

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday 23rd June 2023**

On this day :

**930** World's oldest parliament, the Icelandic Parliament is established, the Alþingi

**1314** Battle of Bannockburn began, a decisive engagement in Scottish history whereby the Scots defeated the English, regained their independence, and established Robert the Bruce as Robert I.

**1974** 1st extraterrestrial message sent from Earth into space



**Whole School Attendance  
Weekly Attendance figures**

Reception = 92%

Year 1 = 92.1 %

★ Year 2 = 93.3% ★

Year 3 = 88.6%

★ Year 4 = 95.2 % ★

Year 5 = 89.1 %

Year 6 = 74.5%



**Congratulations**

**Well Done Year 2**

for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4

for the best attendance in Upper School.

## **Adam Bushnell – Author Visit**

This week we were visited once again by the wonderful author, Adam Bushnell, on both sites across two days.

On Tuesday, he started the day hosting the assembly for all children in EYFS and KS1. He told inspirational stories including his very own – Dragon Knight. The children then went into their classrooms to have discussions on creative writing, the use of descriptive words and how best to make their own tales which have inspired some of our children to become author's themselves one day.



On Wednesday we started the day with adventurous stories of George and the Dragon. The children used their knowledge and understanding in History to recreate their own stories which included battlefields, dragons, monsters, mythical creatures and hero's with superpowers.

Adam is in a different place every day talking to people about writing, helping them with their own writing and, hopefully, inspiring a love of reading. For me, reading is one of the most important things in the world. It teaches us about our past and can help mold our future. It allows us to climb inside the minds of others and to understand why people do the things that they do. It teaches us to relate to others.

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## School Dates



### School Holiday Dates

The next school Holiday is the Summer Holiday and school will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July



### School Dates and Holidays

- 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Rugby Festival – Consett Academy
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – SEND Coffee Afternoon
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 South Moor Golf club visit
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Visit to Blanchland
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Upper School Street Games Training sessions
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 and 4 Cricket at Consett Cricket
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Transition Days at Consett Academy  
**WITH NEU STRIKES PLANNED FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> AND THE 7<sup>th</sup> WE ARE WAITING AN UPDATE FROM THE ACADEMY ON HOW THIS WILL AFFECT PLANNED TRANSITION EVENTS**
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July Parent report afternoon and evenings
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - EYFS Beach Visit
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Synagogue and Discovery Museum Visit
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Sports Day 9.30
- 13<sup>th</sup> July - Keystage 1 and Reception Sports Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> July – 1.15pm Upper School Sports day
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Cake and Craft session Year 1 and 2
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Moving Up Party
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – 1.15 Year 6 Leavers Celebration and Moving Up – Parents to Attend
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – School Closes for Summer Holidays

### Transition Events

#### EYFS

- 19<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception Parents meeting with Miss Pedro 3.30 – 4.30 including tour of school
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception Children and Parents Stay and Play 1.30 – 2.30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July - New Reception Children only Stay and Play
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Early Years Stay and Play

#### Keystage 1

- 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Transition afternoon
- 6<sup>th</sup> July - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Transition Morning

#### Keystage 2

- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Keystage 2 Transition Morning
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Keystage 2 Transition Day

#### Year 6 to Year 7

- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Consett Academy Parental Coffee Morning
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Consett Academy Parental Coffee afternoon
- 4<sup>th</sup> July - Academy staff to visit Year 6 and Teach Computing lesson – pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Consett Academy Parent Evening 6-7pm and 7-8pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Children Full Day at Consett Academy
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Children Full Day at Consett Academy





# E-Safety Update / Information

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law: involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

#### ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

#### POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

#### FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

#### LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want to keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

### TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

### STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk)) has plenty of useful information and advice.

### REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 655 111.

### Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



Source: [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk) | <https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/moneymuling> | [www.ukfinance.org.uk/press/press-releases/parents-urged-help-stop-rise-child-money-mules](http://www.ukfinance.org.uk/press/press-releases/parents-urged-help-stop-rise-child-money-mules)





## Transition to Secondary School

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

The Piece of Mind Team invite you to attend a parent transition session.

When: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 @ 13.30 – 15.00  
Where: Via Microsoft Teams

### Why?

The transition from primary to secondary school is a time of great change for both children and parents. It can be an exciting time for many. However, some children may struggle with the big changes they are faced with.

### Aims

- Learn about Piece of Mind
- Understand what Cognitive Behaviour Therapy is.
- Gain an understanding of how big transitions can affect the wellbeing of you and your child.
- Learn ways to help your child to manage their worries and fears.
- Find out how to get further support

### What do Children Worry About?

- Getting lost.
  - Being bullied.
  - Discipline and detentions.
  - Homework.
  - Losing old friends.
- If any of these worries sound familiar why not come along and find out what you can do to help!

# SUMMER FAYRE

WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 1.30PM

**TOMBOLA CAKE STALL RAFFLE**  
**ICE CREAM BOUNCY CASTLE**  
**FACE PAINTING HOT DOGS**  
**PICK A LOLLY HOOK A DUCK**  
**FIRE ENGINE NAME THE TED**  
**BOTTLE BAG and lots more!**

**12TH JUL | 13.30PM – 15.00PM** ★ **COME and Join**  
**LOWER SITE, WEST STREET** ★ **the FUN**  
★ **ALL WELCOME!**

Dear Families,

This Summer Creative Kitchen is working in collaboration with Durham County Council, as part of the Fun and Food programme, to bring FREE holiday camps to families in Consett and surrounding areas. Our summer programme named SOW. COOK. GROW. combines our love for cooking, crafts and nature. Sessions are suitable for primary school aged children in reception to Year 6.. Children will participate in a range of fun interactive activities including grow your own, nature walks, mindfulness crafts and movement activities as well as cooking their own lunch/tea. We are running several drop-off sessions between Monday 24th July and Friday 25th August and are looking to run morning and afternoon sessions daily between 9am-4pm. To express an interest to join us this summer, please follow the link below and complete the expression of interest form.

There is no limit on the number of sessions you can attend, however places are limited and as sessions are funded priority will be given to those children in receipt of means tested free-school meals. Expression of interest form: <https://forms.gle/FdH8ecA4rLpRFWfp8> Summer 2023

When: Monday 24th July and Friday 25th August  
Times: 9-12.30 and 12.30-4pm  
Where: Crookhall Community Centre  
Cost: FREE