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

THE LEARNING CONTINUES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Reception at Northumberland Zoo



Year 1 at Rectory Park



Year 3 at Bowes Museum



Year 4 at Alnwick Castle

Foundation Stage visited Northumberland County Zoo in relation to their 'Pets and Animals' theme in school. The children were excited to feed the llamas and wallabies, as well as learning how to care for the baby Joeys. They also had the opportunity to ask a zoo keeper questions relating to the care of the wide variety of animals in the zoo.

Year 1 visited Rectory Park in Houghton-le-Spring, linking closely to their Science theme of 'Plants.' The children investigated a variety of different trees and flowering plants through careful observation, as well as drawing the different shapes of leaves and petals that they could see. On return to school, they identified whether the trees they had seen were deciduous or evergreen.

Year 3 visited Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle as an introduction to their History theme of 'Stone Age to Iron Age.' The children became archaeologists when they analysed a range of historical artefacts, as well as creating their own clay pots in the style of the time period, which proved to be messy but a worthwhile challenge!

Year 4 visited Alnwick Castle in Northumberland in relation to their English theme of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.' The children were given a guided tour of the historic surroundings and they were extremely excited to spot the various locations that were used in the filming of the magical movie. All of the children were also given a broom flying lesson, which they thoroughly enjoyed. On return to school, the children used their visit as stimulus for the writing of their own magical adventure stories in the style of Harry Potter.

Year 6 have been working extremely hard in preparation for their recent SATs. Thanks to all of the children's efforts, they were rewarded with a much deserved visit to the cinema to see the film 'Wonder.' This proved to be a very enjoyable afternoon for everyone involved, with the popcorn and snacks being just as popular as the film itself!

DEMENTIA ACTION & AWARENESS WEEK: SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

The school recently showed its support for the Alzheimer's Society's National Dementia Action and Awareness Week by taking along a group of children to Beamish Museum. For the fifth year running, the Bernard Gilpin choir were invited to take part in the Singing for the Brain initiative, in which they entertained a large audience by singing a range of songs from old-time classics through to modern day pop hits. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, as did the audience based on their enthusiastic participation and generous applause!

Also during the week, all children in school took part in various activities based around raising awareness of dementia including reading stories to develop their understanding of the condition and looking at ways to help people living with dementia. Staff also spoke about their own experiences of dementia during assemblies. To end the week, the staff and children came to school dressed in blue and white and donations were sent to the Alzheimer's Society.



The school choir entertaining the audience at Beamish Museum



The Girls' Football Cup Finalists

The Tag Rugby Finalists

FOOTBALL UPDATE

After an absolutely fantastic second half to the season, the Year 6 football team won the Hetton and Lambton A League for the second season in succession. They also came very close to victory in the League Cup, having been unbeaten and not conceding a single goal on the night, eventually only losing out on goal difference by a single goal.

The Year 5 team also won the Hetton and Lambton B League - this time for the third season in a row and incredibly, they remained unbeaten throughout entire season. Added to this incredible victory, the team were also runners up in the League Cup, having only missed out to an extra time, golden goal in the final. The Year 5 team also finished as runners up in the Sunderland 7-a-side League, which is a remarkable achievement as the majority of the other teams are made up of Year 6 children.

As well as progressing to the semi-final stage of the County Cup competition, a fantastic achievement in itself, the girls' team also made it to the League Cup final, eventually finishing as runners up.

Sixteen children from Year 2 also had the opportunity to represent the school in their first ever football tournament, which was recently held at the impressive Beacon of Light. This has been another fantastic half term of football for Bernard Gilpin, and the future certainly looks bright - a massive well done to everyone involved!

PARTNERSHIP WITH HAYS TRAVEL

School is delighted to be continuing their partnership with Hays Travel in Houghton-le-Spring, and this half term we are excited to announce the launch of a writing competition. This is open to children of all ages across the school and the theme of the competition is 'My Dream Holiday.' Entrants are encouraged to describe the holiday of their dreams - this could be as descriptive piece or even a fictional story. All entries should be returned to school by Tuesday 4th June, with the winning entry receiving a prize from Hays Travel. Good luck!

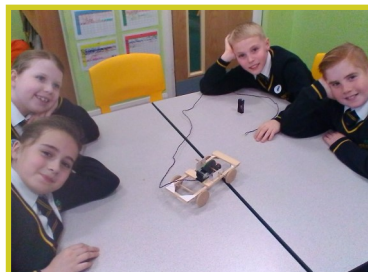


PRIMARY ENGINEER: NORTH EAST

Four children from Year 5 were recently invited to take part in the Primary Engineer Festival, held at Gateshead College. The children were delighted to show off the fully functioning remote controlled cars that they had designed, built, tested and evaluated during the recent and highly successful Design Technology 'Make it Day' in school. The children enthusiastically explained how they had been involved in every stage of the creation of the car, before giving a demonstration of the car in action. A big well done to all involved!



Singing at Dementia Friends



A completed remote-controlled car

CLUBS ARE BOOMING

Monday	Lego - Mrs Russell & Miss Craggs	Drills for Skills - Mr Winter, Mr Bainbridge & Mr Surrey	Fitness - Mr Burton & Mr Warren
Tuesday	Yoga - Specialist Yoga teacher	Brazilian Football Skills - Mr Surrey & Mr Burton	Movie Night - Mrs Archibald
Wednesday	Cookery - Mr Pitt, Miss Craggs, Mrs Stevenson & Mrs Martin	Dance - Miss Smith, Miss Milne & Miss Huitson	Football - Mr Bainbridge, Mr Warren & Mr Burton
Thursday	Arts & Crafts - Mr Pitt, Miss Smith & Mrs Reeves	Brazilian Football Skills - Mr Surrey & Mr	Gymnastics - Miss Soden, Miss Ray & Miss Cawthorne
Friday	Fitness - Mr Burton & Miss Cawthorne	School of Rock - Mr Nichol & Mrs Stevenson	Shooting for Hoops - Miss Ray & Miss Soden

TRI-GOLF TOURNAMENT

Two teams, made up of children from Year 4, recently competed at a Tri-Golf tournament held at Kepier school. As ever, the competition was of a very high standard with fourteen teams participating on the afternoon. Both of our teams performed very well in the group stages, with Team A outscoring all but one of the other teams to finish the tournament as runners-up. Another excellent sporting achievement for the school - well done.

TAG RUGBY FINALS

A rugby team, made up of Year 5 and 6 children, travelled to Farrington Academy to compete in the final of the Sunderland Schools' Tag Rugby competition. The team performed superbly throughout the afternoon, winning three and drawing one of their group games. They progressed to the final match and played out an end-to-end game which finished with only one try difference, meaning the team finished as runners up in the Sunderland region. A huge well done to everyone who took part in the competition.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half term - school closes Friday 24th May
School re-opens - Monday 3rd June
Sports Week - Monday 24th - Friday 28th June
Sports Day - Friday 28th June (1:00 p.m. start)
Summer Fayre - Friday 28th June (3:15 p.m. start)
Multi-cultural Weeks - Weeks commencing 1st and 8th July
Summer Holiday - School closes Friday 19th July

HELPFUL WEBSITES

If you want to help your children at home, we have licenses for:
 (username is the one your child uses in school)
 Maths - www.interactive-resources.co.uk
 (username: bernard password: Gilpin)
 Maths - sumdog.com - www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/

HAPPY HALF TERM

After another busy and extremely successful half term, 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 3rd June.