

Amble Links First School

LINKS NEWS



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STARS OF THE WEEK

Jess Taylor
Olivia Grenfell
Emmie Rowell
Roan Shepherd
Callum Berney
Jack Montgomery
Lacey Lowery

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 90.4%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-91.4%
Reception (Turtles)	- 89.5%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 95.9%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 94.0%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 87.2%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 85.8%

Well Done Jellyfish!

2022 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW	
Friday 18th February	Wear what you love day (Non-uniform)
Friday 18th February	School Closes for Spring Half Term
Tuesday 1st March	School Reopens for Spring Half Term 2
Friday 1st July	Additional Bank Holiday date for Queens Platinum Jubilee

PTA FUNDRAISING WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE DAY!

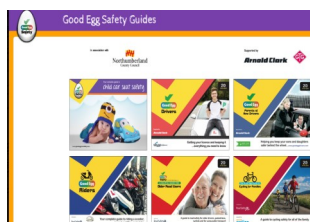


Large gatherings such as PTA fundraising events are still something that we continue to avoid due to the current high number of Covid cases across the country. At this time of year we'd usually be thinking about organising our Valentines Discos. As an alternative to this we are going to have a 'Wear What You Love' non-uniform day on Friday 18th February. In return for a £1 donation children can come to school in their favourite clothes, or costume (but please ensure that these are warm enough for playtimes and sensible shoes are worn!)

FREE SAFETY GUIDES

Northumberland County Council, have purchased one year subscription for 6 road safety books and 1 general child safety guide. Take a look for some useful information on a range of subjects including child car seats and family cycling.

The link for the books is <https://northumberland.goodeggsafety.com>



STAYING SAFE ONLINE

We know that many of our children, from quite a young age, are spending many hours playing online games with their friends. Many of the games they play have age ratings well above the age of our children. A useful website to use for parents to find out particular risks of each game is the 'Parents Need To Know' section of www.commonsemmedia.org

Many of the issues that we hear about involve the use of bad language between children as they are playing these games. We would strongly recommend that parents carefully monitor children whilst playing these games in order to know what they are saying and hearing.

A useful resource that has been recently released is 'Band Runner' from Thinkuknow which is great to share with children. It's a fun way for 8-10s to learn about safer use of technology.

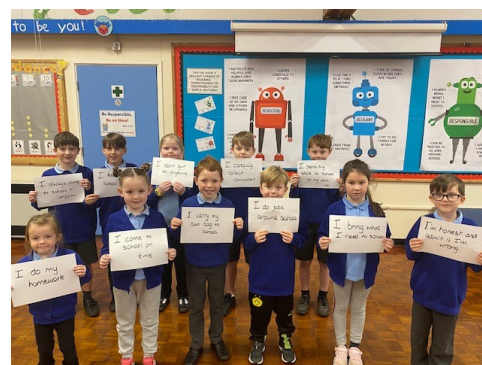
They will learn to:

- distinguish between safe and unsafe behaviours online
- feel more confident to seek help from a trusted adult when they need it
- understand how they can use our 8-10s website to seek advice and support



BEING RESPONSIBLE!

In an assembly earlier this week we built a 'Team Responsible!' To get into the team the children had to explain what they do to show that they are responsible in school. The children came up with some great suggestions including: coming to school on time, carrying their own bags, doing homework, bringing what they need to school, wearing the correct school uniform etc etc. What a team!



SWIMMING UPDATE

This week's swimming has been even more successful than last week's with all of the children spending some time in the big pool during their session. We were also really impressed with how quickly the children have got into the changing routine which was much quicker this week! Thanks again to parents for sending swimming kits in on the right days and to everyone who has made payments through SchoolGrid—this makes things much easier for us!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We continually update the school website. This week we have added the term dates for the 2022-23 school year in a very easy to use calendar format that you may find useful for planning for trips away during school holidays. The school website is a good place to go in the first instance to find out school information such as our uniform policy, curriculum information and a wide range of safety information. Although we send our weekly newsletters out to parents by email, these can also be found on the website. The 'Links' section of the website allows parents and children to quickly link to some of the other websites that we use regularly in school. The website can be accessed at www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk

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