

Year 4 impress in skipping festival!



The Y4 children had a fantastic afternoon taking part in the Sunderland Skipping Festival. After weeks of practice and perseverance, the children had made amazing progress in their skipping ability. They demonstrated their amazing skills in either individual or group skipping competitions. Individual skills included single or double bounce, hop and swap, the cross over and the pretzel. Our team skippers used the long rope to jump in and out of. The children were brilliant and many gained bronze, silver or gold positions. Overall, as a school, Grangetown claimed bronze place. Everyone had a wonderful time! Mrs Millican.

Caring for our Caterpillars!



The Little Butterflies have had some special visitors this half term. We have been caring for 5 hungry caterpillars. When our caterpillars arrived we had to keep them safe in a small clear pot. While they were in their pot we noticed that they were growing very fast and soon became big, fat caterpillars! After about 2 weeks our caterpillars became chrysalides and hung from the lid of the pot (this is where the magic happens)! When they were ready they emerged from the chrysalides as beautiful butterflies!! The children absolutely loved caring for our butterflies. We shared our snack of oranges and bananas with them and gave them some special nectar water. After a couple of days we released the butterflies into our garden. We added some nectar water to some of our plants so that they would come back and visit us. The LB Team.

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Year 2 remember a forgotten local hero!

Year 2 have been studying about a forgotten local hero – Harry Watts. We have been learning all about his early life and the jobs that he had throughout his life. We also learned about the heroic acts that he carried out and how he was rewarded for his bravery. As part of this unit, we visited the



Sunderland Museum, where we got to see Harry's medals. We took part in a workshop and we impressed the workshop leader with our extensive knowledge about Harry. We also explored the museum's exhibits and looked at a very old boat that Harry brought to the surface, as well as a diving suit similar to one that Harry himself would have worn. Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Roberts.



Places available for September 2022!

- We are still taking applications for Reception, for Sep 2022.
- We also have places in Nursery (both the 2 and 3 year olds)
- Please contact school for more details, and a tour of our Early Years if you wish. We look forward to meeting you.
- Also, you can apply here: <https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-infant-junior-primary>

A visit to Lord Lambton!



A group of Y6 visited Lambton Estate in County Durham. We visited in order to find out about the different careers that are available to us when we grow up. We began the day visiting the new housing development on the site and met the site manager. He explained the different roles that he is responsible for and the people he manages. We also got to see some wonderful new houses and the cars parked outside of them - Bob told us we need to aspire to achieve similar things! We then met a sergeant from the Northumbria Mounted police division and were introduced to the police horses. Did you know that the horses are now classed as police officers? This was definitely a highlight of our day because we are all animal lovers. We then went to the country estate and met the groundskeeper (and his working dogs). He took us for a tour of the gardens where we got to plant our own flower patch. The whole day was fantastic and we left feeling very inspired. Miss Hunter.

Songs, Stories and Rhymes



Language learning should always include singing, reading stories and reciting rhymes. Our children thoroughly enjoy this aspect of our French lessons. Y2 have been learning how to sing 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and have found it helpful that they know the song in English. Y3 have been practising a rhyme about the Eiffel Tower - this has helped them to understand how to pronounce certain French sounds. Y4 have read a story which many of them were familiar with in English - 'Brown, Bear, Brown Bear'. This has helped them to describe animals themselves. Y5 have read a story about a lion that finds its way to Paris and is amazed by the sights it sees. Finally, Y6 have been learning a song all about what you do each day of the week. This has helped them to write their presentations, describing what they do at the weekend. They have done a wonderful job of presenting their work to the rest of the class. Mrs Blackett.

Year 1 visit Souter Lighthouse



Year 1 had an amazing time visiting Souter Lighthouse this half term. We have been learning about Grace Darling who was a Lighthouse Keepers daughter and she became famous for saving the lives of nine people in a shipwreck. What better way to learn about the type of life Grace had than to visit a Lighthouse! We began by looking at the staff quarters in the Lighthouse, looking at what the rooms would have looked like at Grace's Lighthouse. We then found out how the fog horn noise is made and looked at the machines that pump the air through. We then climbed the steep staircase all the way to the lamp room at the top. We looked at the views and found out how the lamp works. After lunch, we went to Roker Beach where we played on the sand and in the water. Before we came back to school, we had a delicious ice cream! We had such an amazing day and learnt so much about Lighthouses! Miss Tose and Miss Nixon.

Snow-Much Fun!



Year 2 had a fabulous time when we went snow tubing at Silksworth ski slope as part of our health week activities. We all had to carry our tube to the top of the slope, before zipping down the slope. We were all so brave and all of us plucked up the courage to slide down the slope. In fact, we all loved it - staff included! Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Roberts.

Y2 go rock pooling!



As part of our science topic 'Living Things' we have been learning about micro habitats. These are smaller parts of a bigger habitat. We worked with Seascapes to help us explore a beach microhabitat - a rock pool! The children had a fantastic time exploring and collecting various creatures living along our shoreline. We found crabs, snails, fish, anemones and a starfish. Mrs Roberts and Mrs Mitchell.

Y3 Broomhouse Farm



Y3 had a fantastic trip to Broomhouse Farm! Again the weather was kind to us as we looked at the changes in the farm from when we visited in spring. The children got to observe the hens and they collected some eggs. They also saw the piglets – they were much bigger than when we last saw them. They visited the goats and were able to stroke them. We were lucky enough to go into the forest again in the afternoon and the children enjoyed completing an animal trail before they enjoyed climbing on the different obstacles courses. The children were very well behaved throughout and a credit to school. Mrs Bracknall.

Year 4 – Hidden Stories



This half term, Y4 have taken part in a Hidden Stories Project with artist Ruth Johnson. They explored the hidden stories of 1719 and took inspiration from William Elliot's note. The children

began the project by using drama, acting out scenarios and playing games. They then made booklets to plan their stories before using their creative writing skills to complete their finished stories linked to the hidden secrets found inside the church. They then created a clay model of their chosen artefact and made a box from paper origami to keep their stories and object safe. Their final creation was hidden in Holy Trinity Church as part of an exciting exhibition that the children were invited back to and looked at all the other projects from different schools and organisations that took part. They thoroughly enjoyed the project and loved creating their own stories. Miss Cassidy & Mrs Millican.

Space in Year 5



For their Science topic this half term, the children have been learning about space. They have learned the names of the planets in the solar system and created a mnemonic to help them to recall their names. They have learned about the orbits and rotations of the earth, sun and the moon. They used the internet to research the temperatures of the different planets and considered if a planet was nearer the sun would it be hotter. The children have learned that the moon has different phases and that these have different names. The Year 5 class novel has been 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge and is about a boy whose dad is an astronaut and what happens when Jamie makes contact with an alien. In art, the children explored the work of an artist called Peter Thorpe, who paints space images and used his work to inspire their own artwork. In English, the children have written an explanation text about how a rocket flies. The children are all looking forward to our Space Day on Wednesday 20th July. Miss McLoughlin.

GPS Stars - Sunderland Schools Triathlon



A group of our year five and year six children recently competed in the first ever Sunderland Schools Triathlon, held at Silksworth Sports Complex. The children had to do each discipline for a set amount of time, and the distance covered in the allotted time was measured. At the end of each discipline, the children's position was determined by how far they had managed to travel. At the end of the event all the distances were added up to find the overall winner. We finished a creditable 5th and there were also individual winners. All of our children who took part were excellent ambassadors for our school, showing fantastic sportsmanship and excellent interaction with children from other schools. The Mayor of Sunderland commented on how good the children were during the event. Mr B Newby.

Y5's Amazing Space Projects!



Year 5KM have put so much effort into their space projects this half term! The children were given five weeks to complete a project based on our space topic – for example rockets, solar system models and more! The projects have been flooding in, and the children have enjoyed presenting them and their knowledge to the rest of the class. Some children have done extra research based on our lessons and added this to their creations. Well done Y5! Miss Muldowney

Health Fortnight a huge success!



For our annual Health Fortnight we had a range of fun and engaging activities, and we were fortunate enough to have dry weather throughout. We started the week with our own Year 5/6 World Cup football tournament - later in the week Year 3/4 enjoyed the same tournament and there were some impressive goals! Other activities included dance, handball, archery, tri-golf – plus obstacle courses on the field. As well as lots of visitors, we also had some classes out and about, including snow tubing for Y2 & Y3, soft play for Y1 and swimming for Y4. As ever, our annual Sports Days were a huge success - the children worked brilliantly in their teams and this year it was the yellow team (Cuthbert) who won the prestigious trophy. It was great to see so many parents and carers coming to support their children. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the week. Mrs Bracknall.

Nursery Learn about the Sea!



This month, Nursery have loved learning all about the beach, summer and sea creatures. The children have liked focussing on our core stories, Barry The Fish With Fingers and Sharks. We

finished off our topic with a trip to Seaham Beach. We all got on the public bus and enjoyed a lovely morning building sandcastles, paddling in the sea water and enjoying some fruit and biscuits on the beach. Miss Hanlon & Miss Holyoak.

Nursery sports days



We invited our parents and carers into school to take part in some sports sessions with their child. The children got to show their adult what we have been doing in P.E. lessons as well as play with some sports equipment outside. The children were so sensible and really enjoyed the activities. Thank you to all of our Nursery parents and carers for coming along...some even came twice! Mrs Hanlon & Miss Holyoak.

Reception Keeping Healthy and Fit!



The Reception children have had a very active month, celebrating our health fortnight and Sports Day. We have been walking around our field every morning to get our bodies and brains awake for the day of learning. We have been doing lots of dancing in the classroom to get our hearts beating, and we've also done some yoga to help us stay calm! Sports day was a lovely morning celebrating moving with our families. We had weaving in and out of obstacles, hurdles to jump over, beams to balance along, balls and beanbags to aim and throw, hula hoops and skipping ropes to test our skills. The children have loved getting in the sporty spirit and enjoying moving more!

Dates for your Diary



Tues 12th July. 3.30pm. Reception – new parents/carers meeting
 Wed 13th July. 1.00pm - Girls Football Finals - Beacon of Light
 Wed 13th July. 3.30pm - Nursery - Stay and Play for new starters
 Thurs 14th July. 4.00pm. Y4/5 Football tournament – Ford Hub
 Mon 18th July Y6 – Summer Show - Aladdin! 2pm and 5pm.
 Tues 19th July 9.15-10.15. Children spend a lesson with their new teachers for Sept!
 Tuesday 19th July. Grangetown's Got Talent Auditions! With Mrs Davies.
 Tues 19th July. 3.30pm - Welcome to Y1 – parents/carers meeting
 Wed 20th July. Year 5 - Space Day! Y5 – Space dress-up and activities day.
 Thurs 21st July. Grangetown's Got Talent 2022!
 Thurs 21st July. Y6 Leavers' Lunch!
 Fri 22nd July. Summer Raffle Draw – in Assembly
 Fri 22nd July. Morning - Nursery and Reception Summer picnic!
 Fri 22nd July. School closes at 1pm for last day of summer term.