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Well it's been another fantastic half term at Corbridge Middle School. The children have very much embraced the Spring Term so far and all of the learning and opportunities it has afforded us.

It has been absolutely thrilling to see our Year 7s engage in the incredible Young Green Briton Challenge - their ideas have been remarkable and we are very excited to see the next stage of the process! I'm sure our Eco Committee and our Weather and Climate Club will be keeping a close eye on proceedings also and watching with interest!

Our Year 6 Green Car team have also showcased their talents by working together to build our electric car which we will race in the summer term! I can't wait to see how we get on in the competition - the efforts of the team in the preparation phase have been absolutely wonderful so I have high hopes for our performance! Good luck to all involved!



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Our sports teams have continued to do incredibly well this term and showed resilience throughout. We have been very proud of their efforts, team work, individual drive and of course their achievements.

It has been so exciting to see the students engage in our auditions for our two school productions - Macbeth and Beauty and The Beast Junior! The students have put such effort into the auditions and we are thrilled to have two stellar ensembles! We are so pleased to be able to offer the opportunity of two shows this year! We do hope you can join us and support the students who are participating on stage and behind the scenes! Information about tickets will follow in the summer term. Huge congratulations to everyone involved.

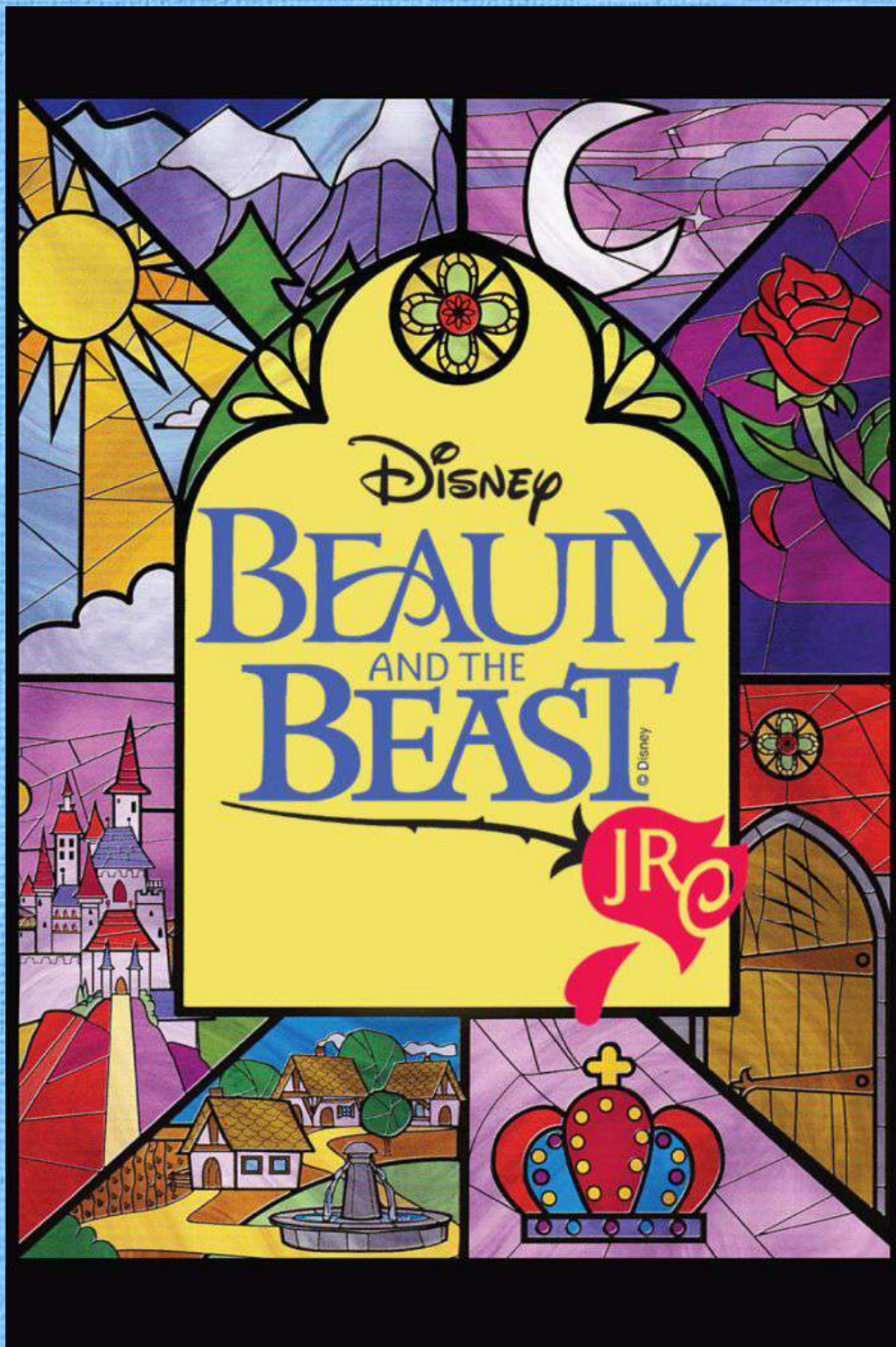
Finally, I had the honour and privilege of attending the Northumberland Holocaust Memorial service this year, which was being co-hosted by two of our Year 8 students as part of their Youth Parliament responsibilities. It was a remarkable service in which we were able to reflect and remember those who have sadly lost their lives in these atrocities. Our Year 8 ambassadors truly did our school and the community proud.

I wish you all an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 27th February.

Best wishes,



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We are very excited as parts have been allocated for our school production, Beauty and the Beast Jr, which will take place at the end of June. If any members of the school community are interested in helping out, are able to donate fabric for costumes, help with printing programmes or support in any way, please contact Mrs Fisher, who would be delighted to hear from you.



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Youth Parliament



Democracy was in action today at Corbridge Middle School as our Year 7 & Year 8 pupils voted in the Northumberland Youth Elections. We have seven candidates from Corbridge Middle School following the launch of their election campaign. Candidates are looking to be elected to either the Northumberland Youth Parliament or Youth Cabinet.

The Northumberland Youth Cabinet & Parliament is an elected body of 13 to 19-year-olds, representing the views of young people from across Northumberland. The Youth Cabinet focuses on issues locally whereas the Youth Parliament is a national body that aims to improve the lives of young people and give them a voice.

Thank you to Mrs Armstrong for her support and best wishes to all of our candidates; we hope you are successful in securing a place to represent the views of young people across the county.



Food Science Enrichment Homework



Mrs Kidd was impressed by the quality of Enrichment homework produced by Year 8.

The task was to design and make a biscuit to celebrate Valentine's day. The standard of work was very high and seven pupils were selected to participate in a Bake Off competition against Ovingham Middle School in March. Well done Fran, Daisy, Bryce, Sam, Olin, Evie and Lottie. we are looking forward to seeing your Easter themed bakes!



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Northumberland Indoor Athletics County Championship



What a tenacious effort from our Year 7 athletics team who went all out to secure a place on the podium at this championship held in Blyth.

Seven regional finalists from all of Northumberland competed against each other in a variety of athletics events ranging from Triple Jump to the Paarlauf.

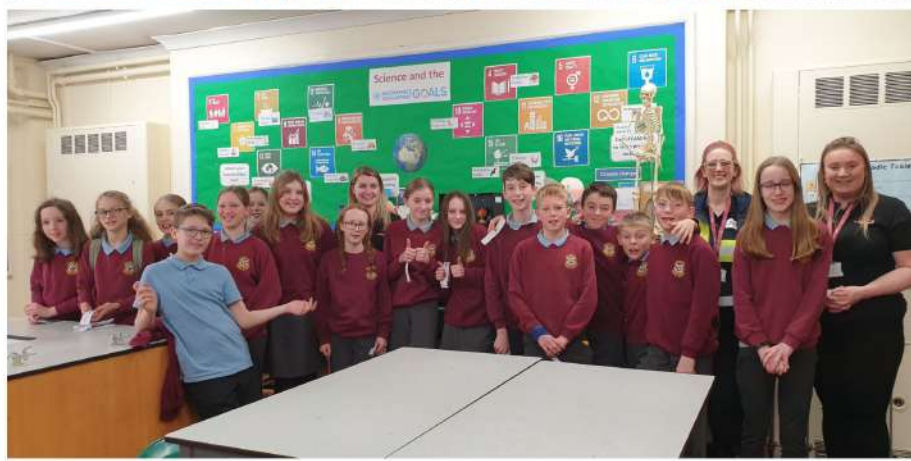
Despite winning a number of the track events we were deprived of that top spot by a mere three points.

As always, the children were exemplary in their behaviour, determination and good moral conduct.



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Young Green Briton



The Year 7 Young Green Briton teams who are through to the 'Make It Happen' stage of the challenge were thrilled to meet their mentors from @EGGERUK this week.

Jen, Lauren and Gina introduced themselves to the teams and the pupils shared their ideas to make the school and local community more sustainable. We talked through how the pupils can record their progress and manage their budgets of £100 seed money. The Challenge is an incredible scheme to promote social and environmental entrepreneurship.

The session was buzzing with enthusiasm and we even managed a tour of the old school allotment and poly tunnel which will be used by two of the teams for their projects. It will be fantastic to get some of our pupils outside growing fruit and vegetables in the enrichment project on Friday afternoons once again!



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2023 Green Power Electric Car Club



This half term the 2023 GreenPower Electric Car Club worked hard with volunteer engineers Mark and Mikey to build the Goblin kit car. The team showed excellent STEM skills to work together before taking turns to manoeuvre the car on a test drive around the school yard. They now have plenty of time to get the bodywork ready for the NE Goblin event in June.

This is the third year the popular club has been available to pupils - it's a shame we are limited to just 12 young engineers. Corbridge Middle have been the North East champions in the Goblin event for the past two years with the SDG Machine and then then CMS Jaguar. Is it possible we can be lucky for a third time?



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SCHOOL CONNECT PROJECT

HELP YOUR SCHOOL TO
RAISE FUNDS BY
DONATING YOUR
UNWANTED CLOTHING
INTO THE CONTAINER
SITUATED WITHIN YOUR
SCHOOL!

REMEMBER ONCE
YOUR SCHOOL HITS
£1000 WE GIFT THE
SCHOOL AN APPLE
TREE TO PLANT
WITH THE CHILDREN

REMEMBER TO INVITE THE
COMMUNITY TO DONATE!



WHY IS RECYCLING IMPORTANT?

- RECYCLING REDUCES WASTE SENT TO LANDFILLS
- RECYCLING PREVENTS POLLUTION
- RECYCLING HELPS REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT



REMEMBER TO SPREAD
THE WORD AND
ENCOURAGE DONATIONS
THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL
CLOTHING CONTAINER,
THIS CAN INCLUDE
FRIENDS AND FAMILY
MEMBERS TO HELP WITH
FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR
SCHOOL





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Early on in the term we held a Dragons' Den event for the Young Green Briton Challenge. The whole of Year 7 have been working hard on their ideas to create sustainable solutions for local environmental challenges. The pupils themselves selected their favourite 9 teams to present in front of the Dragons who included Sally Wilkinson a STEM ambassador and engineer from the Sea Cadets, Stephen Irish a Chartered Mechanical Engineer and Director of Smart Origin and our very own Head Teacher, Mrs Brown.

The pupils facing scrutiny were mature, confident and incredibly enthusiastic. They fielded the Dragons questions expertly. In return, the Dragons were hugely impressed with our young entrepreneurs and have identified our 5 teams who will receive £100 seed money each to develop their ideas with guidance from STEM mentors from Egger. The successful teams:

The Green Gorillas plan to create a wormery to reduce food waste in the dining hall and use the compost to grow plants in the school garden.

Eco World have an idea to reduce waste and encourage recycling to prevent litter, plastic reaching the ocean or harm to wildlife.

Team Clean Fashion plan to upcycle clothes and put on a fashion show to show what is possible without purchasing new clothes that have a heavy impact on climate change and water pollution.

Go Green want to produce scrumptious vegetables in the school allotment to serve in the dining hall. The Green Team want to make Corbridge Middle a plastic-free school.

The Young Green Briton Challenge is an initiative of the Green Britain Foundation, the charitable foundation established by Dale Vince founder of Ecotricity. Dale's mission is to bring about a Green Britain, focusing on the three areas of life that make up 80% of everybody's personal carbon footprint: Energy, Transport, Food, as well as the need to make room for nature. The Young Green Briton Challenge brings together the experience of a variety of organisations including the Ministry of Eco Education, Social Innovation for All, Volunteers for Future and I Have a Voice.



The Snowman at Sage Gateshead



Mrs Fisher was delighted to put forward one of our students for a solo accompanied by the Royal Northern Sinfonia, and all were thrilled when she was selected to perform the famous 'Walking in the Air' with the orchestra in the lead up to Christmas at The Sage Gateshead. A truly wonderful experience all round - well done!

HEALTH & FITNESS CLUB

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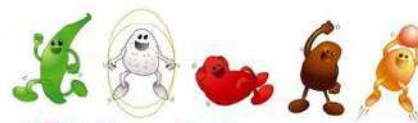
After school club

Monday

3:30pm - 4:30pm

16th of January — 27th of March
(excluding 20th Feb—half term)

Open to all year groups



Full of beans

CHILDREN'S FITNESS & SPORTS COACHING



Children's Activities
Association



This club is open to all year groups

This is a fun and engaging club for both boys and girls,
delivered by a qualified fitness coach.

- Lots of fun
- Educates on fundamentals of nutrition
- Improves muscle strength & boosts endurance
- Increases confidence
- Increases agility
- Improves focus & concentration

Just £5 per class (block of 10 sessions)

If you would like your child to participate, please book
a place at www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk/classes

Also please like & follow Full of Beans Children's Sport
and Fitness North East on Facebook, Instagram &
Twitter for more information and to keep up to date with
upcoming events etc.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to
contact johnpaul@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk
or contact Corbridge Middle School.





CMS NEUROKIN GROUP

A support group for parents and carers who have children with special educational needs.

**ALL ARE WELCOME FOR A COFFEE AND A
CHAT**

**THIS MONTH WE WILL JOINED BY ASD
TEACHER FIONA WILLIS**

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH - 9.15AM

We look forward to seeing you there, Catherine & Lynda



E-Safety Focus



National Online Safety®

Each week we are providing some guidance for Parents and Carers about a particular app or online service which you may find useful. The guides can be found on our Friday Flyer and give a useful insight and highlight key safety features which many parents have found useful.

This week's spotlight is on 10 Ways Gaming Can Support Positive Outcomes

10 WAYS GAMING CAN SUPPORT POSITIVE OUTCOMES in Children and Young People

Gaming, of course, is phenomenally popular with children and young people. In 2021, for instance, more than three-quarters of teenagers played online games, with almost 70% of primary school aged children doing likewise. If enjoyed in moderation and supported by a healthy routine (staying hydrated, good sleep habits, taking breaks and so on), gaming can actually benefit a person's mental health. As long as we stay alert for potential risks, games can be much more than what we see on the surface: they can be a way to socialise, an avenue for creativity and a route to solving problems. Check out our top ten tips on how gaming online can sometimes work to your child's advantage ...

THE FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

Gaming is so popular because at the base level, it's enjoyable for the player. Succeeding in any game or contest releases dopamine in our brains: the 'feel-good' chemical that makes us happy or excited. Those emotions can be incredibly beneficial for mental wellbeing – as long as young players don't become reliant solely on playing video games to make themselves feel happy.

ACHIEVEMENT & PRIDE

A sense of achievement is incredibly important to all of us and can be particularly valuable to someone who's feeling unhappy or distracted. It's easy to get caught up in our thoughts, which can sometimes take a negative turn. So even achieving something small – like finishing a difficult level in a Mario or Sonic game – can feel like conquering Everest and give us renewed optimism.

SOCIAL SALVATION

Gaming can be an incredibly social activity. When playing online with trusted friends, what usually start out as chats specifically about the game can often develop into conversations about school and life. Even if they've had a bad day, simply knowing that a friend is there, on the other end of their headset, can provide young gamers with a sense of security and some welcome laughs.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

In many online games, teamwork is crucial to winning. Often, people who are struggling with their mood tend to feel like they fail or let others down a lot. Working as a team with trusted friends or family in a game can reinforce a young person's self-importance: striving for a common goal and succeeding together can remind them that they're an integral part of something bigger.

REAL-WORLD RELATABILITY

Because many major releases are shooting or action games, when some people hear "gaming" they think of guns, explosions and violence. What's less recognised is how many titles explore relatable issues such as overcoming anxiety or coping with grief. These games allow young players to understand their emotions more deeply and realise they aren't alone in how they might be feeling.

A DIGITAL COMFORT

Video games can provide a reliable constant. No matter what happens in school or between friends, playing a favourite game is something that youngsters can look forward to all day and can help them de-stress. Let's not forget, games are fun – and, when approached safely, an interactive activity in which the player has a degree of control over what happens next can feel immensely reassuring.

PROBLEM-SOLVING PRACTICE

It can be difficult for young people to handle the feeling that nothing is going right or that their problems are insurmountable. Gaming can help alleviate that by presenting challenges to be overcome, either solo or alongside trusted friends. Defeating a powerful monster or solving a tricky puzzle reminds young gamers that even the most daunting obstacles can be faced and conquered.

THE GREAT ESCAPISM

A certain amount of escapism is fabulous – allowing us to temporarily park some stress while exploring a world other than our own. For children, gaming can be like reading a novel or watching a film: a moment in the day when the fantastical becomes real, firing their imagination and immersing them in a story. Who wouldn't want to venture to the stars? Or battle monsters to save the planet?

TRIED & TRUSTED

There can be reassurance in repeating tasks. It often promotes a controlled outcome, which is ideal when life feels overwhelming or out of control. Replicating an experience, such as playing the same level of a game over and over to perfection, gives the player a sense of control and familiarity: it's like listening to a favourite song that always makes you feel happy or confident.

ENCOURAGING CREATIVITY

Inventiveness is a huge part of many modern games: in Minecraft and Roblox, for example, players regularly dream up amazing structures or new ways to play. Using our imagination to create something (whether digitally or physically) is massively beneficial for the brain; that's why Lego is sometimes used in the medical sector as both a stress reliever and a brain injury rehabilitation tool.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer who specialises in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. Author of 15 guidebooks for children on games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft, his work has also been published in the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Source: https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/234809/childrens-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf



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Clubs Timetable

Spring 2 2023

Time	Club & Room	Staff
Monday		
12:05	Hockey club -Yr 6, 7 and 8 - 12 05 PROMPT	Mrs Parkin
12.35 - 1.05	Library	Mrs Ramsay
12:30 - 1:05	Y8 Weather and Climate Club	Dr Batchelder and Mr Swinney
12:30 - 1:00	Senior Choir	Mrs Fisher
12.05 - 12.35	D & D (U3)	Miss Jones
12.35 -1.05	Friendship Club KS3(L6)	Mrs. Liddle
Tuesday		
12.35 - 1.05	Library	Mrs Ramsay
12:05 - 12:35	Junior Choir	Mrs Fisher
12:35 - 13:00	Homework club (L8)	Mrs Thornton
8:30-9:00	Wind Band	Ms De Vere
12.35-105	Friendship Club KS2 (L6)	Mrs. Liddle
12:35-1:05	Ceilidh Band	Miss Stephenson
12:35 - 1:05	Drama Club KS2 - main hall	Mrs A Brown
Wednesday		
12.35 - 1.05	Library	Mrs Ramsay
12.05-12.35	Basketball	Full of Beans
12.35-1.05	Basketball	
	(1 session for each Key stage, they will differ depending on the Year groups lunch sitting)	



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Time	Club & Room	Staff
Thursday		
12.35 - 1.05	Library	Mrs Ramsay
3:05 - 3:30	Boys' Choir	Mr Reed
12:05-12:35	KS2 Football Club	Mr McKee
Friday		
12.05 - 12:35	Drama club - KS3 - main hall	Mrs A Brown
12.35 - 1.05	Library	Mrs Ramsay
12:05 - 12:35	KS2 Computer Club	Mr Johnston
12:05 - 12:30	Guitar Group	Mr Newbrook
12.05 - 12.35	Chess Club (L5)	Mr Swinney

Important Dates Spring 2 2023

Date	Event	Aimed at
27/02/23	School reopens after half term	All
27/02/23	Ford Castle Group 1	Y7
01/03/23	Ford Castle Group 2	Y7
27/03/23	Y5 Kingswood Visit	Y5
30/03/23	School Closes for Easter Break	All
31/03/23	Teacher Day	All

