



**School Diary for Week Ahead**

Mon 9th October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS - STAFF TRAINING DAY</b>
Tues 10th October	<b>Year 2 PE - Kit required</b> School re-opens to all pupils Nocturnal animals visit reception class Fitness Club (year 3&4) 3:15 - 4:15
Wed 11th October	<b>Year 3 and 5 PE - Kit required</b> Performing Arts Club 3:15 - 4:00
Thur 12th October	<b>Year 1 and 4 PE - Kit required</b> Reception 'Stay and Play' session 1:45-2:45pm Fitness Club (year 5&6) 3:15 - 4:15
Fri 13th October	<b>Reception PE</b> Cooking Club - year 4 1:15 - 3:00

**Reminder - School Closed Monday 9th October**

Don't forget the school is closed to all pupils including nursery on Monday 9th October due to our staff training day. School will re-open as normal on Tuesday.

**School Council - First Meeting**

Our new school council met for the first time last week. As well as dealing with issues that arise throughout the year, the council will be taking the lead on a major school improvement initiative. Their task is to work with Mr Cornforth to develop the use of the school grounds at break and lunch times as the council worked out that they spend 5 hours a week outside – the same length of time that they learn maths! The council want children to be able to use all areas of the school grounds on a daily basis, regardless of weather conditions, rather than being squashed together on a yard. To get things under way some of the council will get the chance to visit a school in Durham that is already a year into their grounds development project.



**Star of the Week!**

- Reception **Laiton Fleming**
- Year 1 **Gracie Thirkell**
- Year 2 **Tamara Davison**
- Year 3 **Logan McPhee**
- Year 4 **Matthew Britton**
- Year 5 **Thomas Walters**
- Year 6 **Rebecca Britton**



**Fitness Star Award**  
**Liam Lincoln**

**Attendance League**

- 1st Squarepants FC Y5
- 2nd Dora Wanderers Y1
- 3rd Scooby Rovers Y3

**Life as a Victorian**

To enhance year 5's topic on The Victorians the class visited Killhope Mining Museum this week to experience what life would be like as a Victorian miner. The children put on their Wellington boots, hard hats and were given a lamp in preparation for their trip down the mine. The class 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.

Walking in the mine was the highlight of the visit even though they got wet and slightly muddy separating the mines material!

