



Year 5 Killhope Experience

During the first half of this term children in year 5 have been learning about Victorians at Killhope as part of their topic. To experience what it may have been like to live and work in Victorian times the class visited Killhope Lead Mining Museum to have hands on experience. The children put on their Wellington boots, hard hats and were given a lamp in preparation for their trip down the mine. The children gained a powerful impression of what working deep underground



was like. They discovered that it was the job of boys – often as young as nine or ten years old – to separate the precious galena (lead ore) from all the other material that was hauled out of the mine. They worked long hours, in often filthy weather conditions. They weren't always able to go home after a shift so they stayed in very basic lodgings. The filth, stench and often overcrowded conditions must have been intolerable. They brought their own provisions from home and cooked on an open peat fire. Year 5 even had the opportunity to dress as they would have done as well as getting wet and slightly muddy separating the mines material!



You Have Made a Difference!

We have received a letter from County Durham Foodbank kindly thanking us for the food we collected before half term. With your help we collected 74.9kg which is a great amount. This will provide a meal for 94 people in our community. So far this year the Foodbank have provided emergency food for over 7,000 adults and nearly 4,000 children in crisis. The Foodbank team said "Please be assured that the food you have collected will make a real difference to a person or family in County Durham. On behalf of all our clients, our staff and volunteers, may we please give you a very big thank you."



School Diary for Week Ahead

Monday 7th November	Year 4 swimming lesson AM
Tuesday 8th November	Reception class and year 3 PE lesson NURSERY ONLY CLOSED After school football 3:10 - 4:10pm
Wed 9th November	Year 6 PE lesson NURSERY ONLY CLOSED Singing after school club 3:10 -4:00pm
Thursday 10th November	Reception class, year 2 and 5 PE lesson Multi-sports after school club 3:15 - 4:15pm
Friday 11th November	Year 1 PE Lesson Year 3 Cooking lesson PM

Star of the Week!

Reception	James Crawford
Year 1	Rebecca Christie
Year 2	Harry Neal
Year 3	Matthew Britton
Year 4	Niamh Fletcher
Year 5	Calum Glover
Year 6	Kai Briddick

This weeks class attendance has been awarded

to
Year 3
99%



Teaching Assistants Industrial Action

The school has received notification from Unison that their members have voted in favour of strike action on 2 consecutive days, the 8th and 9th of November 2016.

From the outset the school has been clear that no one wants to be in this position as we greatly value our teaching assistants who do a fantastic job supporting and getting the best outcomes for our children. The education and wellbeing of our children remains our primary concern and we have done everything possible to minimise the impact here in our school. However it has been necessary to conduct a risk assessment based on the number of staff expected to be available on the days in question.

Following this process we can inform you that school will be open as usual to children from reception through to Year 6. Unfortunately nursery will be closed for both days of the strike action.

Tues 8 th Nov –	School open for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 School closed for Nursery only.
Wed 9 th Nov –	School open for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 School closed for Nursery only.