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

STEM: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS



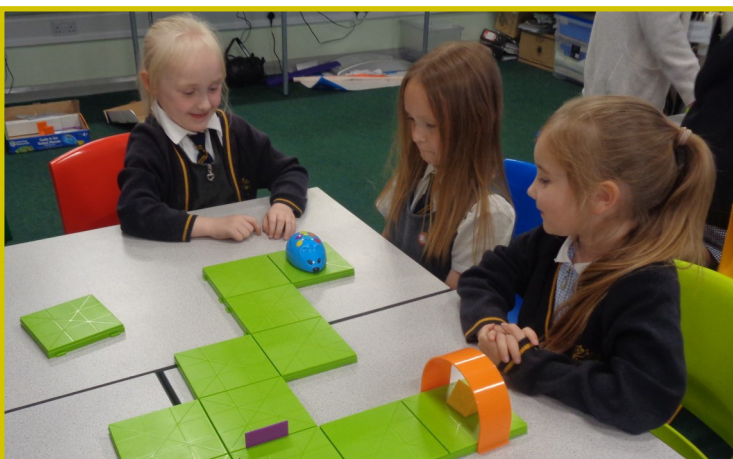
Members of the STEM club receiving the grant alongside teaching staff

Bernard Gilpin Primary School has recently received a generous donation in order to further enhance the existing STEM curriculum in school. Earlier this year, the Lear Corporation, a global manufacturer of car seats based in Houghton-le-Spring, won the 'Environmental and Sustainability Award' at the annual North East Automotive Alliance Awards. This led to Lear selecting Bernard Gilpin Primary as the recipient to donate a sum of money as part of their award. The popular STEM after school club will also be enhanced further through the gifting of a brand new, state-of-the-art robotics kit.

Representatives from both the Lear Corporation and the North East Automotive Alliance visited school to formally hand over the donation to members of the STEM afterschool club and STEM Subject Leaders. As part of their visit, the representatives were impressed by the use of coding equipment such as the Code and Go mouse, Botley 2.0 coding robot and the more advanced Micro:bit coding blocks as used by upper KS2 children. The representatives then spoke to the children about careers in the engineering sector and also answered a range of questions from the children.



KS2 children at STEM club showing their understanding of robotic coding



Some of the younger members of STEM club demonstrating the basics of coding

This builds on the STEM success of our school earlier this year in winning the Primary Engineer Competition at Sunderland University. The children involved in this success demonstrated their winning vehicle, which they had designed and built, to the engineering representatives on their visit. Everyone at Bernard Gilpin Primary School would like to thank the Lear Corporation and the North East Automotive Alliance for selecting BGPS for the donation, as it will support the further enhancement of the already exciting STEM curriculum for the children in school.

MARVELLOUS MULTICULTURAL WEEK & VISITS TO PLACES OF WORSHIP

All of the children across the school took part in a range of educational visits to places of worship, linking to the religions studied during this half term. The children in Reception enjoyed their visit to St. Michael and All Angels Church to develop their understanding of Christian worship. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Sikh Gurdwara in Newcastle, where they learnt about Sikhism. The children of Year 2 experienced a tour of the brand new Faith Museum in Bishop Auckland and Year 3 visited the Newcastle Central Mosque, to enhance their understanding of Islam. Year 4 visited Newcastle Hindu Temple, where they developed their knowledge of Hindu worship, whilst Year 5 enjoyed their visit to Newcastle Reform Synagogue to deepen their understanding of Judaism. Finally, Year 6 visited the world-famous Durham Cathedral to deepen their understanding of Christian places of worship.



Year 6 on their educational visit to the inspirational Durham Cathedral



Reception at St Michael and All Angels



Year 1 at the Newcastle Gurdwara



Year 2 at Bishop Auckland Faith Museum



Year 3 at Newcastle Central Mosque

During this half term, the whole school took part in Multicultural Week. This fantastic celebration of culture helped to further develop the children's knowledge and understanding of cultural diversity in the local area, Britain and around the world today. A wide range of exciting learning activities took place throughout the week such as tasting traditional foods, exploring traditional music, learning and performing a range of dances and studying and creating cultural-inspired art. All of the children also took part in an African drumming workshop, which was equally as loud as it was exciting. To round off the week, the whole school gathered together outside to display their artwork, masks, flags and headwear that they had designed and created during the week. The children then proudly paraded around the school yard to carnival music, before dancing together to the song learnt during the week. All of the children right across the school thoroughly embraced Multicultural Week with a great respect for culture - well done to everyone for their fantastic efforts and to all involved in the organisation of the excellent week of cultural learning.



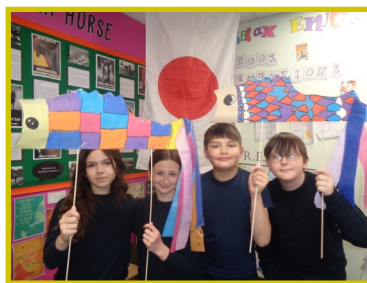
Year 4 at Newcastle Hindu Temple



Year 5 at Newcastle Reform Synagogue



Year 4 African drumming workshop



Year 6 displaying their Japanese art

DENIM FOR DEMENTIA DAY

On Friday 19th May, children and staff came to school dressed in denim and the colour blue to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society, which helps to improve the lives of people living with dementia. As part of the day, children took part in a range of learning activities to develop their understanding of supporting those with dementia. Thank you to everyone for their efforts and generous contributions towards this great cause.



Children wearing denim and blue for Dementia Awareness Day



Individual high score certificates



The ten-pin bowling team celebrating

TEN-PIN BOWLING

Six KS2 children recently participated in the 'Smile Through Sport' ten-pin bowling regional final after finishing as winners in the previous round. All of the group impressed with their teamwork and performed superbly with a combined score of 535 - two team members were presented with certificates for individual high scores of 110 and 105. Well done to all of the team for representing themselves and the school so well.

QUAD ATHLETICS

A team of Year 3/4 children and a team of Year 5/6 children were successful when competing in the Quad Athletics event held at Silksworth Sports Complex. The children competed in a 400m run, 50m sprint, standing long jump and howler throw. A huge well done to everyone involved for representing the school so well and finishing in third place overall.

BASKETBALL

The school basketball team continued their season by competing in a number of matches held at Lambton Street Youth Centre. The team thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of playing against several other well-established teams from the local area and they were highly competitive in all of the games they played - well done to all players involved.

P.E. UNIFORM

We are sure you will agree that the children all look very smart in the BGPS tracksuits and T-shirts as recently provided to them by Governors. You can now order additional items by using the link to Total Sport on our website page or by searching www.bernardgilpin.com/info-for-parents-carers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term Holiday - School closes Friday 24th May 2024

School Re-opens - Monday 3rd June 2024

Sports Week - Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July 2024

Sports Day - Friday 12th July 2024

Summer Holiday - School closes Friday 19th July 2024

HELPFUL WEBSITES

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

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

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



FOOTBALL UPDATE

The school A-Team continued their season in the Hetton and Lambton 7-a-side League with a number of impressive wins. The school B-Team and C-Team have also continued to perform well, winning a number of their games played in recent weeks. The Year 4 football team also performed well in their first games representing the school. The team played a number of highly competitive matches with some excellent football along the way, resulting in them progressing to the Final of the Year 4 County Cup competition held later this year. Well done to all of the teams and players involved for representing themselves and the school in such a positive way.



The Year 5 & 6 Quad Athletics Team



The school basketball team

CLUBS ARE BOOMING

Monday	STEM	Lego	Football
Tuesday	Yoga	Basketball	Cinema
Wednesday	Bernard's Master Chef	Fitness	Football
Thursday	Drama & Music	Art & Design	Netball
Friday	Dance	Gaming & Computing	Basketball

HAPPY HALF TERM

After another busy, successful and learning-filled half term, we would like to wish you all a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd June 2024 for another exciting half term.