



## Message from Mrs Shaw

Although the first half of our summer term has not felt that summery weather wise, we have embraced all our planned summer activities with the positivity and determination that New Yorkers are known for. The rain has not deterred us from building and competing in the KIT Car competition, where we won the trophy for teamwork and sportsmanship. Our Amber digital photography project has produced some wonderful images despite some grey rainy days and our pupils are impressive with their camera and photographic knowledge and skill. As ever we have welcomed visitors into school and pupils have experienced a variety of educational visits. You will all be aware that we have received our long awaited Ofsted inspection and we will notify our school community of the results when we receive the inspection report. I cannot complete my message without mentioning our brilliant year 6 pupils who have completed their SATS this half term. These pupils have worked so hard and have been determined to be their very best. They have attended breakfast booster sessions and sessions after school with total commitment. Thanks to staff for supporting with these. Results are not published until July but I know that all Year 6 pupils should be PROUD of their efforts and I am enjoying seeing them around school wearing their colourful leavers hoodies. Have a lovely half term break everyone and please remember; pupils return to school on Tuesday 4th June.

## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 93.9% which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
15th April	96.1%	Miss Keay	99.5%
22nd April	95%	Miss Hollywood	100%
29th April	94.8%	Miss Ransome	98.7%
6th May	95%	Miss Hollywood	97.5%
13th May	93.9%	Miss Gladstone / Mr Schofield	99.4%



## Rising Sun Trail and Challenge

On Tuesday 23rd April, Year 5 headed to Rising Sun park to complete an orienteering trail. The aim of the challenge was to collect all 16 markers around the park and make it back to base before an agreed time. We had to work closely with our teammates and use our map reading skills in order to navigate our way around the huge park, walking almost 4 miles over the course of an hour and half! The challenge was great fun and the appearance of the sun was an added bonus!



## Year 6 SATs

We are so proud of our year 6s for sitting their SATs. They have worked so hard all year and that hard work definitely paid off. Staff in school commented on how resilient and determined they were, as well as complimenting their positivity. Well done year 6 - you definitely earned being in the proud book!

## Reception at the Discovery Museum

On Tuesday 30th April Reception classes jumped aboard a coach and headed to the Discovery Museum in Newcastle for a Beep Beep, Off We Go workshop. We spent some time learning about transport past and present and how they have changed over time. We then went on a walk around all of the different exhibitions, finishing our day off with a story 'Lost in the Toy Museum' looking for toys on our scavenger hunt.

Back in the classroom we have used our new knowledge to continue to learn more about different modes of transport from bikes to cars and trains. We can't wait to visit the Stephenson Memorial Railway Museum in June to see the different trains there too!



## Eco News

We are still working on the project at Stephenson Railway Museum, it is going to be a fantastic outdoor space for the community. We went along for two sessions with the team there, where we looked at some of the history and then we went bug hunting with some fantastic equipment. When we got back to the centre we created models of what we found, using clay and plasticine.



## AMBER Projects

Year 4 and 5 have been working with Amber Education on exciting photography projects. We have learnt how to use DSLR cameras and completed sessions to learn different skills from how to focus and zoom to how to carefully angle our cameras.

# AMBER

FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTIVE

### Year 4



### Year 5



## Year 4 Visit to Fish Quay

On Thursday 2nd May, Year 4 visited the North Shields Fish Quay as part of our Sounds of the Fish Quay project. We met Ed Carter who gave us headphones so that we could listen to amplified sounds as we walked and we also brought our DSLR cameras that we had learnt to use with Amber Education.

Watch this space to see our work come to life with animations and an exhibition titled 'Listen to my Photograph'.



## Year 5 Synagogue Visit

On Thursday 16th May, Year 5 pupils visited the Synagogue on Graham Park Road in Gosforth. Here, we learnt more about Judaism and how worship takes place inside the Synagogue. We were fascinated to learn more about the Torah and the Rabbi while looking at real life artefacts.



## That History Bloke- Year 5

### That History Bloke!

On Tuesday 14th May, That History Bloke delivered a brilliant session to Year 5 about the Ancient Greeks. We looked at the many Greek words we still use today, looked at artefacts such as a spear and Greek theatre masks and wrote our names in Greek on wax tablets. Some of us even got dressed up!



## Year 2 Buddhist Temple Visit

On Tuesday 21st May, Year 2 visited the Dhammakaya Meditation Centre in Hebburn. We were greeted by a Buddhist monk who taught us about the life of Buddha, the beliefs of Buddhism and how Buddhists celebrate Vesak day; the day that Buddha was born.



# Enterprise Fair

On Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd May, all pupils in school took part in our annual Enterprise Challenge! Classes were given £10 each to buy resources that could be made into a product to sell at the Enterprise Fair. We had to decide on pricing, create posters and choose our market stall holders! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and well done to Miss Keay's Reception class who made the most money!



## Heroes of History Y1

On Wednesday 22nd May we were lucky enough to take part in a History of Toys workshop. We worked in pairs with a VR headset to look at toys from the past and compared them to the toys we have now.



## Heroes of History Y3

On Wednesday 22nd May we were lucky enough to use virtual reality headsets to look at the objects from the Stone Age focusing on life in the Stone Age, tools of survival and early human communication.





## Heroes of History Y6

As part of our topic this half term, Year 6 were able to expand their understanding of the Ancient Egyptians through virtual reality. They were able to experience examples of life from this time which even included exploring the inside of a tomb!



## Greenpower Kit Car

On Monday 20th May the Year 5 Greenpower kit car team took the kit car to Gateshead stadium, for our annual race meeting. They competed in the drag and slalom events as well as the full lap race. They all displayed fantastic determination, generosity, teamwork and manners, as a result they won the Greenpower Spirit Award.



# Creative Geography- Forest Ed

In Year 5, Mark from ForestEd came to work with us for a Creative Geography afternoon. We explored OS maps of the area before heading outside to create our own maps and keys. We were able to use our Maths and Geography skills, learning how to plot 6 figure grid references. We had a super afternoon and enjoyed developing our mapping skills.



In Year 3 we recapped learning of longitude and latitude. We looked at the longitude and latitude of Newcastle and used this to create a four figure grid reference.



In Year 4, we looked at grid references. We located different points on OS maps across the North East for example Ponteland, Gateshead and Alnwick Castle. After that, we went outside and created our own OS maps to represent the yard.



# Opal OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING Opal

We love OPAL playtimes!  
 Help us to be as creative as possible.  
 If you have any toys, books, pots and pans, musical instruments, blankets or dressing up clothes that your child has grown out of, please donate them to school for us to play with.

If you have any used or unwanted toys, please donate them to school to enhance our OPAL play times.

**New York Primary School**  
 Come as you are. Leave at your best.



We have access to the grass and field every day. Please bring a pair of wellies into school so that your school shoes stay dry.

If you have any wellies that your child has grown out of please donate them to us.

**Wellies Needed**

Do you have any wellies that your child has grown out of?  
 If so, please donate to school!



# Sporting News



## Active Mile Day



Even the rain did not stop our Year 1 Owls from completing their active mile!

Year 3 enjoyed the Active Mile, and showed resilience to complete it in the rain!



Year 2 and Year 4 cheering each other around the course, it certainly got our tired legs moving in the last lap!



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# Sporting News



## Hoops for Health

Year 5 enjoyed two training sessions with the Eagles Foundation coach. During the sessions, children practised their basketball skills before playing matches and thinking about how to work as part of a team.

## Gymnastics

On 24th April, our small but mighty year 3 and 4 gymnastics team took part in the key step 2 gymnastics festival. They worked hard to learn and perfect a routine that they then performed to the judges. They worked so hard and it showed when they came 7th out of over 20 teams in North Tyneside.



## Girls Football

On Wednesday 15th May our girls took part in the first round of competitive football at John Spence. We played 2 games of football, showing teamwork, skill and determination. Well done girls, we play again on Wednesday 5th June.

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# Dates for your diary

- Friday 24th May - Finish for half term
- Monday 3rd June - Teacher training day
- Tuesday 4th June - Children return to school
- Tuesday 4th June - Friday 14th June - Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June - Phonics Screening Check
- Wednesday 12th June - Year 5 class assembly
- Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June - STEM Week
- Friday 21st June - STEM Fair
- Monday 24th June - Nursery New Starters Meeting
- Tuesday 25th June KS1 Sports Day AM
- Tuesday 25th June KS2 Sports Day PM
- Tuesday 25th June - Reception New Starters Meeting
- Wednesday 26th June EYFS Sports Day AM & PM
- Thursday 27th June - Y5/6 Beach Trip
- Friday 28th June - Non-Uniform Day
- Tuesday 2nd July - Book Look
- Friday 5th July - Summer (Music) Festival
- Saturday 6th July - Shiremoor Treat
- Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July - Beach Trips EYFS, KS1 and KS2
- Friday 12th July - School Summer Fayre
- Saturday 13th July - Mouth of the Tyne Festival
- Monday 15th July and Tuesday 16th July - Transition Days
- Thursday 18th July - Finish for Summer holidays
- Friday 19th July - Teacher training day

## TOP TIP

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