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Hello and welcome to the Autumn edition of Bernard Gilpin Primary School's newsletter

THE LEARNING CONTINUES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Reception children at Gibside



Year 1 on a Sunderland House Hunt



Year 2 mask making workshop



Year 3 at the Bowes Museum

Foundation Stage visited the beautiful grounds of Gibside, in relation to their taught theme of Sticks and Twigs. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the scenic grounds where they created their own dens from the natural resources available as well as making their own stick men and women to retell and act out the story of 'Stickman.'

Year 1 enjoyed investigating houses in Sunderland where they found examples of flats, bungalows, a cottage and even a castle. On return to school, the children discussed the difference between the features seen in the houses around Sunderland and then went on to compared these to others around the world.

Year 2 had an exciting visit to the Hatton Art Gallery linking to the Geography theme of Africa. The gallery had amazing examples of African masks which the children observed and discovered how the masks were made and what they were used for. The children created their own design for a mask before using these ideas to make their own version using a range of materials. The children gained a greater understanding and appreciation of the African culture as a result of their experiences.

Year 3 visited the Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle in relation to their taught history theme of Ancient Egypt. Whilst at the museum, the children learned all about this fascinating period of ancient history when they took part in a workshop where they were able to handle and analyse replica artefacts. The children were also able to create their own clay shabti dolls in an Egyptian style. Back at school, the children studied the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and wrote a diary entry from Howard Carter's point of view on the day of his greatest discovery.

Year 4 visited the Hatton Art Gallery in Newcastle where they were given a guided tour of the latest exhibitions by Hazel, the in-house curator and art expert. After studying sketches by famous artists from the around the world, the children returned to the purpose-built art workshop where they created their own works of art in the style of the pieces studied on display around the gallery, which they brought back to school for use in their own art display.

Year 5 visited Helmsley Castle in North Yorkshire, in relation to their History unit of Norman Britain. The children studied first-hand the scale and importance of Norman Castles in this period of history, as well as handling a range of primary source artefacts in the collection in the castle. Once the children returned to school, they used their understanding to draw a labelled diagram of a typical Norman motte and bailey castle, as well as being inspired to create their own Norman shield designs after recreating the events of 1066 on the school field.

Year 6 visited the Heugh Battery Museum in Hartlepool, linking to their First World War History theme. The children were given a tour of a WWI trench recreation, where they found out first-hand about the hardships of army life, handled a range of primary artefacts including helmets and rifles as well as hearing some of the stories of the people involved in the German raid on the Battery during the war. On return to school, the children created informative and persuasive leaflets, encouraging others to visit the museum, as well as writing newspaper reports linked to the Bombardment of Hartlepool in 1914.



Year 4 at the Hatton Art Gallery



Year 5 at Helmsley Castle



Year 6 at Heugh Gun Battery Museum



The successful 'Dash' runners



The Girl's Football Team

HOUGHTON DASH

Eleven children from across Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the annual Houghton Dash, racing against over 50 other children from schools from the local area. The children from Bernard Gilpin performed amazingly well in the race with seven of our children securing places within the top 10 positions. Daniel won the race outright, with Summer and Freya finishing tied first in the girl's race (second place overall). A huge well done to all of the children taking part as BGPS also won the top placed school prize.

SPORTS-HALL ATHLETICS

Children from Years 5 and 6 recently represented the school in the annual Indoor Athletics competition. The athletics team performed superbly in the track events, in which they placed highly across the board. This theme continued in the field events, in which a number of the children were placed in the top three, resulting in the team finishing in first place overall and progressing to the Sunderland finals next half term. All of the children performed admirably and were a credit to the school on the day - well done to all of those involved.

HOUGHTON FEAST CHOIR

Children from the Year 5 and 6 school choir recently performed a range of songs at the Houghton Feast. The children enjoyed performing three songs, which were across a range of musical genres including pop and musical theatre. In the weeks leading up to the performance the children had a number of rehearsals with a vocal coach, to ensure their performance on the day was excellent. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing on stage in front of a large, enthusiastic audience. A big well done to everyone involved for the musical performance.

NEW FOOTBALL SEASON UNDERWAY

Bernard Gilpin's football teams have started the season very strongly in a number of competitions once again, with five teams being entered for another season. The football that has been played by all of our teams has been of a very high standard and it is a pleasure to see the children playing football with such a positive attitude.

All four teams have made an impressive start to the season, winning a number of their games. The A team are so far unbeaten in the league, including a number of high-scoring victories and clean sheets. The B and C teams have also started their season in the Hetton and Lambton League well, winning a number of their opening fixtures. The teams have impressed everyone with their work rate and attitude—best of luck to all of our teams in the league this season.

The girls football season also got underway recently with the team taking part in the first round of the County Cup. All of the girls performed superbly on the night, winning two of their games played and scoring twelve goals and only conceding one.

This season also sees the return of the Bernard Gilpin 9-a-side team. This team represent the school in the Sunderland 9-a-side League and have started the season well including scoring five goals in a recent victory in one of their games. The football played has been of really high standard - well done.



The Sports Hall Athletics Team



Choir singers at the Houghton Feast

CLUBS ARE BOOMING

Monday	STEM	Lego	Football
Tuesday	Yoga	American Football	Cinema
			Basketball
Wednesday	Bernard's Master Chef	Drama & Music	Football
Thursday	Computing	Sewing & Crafts	Netball
Friday	Dance	Gaming	Basketball
			D&T

#HELLOYELLOW DAY

On Friday 7th October, the School Council organised a #HelloYellow Day to raise money for Young Minds – a charity working to improve children and young people’s mental health. Children and staff came to school dressed in yellow to show support and to celebrate the little things that we can do to improve our wellbeing. Well done to everyone involved for their efforts and for the generous contributions for such a great cause.



#HelloYellow Day



Tile Making in the Glass Fusion workshop

GLASS FUSION PROJECT

This half term, School Councillors and children from Years 5 and Year 6 took part in a glass fusing workshop, delivered by the team from MBC Arts Wellbeing. All involved thoroughly enjoyed using a range of glass fusing tools and materials to create their own tile to commemorate the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II; the quality of the pieces produced were fantastic - well done.

HALLOWE’EN DISCOS

The ever-popular Hallowe’en discos returned recently and they were a ‘spook-tacular’ success. The children’s costumes were truly terrifying and there were some fantastic moves on the dance-floor. Thank you to all those who helped to make the event such a success and a special thank you to members of the School Council for helping to provide the music and entertainment throughout the disco as well as helping to serve drinks and snacks to the party goers.



The giant pumpkin from Bob’s allotment



Some ‘Spook-tacular’ Costumes

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Well done to all of the children for the recent Harvest Festival celebrations in school. All year groups from Reception through to the children in Year 6 took part in performing poems, songs and even a vegetable rap. A big thank you to the parents/carers who attended these events in such large numbers and for your continued support. All of the tinned food that we received went to a local food bank - the staff there have expressed their thanks as it will be given to families in need in the local area. A special thanks to Bob for donating his enormous pumpkin to the school to be part of the Harvest Festival display - it was a massive hit with the children in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term - School closes Friday 21st October 2022

School re-opens - Monday 31st October 2022

Christmas Holiday - School closes Tuesday 20th December 2022

Staff INSET Training Day - Wednesday 4th January 2023

School re-opens - Thursday 5th January 2023

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Years 1, 2 and 3 will have an assembly every alternate Friday at 2.45 p.m. in the school hall. Years 4, 5 and 6 will have an assembly every alternate Friday at 2.45 p.m. also in the school hall—both assemblies are to celebrate the achievements of the children in school.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<https://student.readingplus.com/>

<https://www.lexiacore5.com/>

<https://oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://spag.com/>

<https://www.play.ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.sumdog.com/>



We are continuing to use the Reading Plus and Lexia education programmes both in school and at home. Please encourage your child to continue use these online learning tools as part of their weekly homework. Both of these programmes are invaluable in assisting the children’s progress in reading across the school.

HAPPY HALF TERM

After a successful, exciting and learning filled start to the year, we would like to wish you all a safe and restful half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 31st October for another exciting half term.