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

THE LEARNING CONTINUES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Reception at Tweddle Farm



Year 1 at Shildon Railway Museum



Year 2 at the Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh

Reception visited Tweddle Farm near Hartlepool in relation to their 'Living Things' theme studied in school. The children were excited to see everything farm life had to offer as they were given a guided tour of the site, during which they thoroughly enjoyed feeding the animals, especially the new born lambs. Back at school, the children were excited to watch the new chicks hatch, helping to take care of them as they grew.

Year 1 visited 'Locomotion' at the National Railway Museum in Shildon. They thoroughly enjoyed investigating a number of locomotives ranging from the 1829 'Sans Pareil' to the 1970's 'Advanced Passenger Train.' The children imagined what it might have been like to be the driver of a steam train and back in school, the children wrote an historical biography of George Stephenson, looking at his involvement in the development of steam trains and railways in the past.

Year 2 visited the Grace Darling Memorial Museum in Bamburgh, linking to the their History study of the RNLI this half term. The children were fascinated to learn more about Grace Darling's famous rescue of stranded sailors in the past and they carried out role play activities in costumes to get into the character's roles. On return to school, the children wrote detailed biographies of Grace Darling as well as their own re-telling of her famous story.

Year 3 visited the Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle to take part in a fascinating Greek Myths workshop, linking to their taught History unit on Ancient Greece. Whilst at the museum, the children took part in role play activities related to two Greek Myths: 'Perseus and Medusa' and 'The Twelve Labours of Hercules.' The children also observed a range of Greek artwork in the museum and enjoyed sculpting their own Greek Amphora using clay. The children also visited the famous Silver Swan automaton and found out how it works.

Year 4 visited Holy Island in Northumberland, in relation to their taught History unit of Invaders and Settlers. The children gained first-hand experience of the very first part of Britain that Viking invaders set foot on, looking out to sea to imagine how the monks of Holy Island must have felt as the longships approached. They also explored some of the many historic sites on the island, including the ancient priory that the Viking invaders raided. During the visit, their learning was also linked to art, as the children sketched Lindisfarne Priory using techniques such as shading and stippling. The children also developed their understanding of noun phrases and developed their vocabulary by describing the Priory.

Year 5 visited the historic Gibside Hall, a National Trust site, where they thoroughly enjoyed being outdoor explorers. The children used GPS receivers to navigate their way around the grounds of the impressive estate to locate a number of hidden geocaches. As part of the geocaching activities, the children worked well as a team when they built habitats out of natural materials for the wildlife of Gibside. They then completed an exciting orienteering trail using compasses and maps of the area to find various Control Points, as well as using geographical language to describe location and direction.

Year 6 visited the Sunderland Winter Gardens in relation to their Geography unit on Brazil and in particular, the study of the Amazon Rainforest. The children were fascinated to learn about the diverse range of tropical rainforest plant life found in the Winter Gardens. They also took part in a rainforest workshop, during which they developed their understanding of the wide range of plants and animals found at the different levels of the rainforest. On return to school, the children used the iPads to further research and present information on Brazil, including information on the diverse life inside the Amazon Rainforest.



Year 3 sculpting at Bowes Museum



Year 4 at historic Holy Island



Year 5 on the Gibside orienteering trail



Year 6 at Sunderland Winter Gardens

HIGH-FIVE NETBALL

The Year 6 netball team, who have been participating in the Sunderland Primary School Netball Association (SPSNA) high-five netball tournament, qualified for the Tyne and Wear finals held at the Beacon of Light in Sunderland. Once again, the children demonstrated excellent passing and shooting skills throughout the event, which allowed them to be highly competitive in all of their games played. All of the children involved represented themselves and the school superbly throughout the league and final stages, displaying fantastic attitude and team-work at all times. A big well done to everyone involved.



Year 6 Netballers at the Beacon of Light



Red noses on display for Comic Relief

SCHOOL FOOTBALL RETURNS

This half term saw the eagerly anticipated return of competitive football matches at Bernard Gilpin after a winter break, with four of the school's five teams involved in action so far. The B-Team returned to action first, remaining unbeaten in their games so far. The school's A-Team began the second half of their league season equally as impressively with two wins and a draw in their opening round of games. Meanwhile, the C-Team also played their first round of games since the winter break, showing a strong sense of team-work in all of their matches played so far. The Year 4 football team also made their debut in the County Cup Competition, winning one of their two games played. Well done to all of the teams for their excellent attitude and determination to succeed in their return to playing.

COMIC RELIEF: RED NOSE DAY 2022

On Friday 18th March, the school celebrated Red Nose Day to raise funds for Comic Relief. Children and staff came to school dressed in red and wearing a range of Red Nose Day memorabilia including funny noses, glasses, boppers and wigs, to turn laughs into lasting change and help those in need. Well done to everyone involved for their efforts and for the generous donations towards this great cause.

HAPPY EASTER

After another successful, exciting and learning filled term, we would like to wish you all a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 25th April 2022 for another exciting term.

CLUBS ARE BOOMING

Monday	Computing	Lego	Football
Tuesday	Yoga	American Football	Cinema
Wednesday	Bernard's Master Chef	Drama	Football
Thursday	STEM	Sewing & Crafts	Multi-Sports
Friday	Dance	Gaming	DT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Holiday - School closes Friday 8th April 2022

School Re-opens - Monday 25th April 2022

SATs week - Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May 2022

Half Term - School closes Friday 27th May

School Re-opens - Monday 6th June 2022

Sports Day - Friday 24th June 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday – Friday 22nd July 2022

(School breaks up for the Summer Holiday on Thursday 21st July)

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 using 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.