

# FINCHALE FLYER

We see the magic in every child... and help make them sparkle.

## Key Dates:

### JUNE

- 1st School re-opens for pupils (8.55am)
- WB. 1st Y4 Multiplication Check
- 3rd - 9<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup> Finchale Day of Reading
- WB. 8<sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonics Screening
- 12th Finchale Music Festival (9.30am - TBC)  
M&M 'Peter Pan' Production (whole-school)
- WB. 15<sup>th</sup> D&T Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> PTA Summer Fair (3.30pm)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (1.30pm) - TBC
- WB. 29<sup>th</sup> Transition Week - details TBC

### JULY

- 1st Full Governing Body Meeting
- 9th Summer Fun Run (1.30pm) / PTA Prom (TBC)
- WB. 13<sup>th</sup> End-of-Year Reports to Parents/Carers
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Reception Graduation (9.10am)**
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Brass Concert (2.15pm)**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Y6 Leavers' Concert (2pm)**
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Y2 Ukulele Concert (9.30am)**
- 17<sup>th</sup> School closes for summer holidays (3.25pm)

All dates are subject to change.



## Year 6: Hard Work & Hoodies!

We are so proud of our Y6 children, this month, for all of the hard work that they demonstrated during - and in the weeks leading up to - their SATs. They have shown themselves to be **resilient, kind** to one another and incredibly talented individuals. Thank you once again to our PTA for providing the well-deserved reward of their leavers' hoodies!



## Y2 Ukulele

Year 2 have been building on the musical skills they developed during their Year 1 'Little Fingers' sessions by learning to play the Ukulele with our peripatetic music teacher, Mr. Laverick. They have been learning to play different notes in time with each other and are looking forward to a concert for families on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am. We look forward to entertaining you there!



## Captain Chemistry



Captain Chemistry visited Year 5 and Year 6 on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May. Year 6 learned about the heart and circulatory system, while Year 5 looked at reversible and irreversible changes, creating red cabbage solution to work as an indicator to identify whether solutions were water, alkali or acidic. Well done, Year 5 and 6 on your excellent scientific knowledge.



## Staffing Updates

We would like to say a big 'congratulations' to Mrs Nower, who is expecting a baby in the Autumn! There will be an opportunity to see Mrs Nower in school in September before she goes on maternity leave to enjoy time with her new family. The Finchale family continues to grow in other ways, too! We will be welcoming two new teacher to our staff in September - Mr. Jai Grant and Miss Lucy McClure, who are eager to introduce themselves to you all:



Mr. Grant: "I'm excited to join the school as a new teacher and can't wait to get to know all the pupils and families. In my free time I love playing football, padel and tennis, going climbing, watching Harry Potter, and winding down by reading every night. I also have two black and white cats called Oreo and Humbug who love to play in the garden."



Miss McClure: "I am so excited to join Finchale Primary! My favourite subject is English because I love immersing myself in the world of books - one of my favourites is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. I love to spend my time outside of school travelling and have been to amazing places like China and America! My favourite thing in the world is spending time with my family and friends, walking and playing board games."



## Spotlight on Safeguarding - Road Crossing



## Recommended Reads

As we say a fond farewell to Mrs Royle, our Safety Crossing Patrol or 'lollipop' lady, I would like to remind our community about our shared responsibility to keep children safe on and around roads. Parent / carer advice can be found at <https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

The Crossing Patrol vacancy is currently being advertised and further information, should you be interested in the role, can be found at [School Crossing Patrol - Durham County Council - North East Jobs](#). Whilst this post is vacant, if you wish to change permissions for your child with regards to walking home, please contact Mrs Sludden in the school office.



Age 4-7

A Whale of a Time  
Author: Lou Peacock

Age 7+  
Secrets of a Sun King  
Author: Emma Carroll



## Y4 Careers Visit: Dentistry

Year 4 had a visit from a Dentist to support their Science topic on the digestive system. They learned about oral hygiene and the qualities needed to be a dentist, including the fact that it takes 5 years to train to be a dentist and even longer to be an orthodontist. Y4 had lots of questions, learned some fun facts and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the dragon mascot! Thank you so much to Swati for coming in to talk to us.



## Design & Technology

In Design & Technology lessons this term, Year 6 have been learning about cams and pulleys and using their knowledge to design and create 'automata animals'.



## Whole School Wellbeing Day

On 7th May, the whole school enjoyed a day of being **kind** to ourselves with some Yoga with Beth. We learned different poses and everyone left the sessions feeling calm and relaxed, especially the adults!



Year 5's D&T topic involved learning about different types of bridges (arch, beam and truss). Y5 created their own truss bridges out of spaghetti - the next step is to test the bridges to see how strong they are. Well done Year 5 on showing lots of **resilience!**



## Big Spring Clean Eco-Day

Across the school, and the county, we have been taking part in the Big Spring Clean. Reception and KS1 children enjoyed exploring the 'story sack' with Tidy Ted to find out the importance of picking up litter (even having a turn using the litter-pickers) and Key Stage 2 learned about 'Enviro-Crimes' such as fly-tipping.



## Musician of the Month

This merry month of May, we have been listening to **Kishori Amonkar**, who was a renowned Indian classical vocalist. Known for her mesmerising voice and profound interpretations, she was a prominent figure in the Hindustani classical music tradition, leaving a lasting impact on the genre.



## May Attendance

Reception	95.96%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	99.51%
Year 3	98.62%
Year 4	96.21%
Year 5	96.97%
Year 6	94.14%
Whole School	96.58%

Many thanks, as always, for your support.  
Miss Ward.