



## **Weekly Bulletin 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### **Headteacher's Message**

During the school closure next Thursday for election day, learning will be set for pupils via DB primary, with resources given out to children in class the day before. I am aware that families' circumstances are hugely varied and many will be juggling childcare with work responsibilities. We would ask that you do what you are able with your children, but do not worry if you are unable to complete all of the tasks. The tasks for the day will be available to access on Wednesday night and teachers will be able to answer any queries online during the day. The school closure is not ideal and we continue to press DCC to find alternative venues for polling.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things going on in school. For example, news from our ECO team, Worship group, V.I.P. (Very International People) and SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). This week our focus is on PE and an update is shared below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

### **PE**

This half term in PE we have lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children inside and outside of the classroom. In school, the children in Reception will be receiving lessons from a specialist PE Teacher looking at ways of developing their Physical Literacy. This half term Reception class and Year 6 will be receiving coaching in their Games lessons. Year 3 and Year 5 children are participating in a 10-week Health and fitness programme.

We will also be running a Street Dance Festival for Years 1,3,5 and 6 as well as a Street Games Festival for the whole school. Key Stage Two children will also have the opportunity to take part in Durham Dash organised through our School Sports Partnership. There will be a Quidditch Day for Year 5 and 6 and a Handball Day for KS2. There will also be in-school competition opportunities for KS2 and a summer fun run for the whole school.

Next half term we will be offering some Yoga sessions and there will also be Netball coaching for Year 5 and 6 children to prepare them for competing in Netball league matches.

Outside of the classroom we are offering a wide range of extra-curricular clubs as well as the opportunity for some of the children to take part in football and Quadkids competitions.

Finally, we will be having a whole-school Health and well-being day with an assembly and class activities and this year our School Sports Day will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July with a back-up date of the 9<sup>th</sup> July in case of inclement weather.

Mr. Gowan

## Diary Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – School closure, Police and Crime Commissioner elections  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for May bank holiday  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 Durham Cathedral  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May -Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Bike ability Training  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Class Assembly – 9:05am  
WC Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Y6 SATS week  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Reception Hardwick Park  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Y4 Quadkids Competition  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pentecost Eucharist – 9:05am All Welcome  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for Spring half term holiday  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – School re-opens after Summer half term holiday  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class assembly – 9:05am  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Hall Hill Farm Y1 Trip  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Durham Dash  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Sports Day – 1.15pm (Reserve date – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July)  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – French Trip – Y5 and Y6  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10am – Y6 Leavers’ Service at St Mary’s Y6 Parents Welcome - refreshments served afterwards by St Mary’s parishioners  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for Summer holiday  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2024/25  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Y6 Trip to Robinwood

## Christian Values

We are exploring the value of thankfulness and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and the pupils.

*Some further information about this half term’s value:*

This half term we are focussing on Thankfulness as our whole school Christian Value. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives.

Some things to think about:

- How can we express our appreciation and thankfulness in the life of the school?
- How can we demonstrate that we see the good things of life as a blessing and a gift rather than a right?
- How can we be thankful for more than just material possessions?

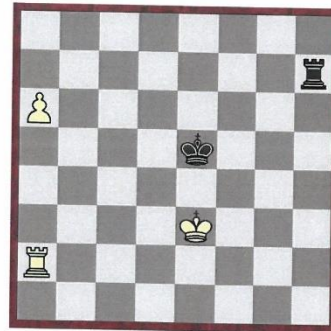
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# Durham County Junior CHESS Championships

Belmont Community Centre,  
Gilesgate Moor, Durham, DH1 2LL



Puzzles – White to play and win.



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 1pm – 5pm

- Open to all juniors attending school or living in the former Durham County which apart from the current County Durham includes Darlington, Hartlepool, Stockton, Gateshead, Sunderland and South Tyneside. (Others are welcome to compete but ineligible for Championship titles and related prizes.) **All juniors are welcome – no previous tournament experience is required.**
- Registration 1pm to 1.10pm and Round 1 will start at 1.15pm. There will be 5 or 6 rounds. (It is **not** a knock-out event.) The event, including prize-giving, will finish by 5pm.
- Light refreshments including snacks, tea & coffee will be available.
- Five age group trophies: under-9, under-11, under-13, under-15 and under-18. **Ages on 31st August 2023**, as for normal current school year. E.g. Under-9 includes current Year 4.
- The winner of each section will receive a medal and trophy. There will also be a medal and trophy for the best performance by a girl aged under 15. Other medals may be awarded based on number of entries. (All trophies to be returned next year.)
- **Entry fee £8 per player.** Pay on the day, but you must enter in advance by email.  
**Closing Date – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**
- **Entries by Email:** [junior.tournaments@durhamcitychess.co.uk](mailto:junior.tournaments@durhamcitychess.co.uk)  
Please give: **name, date of birth, mobile number, home address and name of school.**
- For full details about this tournament and reports on previous events, visit the website at <http://www.durhamcitychess.co.uk/tournaments.php>
- **This Tournament is organised by the Durham County Chess Association,** <https://dcca.org.uk>.



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"MAKING CHANGES TOGETHER"

*Durham's official Parent Carer Forum and a group of parent carer volunteers who work with professionals to influence and improve services to children and young people (0-25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities in County Durham.*

## ABOUT US

We work in partnership with the Local Authority, Health and Social Care services and other groups and organisations to influence and challenge service provision and highlight the issues and needs of the families we represent.

We are a registered CIO with the charity number 1202217.



## WHAT MCT DO

- ✔ 2 Parent Carer Conferences a year
- ✔ Family disability information events
- ✔ Workshops, training & 1:1 surgeries
- ✔ Information Sharing
- ✔ Work with other Parent Carer forums & organisations locally & nationally
- ✔ Attend focus groups including SEND Partnership, SEND Information, Short Breaks, Autism Steering group, Neurodevelopmental Pathway & Team Training.
- ✔ Plus lots more.....

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ✔ Attend one of our parent carer conferences
- ✔ Join our email mailing list (Just email us to join)
- ✔ Follow our social media accounts
- ✔ Attend one of our events
- ✔ Apply to be a volunteer

**STRONGER TOGETHER**

**SHAPING SERVICES TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES OF UNDER 25 YEAR OLDS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND / OR DISABILITIES IN COUNTY DURHAM.**

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