

GRANGETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Tuesday 19th March 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has been given the fantastic opportunity to take part in an overnight expedition with the Ocean Youth Trust North.

The children will board the yacht 'James Cook' at the Royal Quays Marina at North Shields and will sail up the River Tyne to spend the night moored at Newcastle's Town Quay near the Millennium Bridge, before returning to the Royal Quays the next day. While on the yacht the children will engage in a range of ship-based activities such as passage planning, navigating and chart work, making the vessel ready for departure, steering and preparing and cooking meals. On the evening of the trip, the children will have an escorted visit tour of the Millennium Bridge. These activities are led by a professional skipper and sea staff. Two members of school staff will be accompanying the children.

The visit will take place on **Thursday 23rd May and Friday 24th May 2024**. The children will leave school on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd May where they will travel by minibus to the Royal Quays, where we board the yacht at 3.00pm and return to the Royal Quays at midday on the Friday. The children will then return to school by minibus on the afternoon.

Children will need:

- A sturdy but soft luggage bag to hold their belongings—hard suitcases are not allowed on the yacht
- A sleeping bag and pillow
- A change of clothes for the next day night time clothing and toiletries (a more detailed kit list will be given out nearer the time)
- Wellington boots

The Ocean Trust will supply wet-weather clothing and life jackets. All meals and refreshments are provided.

There is no cost for the expedition.

Thank you,

Miss McLoughlin

Youth Ocean Trust North Yacht

Parent/Carer of—_____

I give permission for my child to take part in the yachting expedition on **Thursday 23rd May and Friday 24th May 2024**.

Signed -(parent/carers)

Enjoy - Respect - Achieve

