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

SCHOOL'S SPORTING SUCCESS AT BERNARD GILPIN PRIMARY

FOOTBALL

This half term has been both busy and successful on the school football field. The Girls' A team finished as overall runners up in the County Cup competition, narrowly missing out on winning the cup by one goal. The team comfortably progressed through the early rounds of the competition, conceding only one goal and even remaining undefeated throughout the whole tournament. A massive well done to all of the girls involved in this success. Added to this, a total of twenty girls represented the school in two teams in the Jill Scott Trophy, with one of the sides qualifying for the final to be played later in the school year.

The school's A, B and C teams have also been in action throughout the half term. The B team were recently crowned champions of the Hetton and Lambton B League, remaining undefeated and having won an amazing nine out of their ten games played, conceding no goals along the way. The C team qualified for the Hetton and Lambton Cup final, after two excellent performances, including defeating the previously undefeated B team in the semi-final stage. The A team also performed very well in the Hetton and Lambton A League, finishing in third place overall. Well done to everyone involved in these footballing successes.



Bernard Gilpin Girls Football Team - County Cup Runners Up 2022

KWIK CRICKET

This half term saw the return of the annual Kwik Cricket competitions for primary schools, held at Philadelphia and Hetton Lyons Primary Schools. Two teams of ten boys and girls represented Bernard Gilpin exceptionally well, with one of the teams winning all of their matches comfortably and progressing to the Sunderland Schools final. A huge well done to everyone involved in this cricketing success.

TRI GOLF

A team of Year 3 and 4 children recently participated in a Tri Golf tournament held at Kepier School. The competition consisted of a number of different games designed to develop skills needed to play golf. The children on the team performed exceptionally well in all of the skill games and finished the competition in first place overall. Well done to everyone involved in this success.



Year 3 and 4 Quad Athletics team



Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf team

QUAD ATHLETICS

A team of Year 3 and 4 children were successful when competing in the QuadAthletics event held at Silksworth Sports Complex. The children competed in a 400m run, 50m sprint, standing long jump and howler throw. Due to the children's great successes, they will now compete in the Tyne & Wear finals at Monkton Stadium in June - well done.

SWIMMING

Two teams recently represented Bernard Gilpin at the Sunderland Aquatic Centre in a swimming gala. All of the children involved swam exceptionally well in all of the events held, including a 4 x 25m Freestyle and a 4 x 25m Medley with both teams successfully reaching the finals. A massive well done to everyone involved in this event.

THE LEARNING CONTINUES IN SCHOOL AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM



Reception learning the role of vets



Year 1 acting in role as Bernard Gilpin



Year 2 creating a World map in Geography

Reception have been learning about Vets and Pets, and have particularly enjoyed using the vets role play area in the classroom to care for the animals, check their temperature and wrap them in bandages. The children then wrote instructions about how to look after the animals. During Conservation Week, the children learnt about their adopted animal: the Giant Panda. As well as creating a fact file about this endangered animal, they also learnt about how their habitat has been damaged and how they can help to make things better by recycling and re-using objects.

Year 1 have studied the life of Bernard Gilpin, sequencing his main life events, taking part in role play and comparing historical artefacts. In Maths, they have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, halving and quartering. In English Year 1 have been writing their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk as well as writing instructions for planting cress seeds. Year 1 also looked at the Amazon Rainforest and the impact deforestation has on Jaguars and other animals during Conservation Week.

Year 2 have been reading 'The Secret Garden' in their English lessons. They have been practising writing from a character's perspective through re-telling the journey of Mary Lennox, as she travelled from India to the Yorkshire Moors. In Geography, they have been focusing on this term's unit 'My World', where the children have identified each continent and ocean across the globe. They also made a class world map and recognised both physical and human features of each continent. In this term's Music lessons, the children have been learning a song all about 'Friendship' and have enjoyed playing the glockenspiels along to the music.

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about plants in Science and conducting a number of investigations about the best conditions for plant growth. The children have enjoyed learning about the Prehistoric Period in History, analysing a range of artefacts and sources to develop an understanding of this time period. They have enjoyed researching all about Skara Brae and creating a poster to demonstrate their understanding. In English, Year 3 have loved reading the 'BFG' and have created a range of fantastic pieces of writing, including instructions on how to catch a dream.

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard to recall all times table facts to 12x12 and developing their understanding of decimals and money. In English, they have continued to enjoy reading 'Coraline' by Neil Gaiman, producing a range of writing based on it. The children have also immersed themselves in their Computing unit, creating fantastic short films using the iPads. In History, the children have been learning about 'The Ancient Maya' and have particularly enjoyed creating their own Mayan gods, drawing Mayan temples and creating their own Mayan mask. In Science, during the 'Animals Including Humans' unit, the children have enjoyed investigations linking to the digestive system as well as exploring food chains in the school's wildlife garden.

Year 5 have greatly enjoyed studying the play 'Macbeth' by Shakespeare, which inspired the writing of some very entertaining play scripts. The children also enjoyed taking part in the drama activity 'Conscience Alley' which helped them to plan and write a balanced argument. In Science, Year 5 have studied 'Living Things and their Habitats' and are witnessing metamorphosis first-hand by caring for caterpillars. Once they emerge as Painted Lady Butterflies, the children will release them into the school wildlife garden. In History, the children have used a range of primary sources to learn about Victorian Britain and were amazed to discover how many Victorian inventions, including Jelly Babies, are still used today.

Year 6 recently visited SafetyWorks! in Newcastle, where they were impressed by the setup of this multi-agency and highly interactive safety centre. All of the children participated in a number of different real-life scenarios, all of which have been specifically designed to develop personal safety awareness in realistic situations. Each of the different scenarios illustrated potential every day hazards and how best to prevent them from occurring including water safety with the RNLI, dog safety with the Blue Cross, fire safety with the Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade, as well as road and rail safety. On return to school, the children designed safety awareness posters, including what they had learned in relation to each of the areas of keeping safe.



Year 3 enjoyed researching Skara Brae



Year 4 in the school wildlife garden



Year 5 completing their conscience alley



Year 6 with the RNLI at SafetyWorks!



Children across the school wore red, white and blue in a giant '70' for the Jubilee

QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

All of the children and staff in school recently celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, by coming into school dressed in red, white and blue to match the colours of the Union Jack flag. The celebrations took place to mark the amazing achievement of Her Majesty the Queen becoming the first ever British monarch to reign for 70 years. Each year group took part in a range of learning activities to develop an understanding of the importance of Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed coming into school wearing red, white and blue, hats, wigs and waving their flags. All of the children across the school also had a great time eating their traditional picnic in the sunshine as well as creating a giant number 70 on the school field to mark this very special occasion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.trockstars.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.



Children wearing red, white and blue and enjoying a picnic for the Queen's Jubilee



CONSERVATION WEEK 2022

All year groups across the school took part in a week of learning focused on the theme of conservation, which took inspiration from the BBC documentary series, 'A Perfect Planet.' Each year group used an episode from this thought-provoking series, narrated by Sir David Attenborough, as a focal point for studying major global issues such as deforestation of the rainforests, mass pollution in the earth's water and global warming.

The issues raised in each film were then discussed and examined in great detail by the children, who then went on to investigate possible ways of making a positive impact on a local and global scale. Each year group was also delighted to continue their adoption support an endangered animal through the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), linked to their environment studied - the children were also introduced to a toy version of their adopted animal including Pablo the Polar Bear, Sheldon the Turtle and Oreo the Gorilla. Well done to all involved for making Conservation Week a great success across the school.

DENIM FOR DEMENTIA DAY

On Friday 20th 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. Thank you to the School Council for helping to organise and promote the event, and to everyone involved for their efforts and generous contributions towards this great cause.

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 6th June 2022 for another exciting half term.