



STARS OF THE WEEK

Cameron Mavin
Millie Beverley
Zach Allan
Kabe Ramsay
Georgie Whenray
Barney Falkous
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ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK : 95.6%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 99.4%
 Reception (Turtles) - 95.5%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 96.9%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 95.7%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 97.7%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 92.6%

Well Done Sharks!

2023 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 31st January	Y1 PE Multiskills Festival—Ashington
NEW Wednesday 1st February	TEACHERS STRIKE DATE (TBC)
Friday 10th February	Parents invited to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 17th February	Coffee Morning after assembly in aid of EdUKaid
Friday 17th February	3.10pm School closes for half term break
Tuesday 28th February	School reopens for Spring Half Term 2
NEW Tuesday 28th February	TEACHERS STRIKE DATE (TBC)
NEW Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March	TEACHERS STRIKE DATES (TBC)
Monday 20th March	Year 4 Skipping Festival - Ashington
Tues 21st & Weds 22nd March	PARENTS' EVENINGS
Thursday 30th March	Y2 Gymnastics Festival—Ashington
Friday 31st March	2pm—SCHOOL CLOSING FOR EASTER BREAK

TEACHERS STRIKE DATES—PLEASE BE PREPARED

You will have heard in the news that teachers unions have planned a series of strikes in the coming weeks. The dates of these strikes are included on the diary to the right. Although it has not been an easy decision for teachers at Amble Links, they have decided that it is important to take part in this action.

IF THESE STRIKES GO AHEAD IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT ALL CLASSES AT AMBLE LINKS OTHER THAN LITTLE PEBBLES WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS ON THESE DATES.

The first of these strike dates is planned to be on **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST**. We will update parents as soon as we have further information but please plan alternative arrangements for this day.

ONLINE SAFETY—GAMING

This week many of our staff took part in online safety training. This will allow us to support children in understanding the risks associated with being online and using devices. The internet offers a huge range of opportunities and benefits for the children but we also must be aware of the risks. We know that many of our children enjoy online gaming with their friends but parents are urged to consider the PEGI ratings of the games that they are allowed to play. Below are details of what children may be exposed to when playing games with different PEGI ratings.

PEGI 12: You could see more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters. Violence towards humans mustn't look real unless it's showing trivial injury. Horror, including dread, strong threat and graphic injuries, is allowed. Sexual innuendo, sexual posturing, references to gambling and some bad language can also be shown, although the latter must be mild.

PEGI 16: The game can feature death and injury to humans, including gory and bloody violence if the game is 'arcade style' (ie: not too realistic.) Smoking, drinking alcohol, the use of illegal drugs, glamourised representation of crime and strong bad language can be shown. It can contain erotic nudity and sexual activity, excluding the showing of genitals.

PEGI 18: These games can show 'gross' violence. This includes graphic methods of death or severe injury, including torture, decapitation and dismemberment, violence against vulnerable characters (including children), sexual violence and threat. It may also include 'criminal techniques', glamourise illegal drug taking and show sexual activity featuring visible genitals.

DOODLEMATHS BACK TO SCHOOL COMPETITION

We've entered our classes into this competition. To be successful, children will need to work in the Green Zone



(achieving their target number of stars) for 14 consecutive days from the 20th of January until the 2nd of February. After the 2nd of February, we'll count up the percentage of students in your class who were in the Green Zone during the competition. The class with the highest % of pupils in the Green Zone in the country will enter into a draw to win a bundle of goodies worth £50. All children can also earn a virtual badge if they are in the Green Zone on 26th January and 2nd February. This is a great opportunity to get the children into a good routine of getting onto Doodlemaths daily.



Mrs Graham has been busy training up our new school librarians and we have been able to open our library again this week for children to borrow books on a weekly basis. The books that the children choose to borrow may not necessarily be suited to their reading ability and the idea is that these are books that children can share with their parents. The children will continue to receive school reading books that are matched to their reading ability; these are the ones that we hope parents will listen to their children read at least 4 times every week.