables under the Undercroft (Year 5 entrance) Tuesday to Thursday next week. Please help us to reunite clothing, water bottles...to their owners. **Please remember to put names on all your children's things!**



The People's Kitchen Donations Collection

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our School Council People's Kitchen collection this week. As always, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our West Jesmond family in supporting people in our city and the donation trolleys have been overflowing. When we come back to school after half term, our School Councillors will be visiting the People's Kitchen to find out what happens to our donations.



Friends of West Jesmond Pumpkin Carving Competition

We are looking forward to seeing some very creative pumpkins next Friday. Families are invited to buy a pumpkin today or on Monday 20th at 8.30am and 3pm. Each pumpkin has a number to identify the owner.

On Friday 24th October, please bring your pumpkin round to the Undercroft and place it on a table.

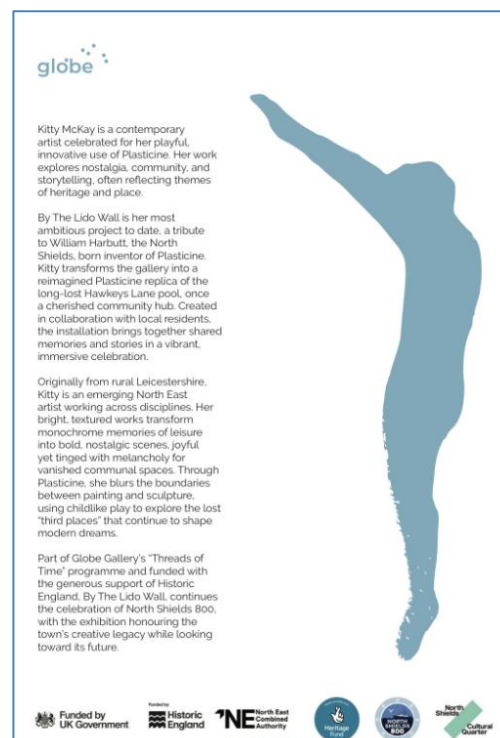
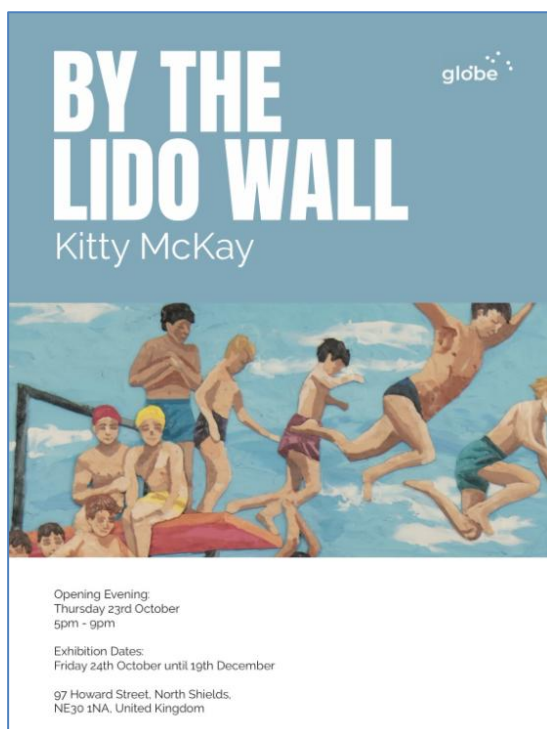
Please remember to take your pumpkin home at the end of Friday 24th!

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/pumpkinsoup_89904



The Talented Miss McKay!

We are very proud of the many talents of our West Jesmond staff. Over the next two months you will be able to see an exhibition of the work of Miss McKay. The work is going to be on display from the 24th of October until 19th December at the Globe Gallery in North Shields! We hope lots of our West Jesmond Family will be able to visit!



3C at the Allotment

3C visited the allotment on Wednesday. They picked the last of the tomatoes and apples and harvested seeds from peas and broad beans to be stored and then planted in early Spring. The children also collected lots of potatoes and planted bulbs in pots and newly prepared beds. Look out in the Spring for an array of colour from the daffodil, tulips and bluebells that were planted.

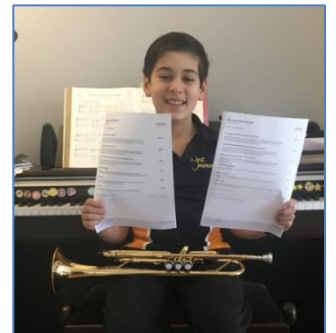


Achievements!

This week, we are very pleased to share with you photos of two very talented swimmers with their medals, a proud gymnast with her level 5 Tumble Gymnastics award and an extremely successful horse rider with almost too many rosettes to carry! Well done everyone!



We are also extremely proud of a very talented Year 6 musician, who, after auditioning, has been offered a place at the National Children's Orchestra Orchestral Weekends for his trumpet playing! Here he is holding certificates for trumpet and piano!



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Matt Ward (Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

Next Week:

❖ **Week Beginning 20th October**

❖ **Tuesday 21st October**

❖ **Friday 24th October**

Local Study Week

Year 5 Beamish Visit

Break up for half term

Further ahead

❖ **Monday 3rd November**

❖ **Tuesday 4th November**

❖ **Wednesday 12th November**

❖ **Friday 14th November**

❖ **Monday 17th- Weds 19th November**

❖ **Weds & Thursday 5th/6th October**

❖ **19th – 21st November**

❖ **Thursday 19th November**

❖ **Friday 28th November**

❖ **Wednesday 3rd December**

School Closed for Staff Training

Back to school

School Council to People's Kitchen

Friends Coffee Morning and Uniform Sale

Year 3 Rising Sun Trip

Year 4 Bikeability

Year 3 to Great North Museum

Year 6 visits to SafetyWorks

Year 6 Lockerbie Residential Visit

Choir at Newcastle Cathedral

2WD & 2V Discovery Museum

2W Discovery Museum

❖ **Friday 5th December**

(Non-uniform day for fair donations: Christmas jumpers or accessories welcome)

❖ **Tuesday 9th & Weds 10th December**

❖ **Thursday 11th December**

❖ **Friday 12th December**

❖ **Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm**

❖ **Thursday 18th December 2.30pm**

Friends Xmas Fair (From 3.30pm)



Reception Christmas Shows (9.15am)

Year 2 Christmas Shows 9.15am & 2.15pm

Year 1 Song and Crafts (2pm)

Year 5 & 6 Winter Songs (School Yard)

Year 3 & 4 Winter Songs (School Yard)

❖ **Friday 19th December**

❖ **Monday 5th January**

End of Term

Start of the Spring Term 2026



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