

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have arrived at the end of another busy year at Tweeddale.

I am sad to say goodbye to two members of staff this year.

Miss Westerman will be leaving us to join a new school closer to her home. We will miss her very much and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the amazing work she has done in year 4 over the past 2 years.

Miss Tshibangu, has been a popular member of Tweeddale primary School for over 7 years. She has taught all the children from year 1 to year 6. Her contribution to our school has been outstanding and she will be sorely missed. We all wish her every success in her new job.

Year 6 will all be moving on to their high schools in September, we wish them all every success and I am sure that many will return to visit or for work experience in Year 10.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Jerrom

### Aspire Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who have been nominated by their teachers as their class's Aspirational Pupil of the Year! In other words, these children have best demonstrated the new ASPIRE values that Tweeddale has launched this year:

Lemur - Delilah-Rose  
 Lion - Aavya  
 Arctic Fox - Bonnie  
 Dolphin - Jesse  
 Wolf - Krishma  
 Husky - Sofia  
 Leopard - Saanvi  
 Tiger - William  
 Kangaroo - Esme-Rose  
 Koala - Shageshka  
 Toucan - Ellis  
 Hummingbird - Anders  
 Seal - Katie  
 Penguin - Tawonga

### Back to School

Children from Year 1 - Year 6 return back to school on **Wednesday 6th September**.  
 Nursery return on **Friday 8th September**.  
 If your child is in Reception, you would have been given a separate start date by your child's new class teacher.

### School Uniform

Please make sure your child comes to school with the correct uniform on school days and PE days. This includes the correct footwear. If you are unsure of the school uniform policy it can be found here:

[School uniform policy](#)

Many Thanks

### Headteacher Awards

**Well done to the children who worked so hard to achieve their awards.**

Melanie Y5 - For fantastic effort in maths.

Jayden Y3 - For writing a fabulous story

Kayla Y6 - For making a lovely book of lyrics.

Zerinah Y6 - For making a great board game

Ava Y5 - For fantastic effort in maths.

Aaron Y3 - For writing a fabulous story

Ioana Y3 - For writing a fabulous story

Patricia Y3 - For writing a fabulous story

Leo Y4 - For great work about Pokemon

Amelia Wednesday YR - For outstanding work naming the planets

Erisa Y6 - For making a great board game

Maaz Y2 - For making a great rockpool collage

Oliver Y3 - For writing instructions to make chocolate

Harley Y3 - For improved writing



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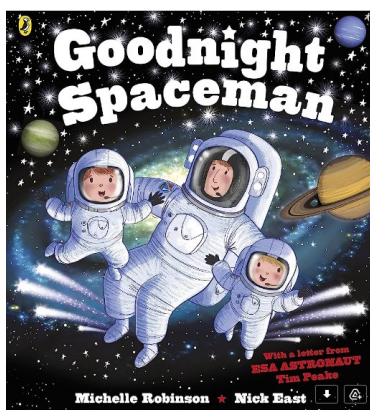
## Foundation Stage

Early Years have been very busy the last few weeks in their classrooms. The children have enjoyed visiting their new teachers and seeing their brand new classroom for September.

In Nursery, the children had a healthy day where they learnt about healthy and unhealthy foods, keeping clean, cleaning our teeth, brushing our hair and having healthy minds. They also continued to learn about Summer. The Nursery children made summer hats, decorated sunglasses and flip flops. This week the children have enjoyed their parties today and their teddy bears' picnic.

This week the children in Reception have been very independent in their learning and Lion Class decided they wanted to learn all about Space! The children learnt about the milky way and what planets are in our solar system. They also looked at our planet, Earth and talked about where we live and compared it with other places. They enjoyed learning fun facts about the topic of Space. The children enjoyed the story called 'Goodnight Mr Spaceman.' At the D.T. area, the children made their own spaceships using a range of different boxes.

In Lemur Class, they have been filling different sized cylinders in the water tray and saying whether they are full, half full and empty. They have also been practising writing our names every morning on whiteboards when they arrive at school.



Miss Digman

## UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Year 6 has had a very busy week. Just over half of the year group went to the Gordon Brown Centre for their residential trip and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all of the activities. Some of the activities included: Laser tag, High ropes, Camp fire building and archery. Please take a look at either our school Twitter page or school Facebook page to see some photos of the children in action. Those who did not attend the residential also took part in a variety of team activities as well as baking cakes and designing and building their own popcorn boxes. Year 6 are now coming towards the end of their time with us at Tweeddale Primary school and we wish them all the best for high school and the future.

Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have been finishing our Ancient Greece topic, including creating Medusa representations using paper plates and art materials. We have also been learning about the city states of Ancient Greece and decorating our Greek pots. In maths, we have been revising fractions and decimals to prepare for the transition to Year 6. We also had a visit from a software engineer from disguise technologies to talk about the possibilities offered by augmented reality as part of our computing topic. In English, we have been practising our writing using a picture as a starting point for a story. The children have also been looking forward to starting the new year with their new teachers and LSAs, as well as the summer holidays!

Mrs Moat

## KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 1 have been excelling in their reading. They have been learning to identify speech marks in text and exploring how to change their voice for different characters. They have also been learning about the environment, finding out about the impact of litter on the world and what we can do to help protect our local environment.

Year 2 have also been enjoying stories, they have been selecting and reading to each other. They have also taken part in class quizzes, testing their own memory of what they have learnt this year. Both year groups had a great time at the disco and class parties.

Miss Thirtle

### LKS2 News

The last couple of weeks in Years 3 and 4 have been highly entertaining with Tweeddale's Got Talent performances, lots of singing and some great dancing in the discos. All the children have worked so hard this year and made a lot of progress. All the teachers are so proud of all the children and we wish them all a wonderful summer holiday and hope that they have an amazing time as they carry on up to Years 5 and 4.

Have a great summer!

Mrs Iraola

### Sports News

Thank you to those of you who answered the 'Sports Day 2024 and Beyond' survey where the majority would like it to stay the same as it currently - on two mornings. Look on the school calendar for dates of sports days 2024 which will be announced in the new academic year. We will be offering a variety of different clubs in September, including football, tennis, netball and cheer leading so look out for letters which will be sent out to give your child the opportunity to sign up!

As part of our Outdoor adventurous activity, we still need strong milk crates and old carpet tiles. If you have any you could donate, please speak to the school office.

Finally, looking forward to the next academic year:

PE will be on the following days:

Monday - Lemur Class, Year 5 and Year 1

Tuesday - Lion Class, Tiger Class, Kangaroo Class and Year 5

Wednesday - Year 2, Koala Class, Year 6

Thursday - Year 1, Year 4 and Year 3

Friday - Leopard Class, Year 6 and Year 2

Swimming (until October half term) will be on:

Monday - Year 2

Tuesday - Year 6

Wednesday - Year 3

Thursday - Year 5

Friday - Year 1 & Year 4

Mrs McLean

### Absence Request Forms

Absence request forms are now available from the school office. If you are requesting time off for your child during term time then this form needs to be completed and handed in to the office. Authorisation will only be given for requests of absence due to exceptional circumstances.

Jane Barbury

### School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October**

**Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October**

**Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December**

School Holiday

**Friday 22nd December - Friday 5th January**

#### **SPRING TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February**

**Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**

**Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March**

School Holiday

**Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April**

#### **SUMMER TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May**

**Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

**Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July**

#### INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 8th January

Wednesday 24th July

There will be an additional **two** inset days which have yet to be announced and will be communicated in due course.