

Year 4 are Out & About - Backhouse Park!



As part of our celebrations for Earth Day 2021, the year 4 children went to visit Backhouse Park. We all took identification sheets to see if we could find different trees, flowers, birds and minibeasts. The children had a wonderful time searching the different environments to see what they could discover. Our favourite were definitely the wonderfully bright green parakeets and the beautiful daffodils. The children also completed a scavenger hunt and had the opportunity to sketch a 360° drawing to show what they could see all around them. Before returning to school, we even had time for a turn in the play park. Everyone had a wonderful time. Mrs Millican.

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The Fox and the Star!



This half-term Y2 are reading the story 'The Fox and the Star'. The children have really engaged with the text so far and have been eager to read the next part of the story as the weeks have progressed. We have been writing diary entries this week and the children have written in the role of Fox. We have started to create our own artwork inspired by Coralie Bickford-Smith's eye-catching style and we are proud of how they are shaping up. We cannot wait to share the end results with you all! Mrs Dolan & Mrs Mitchell.

Let it Grow!



We have had some new Little Butterflies join us this term. We have been settling them into their new surroundings and letting them have some time to spend with their key worker and get to know their new friends. The children have enjoyed reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and this sparked a lot of interest in plants and how things grow. We decided to plant our own beanstalks and we've been making sure we look after them by watering them every day. We have also done some gardening in our planting area, where the children have planted some seeds. We can't wait to watch our seeds turn into colourful flowers. Don't forget to like us on Facebook 'Little Butterflies Nursery' so you can see regular updates of what we get up too. Thankyou, from the Little Butterflies Team.

Toys old and new in Year 1



This half term our topic is all about toys old and new. We began by looking at the toys that we play with now and the toys that our grandparents used to play with. This led us to look at the materials that toys are made from now compared to what they used to be made from. We designed our own moving toy and decided to test different materials to see which ones would be best to use to make our toys. We tested whether they were waterproof and whether they were bendy. We are enjoying this topic so far and can't wait to make our toys next week. Miss Stell.

Plants and Seeds in Reception!



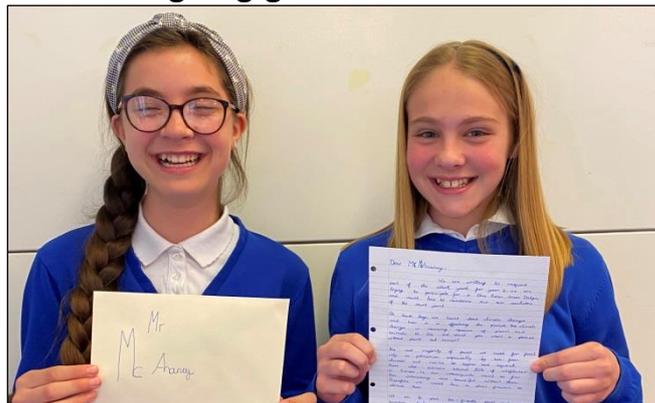
In reception we have been investigating plants and seeds! We have researched using non-fiction books to find out what the seeds need to grow. Taking care of the seeds has been hard work, but they are starting to grow which is really exciting. We have been starting to write sentences about our seeds, noticing small changes and why we think these have happened. Growing things is a lot of fun and we are hoping to grow even more things this term! Miss Barnett.

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Year 6 are going green!



After being inspired by their Earth Day lessons on climate change and the impact it is having on the planet, Y6 decided they wanted to go green. They have set their sights on the Blue Peter Green Badge so as a class we researched what they needed to do in order to achieve it. There are three pledges that they need to do for 2 whole weeks: switch 30 minutes screen time for outdoor time, sort the rubbish and recycling, and turn off the taps when brushing their teeth. They also needed to choose one more pledge to do as a whole class so they chose to switch all lights and devices off when leaving the classroom. Some of the children decided to write to Mr McAnaney to ask him for a section of the courtyard where they could plant and maintain bee friendly plants. Another group of children decided that World Vegetarian Day wasn't as widely publicised as it should be so are writing a letter to Boris Johnson for his help. All of the groups know how important it is for other children to take responsibility too so they have made posters, videos and power points for younger children to explain how to go green. I am so proud of how enthusiastic the children have been and the work they have put into the project so far. Miss Hunter.

Health on the Menu for Y4KM!



This half term, we're learning all about our bodies, diets and how to be healthy. We are enjoying reading 'The Dragon with the Chocolate Heart', which follows the journey of a young dragon who eats enchanted chocolate and turns into her worst fear, a human. We have written diary entries, wrote detailed descriptions and discussed the role of the characters. In Science, we have focused on balanced diets and how to stay healthy. We have learned all about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and will be moving onto the human skeleton. Miss Muldowney.

Scrumdiddlyumptious!



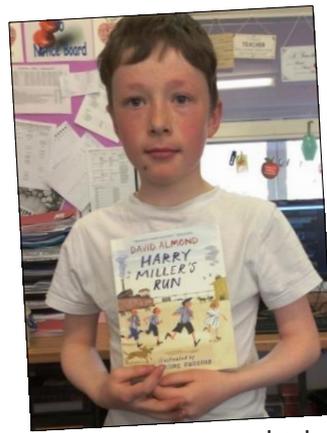
In Year 3, our new topic is called 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' and we have been learning all about healthy eating. To kick-start our topic, we created some fantastic projects at home. We have been focusing on how humans get the nutrition they need from foods that we eat. We have discussed the meaning of a balanced diet and know that we need a variety of foods from the five different food groups. We have also looked at which foods are needed to help us grow and which foods help give us energy. As well as learning about how humans get their nutrition, we have also been investigating which foods different animals need to eat to get their nutrition. We know that some animals are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Within our healthy eating topic, we have also learned how to prepare fruits by washing and cutting them carefully with a knife before blending them into a delicious smoothie. Miss Cassidy.

Y3EC – Smoothie making!



As part of our 'healthy eating' topic for this half term, year 3EC have been writing instructions for how to make a delicious fruit smoothie. We thought carefully about the ingredients we wanted, then wrote out a method including lots of imperative verbs, adverbs and time connectives. Then, later in the week we followed our own instructions carefully to make the smoothie! We chopped, peeled and scooped out lots of different fruits and blended them together with either yoghurt or milk. Most of them were delicious, but some could have done with a little sugar! Miss Charlton.

Reciprocal Reading- in Y5CB



In Year 5CB we have really enjoyed our work in our reciprocal reading. We have been looking at the book 'Harry Miller's Run' by David Almond. The book is set in the North-East and the children have really loved reading the different dialectal words (many that are very familiar to them) that Harry uses in the story. We have

worked hard to understand some trickier words in the text as well as analysing the way the text portrays Harry's memories through flashback. This is a technique we have then broken down to use in our own writing in our English lessons so reading 'Harry Miller's Run' was a fantastic opener to this and helped guide many children's planning and re-drafting. Mrs Buddle.

Toys to the Rescue!



Year 1CT have been reading a new book 'Traction Man' linked our topic of 'Toy Story'. So far, we have enjoyed reading about Traction Man's adventures around the house and thought it would be brilliant if we had some toys who could go on adventures in our classroom. Low and behold, the next day we had two new friends join our class – Spiderman and Barbie! We have had so much fun already planning adventures around the classroom – one day we had a poisonous pencil causing trouble and Spiderman came to the rescue! We can't wait to see what other exciting activities our topic will bring! Miss Tose.

GPS on Social Media



Our main social media is Facebook, but we also use Twitter from time to time, and we are set to re-launch our Instagram. We have recently set up a brand new Facebook page, for our 2 year old Nursery – Little Butterflies.

Please check out our pages:

School Facebook: [Grangetownprimary](#)
Little Butterflies Facebook: [LittleButterfliesGPS](#)
Twitter: [Grangetown_PS](#)
Instagram: [grangetown_ps](#)

Paris, je t'aime!



Our children in year 3 have been finding out all about Paris this month. They have really enjoyed learning all about this beautiful capital city. There are so many wonderful attractions to see, and we have enjoyed virtual visits to several famous monuments. The children have been discovering the French names for these sights and they have come up with their own actions to help them learn these new words. We have watched a 24-hour time lapse of a panoramic view of Paris including la Tour Eiffel, l'Arc de Triomphe and la Tour Montparnasse. The lights are so pretty when night falls. The story 'Où Est Mon Chat?' follows a cat called Mistigri on an adventure in Paris. Everyone enjoyed searching for the mischievous cat on each page. Madame Blackett.

Marvellous Mayans



The Year 5 topic this term is the 'Marvellous Mayans' and is all about the ancient civilisation of the Maya people. The children have been learning about when the Mayan people lived and in which modern day countries they were found. The children have been learning about how Mayan society was organised. They have also found out about the Mayan's religion and researched what the different Gods represent. The children have also designed their own Mayan God and written about it. The children have also looked at Mayan design and have designed and made a Mayan tile and are going to make a Mayan coil pot. In future lessons, the children will learn about Mayan daily life; their alphabet and number system and Mayan farming and what they ate. The children are really enjoying the topic and learning lots of new things. Miss McLoughlin.

Investigating Plants in Nursery!



This half term, Nursery have had lots of fun planting our own Cress and Sunflowers! We talked about what they needed to grow big and strong, such as sun, water, space and time. Our cress grew so quickly, so we made some egg and cress sandwiches to taste test. We also learned all the parts of a plant, such as Stem, Leaf, Flower and Roots. We could see the roots of our sunflowers through the bottom of the plant pot. Lots of the children tried to investigate the different seeds and herbs, by carefully cutting them open. We have focussed on two books- Little Red Hen and The Enormous Turnip. We made a story map and used puppets to act out The Little Red Hen. We also enjoyed making some roasted turnips and some turnip soup, then deciding if we liked them or not. We have done some paint stamping with the turnips and used our fine motor skills to dig up pretend turnips from the soil! We can't wait to keep working outdoors, and observing the changes to our garden over Summer. Miss Holyoak and Mrs Hanlon.

Dates for your Diary



- Tuesday afternoons:** Y5CB swimming (4 more weeks).
- Wed 12th May:** Year 2 visit to Penshaw Monument.
- Tues 18th May:** 1VS Walkwise visitors in school.
- Wed 19th May:** 1CT Walkwise visitors in school.
- Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June:** Half-Term break – school closed.
- Mon 7th June:** sch reopens for Summer 2 half-term.
- Tues 8th June:** Year 1 visit to Buddhist Temple.
- Tues 15th June:** Y6 Wild Oyster Project visitor in sch.
- Fri 18th June:** Year 5 visit to Harhope Quarry.
- Fri 16th July:** sch closes at 1.00pm for Summer hol.
- Tues 7th Sept:** School re-opens for the Autumn Term & the new school year.

GPS on the Web

Our website has recently had a refurb – what do you think?
www.grangetown.sunderland.sch.uk