



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

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE NORTHERN FINAL OF THE EFL KIDS CUP COMPETITION



The Bernard Gilpin football A-Team recently played in the Northern Final of the EFL Kids Cup, held in Huddersfield. The team progressed to this advanced stage of the competition after winning the earlier group stages and as such, were awarded the honour of representing Sunderland AFC in the Northern Finals, with the winning team going on to play the Grand Final at Wembley Stadium. This is the third time in recent years that Bernard Gilpin have reached the Northern Final stage of the EFL Cup.

The team performed exceptionally well throughout the early stages of this national tournament and finished top of their group - this was ahead of three very strong opposing teams who were there representing Hull City, Wigan Athletic and Blackburn Rovers. In the semi-finals, the team faced further tough opposition and once again performed exceptionally well. Neither side was able to find a breakthrough goal and the game ended 0-0 after extra time; it was to be decided on penalties. Unfortunately, the boys lost by one penalty in the final stage of the shootout.



The children were all an absolute credit to themselves, school and Sunderland AFC who they represented; every one of them can hold their heads high after the experience, playing the game the right way with hard work, determination and excellent sportsmanship. They also have plenty of other trophies to play for after the Easter break, as they remain unbeaten and top of the league in the Hetton & Lambton and Sunderland 7-a-side and 9-a-side leagues and are through to the quarter final of the 9-a-side cup. A massive well done to everyone involved in this superb footballing experience.

# THE LEARNING CONTINUES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Reception at Tweddle Farm



Year 1 at Souter Lighthouse



Year 2 at the Grace Darling Memorial



Year 3 at the Laing Art Gallery

**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 - 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 ducklings hatch, helping to take care of them as they grew.

**Year 1** visited Souter Lighthouse on the North Sea Coast at Whitburn as part of their All at Sea Geography unit. They thoroughly enjoyed being given a guided tour around the lighthouse and the lighthouse keeper's cottage, as well as leaning about the different ways ships communicated with each other in the past. The children then climbed all seventy-six steps to the very top of the lighthouse, where they used electric circuits to make their own miniature lighthouses to take home.

**Year 2** visited the Grace Darling Memorial Museum in Bamburgh, linking to 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 as they carried out role play activities in costumes to get into the character's roles. On their 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 Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle linking to their Art unit of study on printing and collage. The children explored traditional printing techniques through the work of Thomas Bewick, then created their own prints using the different printmaking techniques that they had learned about. The children also studied the various artists' work in the gallery and analysed different paintings, stating what they observed about each piece.

**Year 4** visited the Discovery Museum in relation to their Science units of Electricity and Sound. The children enjoyed exploring these areas in the Science Maze using the wide variety of practical equipment available. In the electricity section, the children completed various circuits, solved problems relating to 'broken' circuits, investigated switches and explored insulators and conductors, helping them to gain a deeper understanding of the taught concepts. The children then used the range of sound tubes to discover how sound changes, investigated pitch and volume and explored how sound travels.

**Year 5** became NASA astronauts for the day, when they stepped on board the International Space Station for a virtual tour. This was in relation to their Science unit on Earth and Space and they were amazed by the awesome view of from the Space Station. They also learnt all about how astronauts live in Space for up to six months at a time and what their role as a NASA astronaut includes. When they landed back on Earth, the children of Year 5 investigated gravity by conducting a 'crater drop' investigation, as well as developing their knowledge of the relationship between the Earth, Sun and Moon and how it affects life on our planet.

**Year 6** 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, making positive choices with Northumbria Police, 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 4 at the Discovery Museum



The 'Crater Drop' investigation in Year 5



Year 6 at SafetyWorks! In Newcastle

## COMIC RELIEF: RED NOSE DAY 2023

On Friday 17th March, everyone in 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 related items including red 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 thank you for the generous donations towards this great cause.



## HIGH-FIVE NETBALL

The Year 5/6 netball team have continued to compete in the Sunderland Primary School Netball Association (SPSNA) high-five netball tournament, held at the Beacon of Light in Sunderland. The children demonstrated excellent passing and shooting skills throughout the competition, 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, displaying fantastic attitude and teamwork at all times. A huge well done to everyone involved.

## TAG RUGBY

A team of Year 6 children recently represented the school at a Tag Rugby tournament held at Kepier School. The children performed extremely well throughout the whole event, showing good teamwork and determination, and finished in second place overall. Well done to everyone involved.



The Year 6 Tag Rugby Team



The Year 4 Skipping Team

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Easter Holiday** - School closes Friday 31st March 2023
- School Re-opens** - Monday 17th April 2023
- Bank Holiday for King's Coronation** - Monday 8th May 2023
- KS2 SATs week** - Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023
- Summer Holiday** - School closes Thursday 20th July 2023

## 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.



A wide range of fantastic World Book Day costumes on display

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

On Thursday 2nd March, everybody in school - children and staff alike - celebrated stories and a love of reading by dressing up as a favourite book character for World Book Day. The children shared their favourite authors and book recommendations with the rest of their class. Many thanks to everyone involved for all of the effort put into the costumes, which were absolutely fantastic. Every child also received a token to spend on a World Book Day story of their choice.

## SKIPPING FESTIVAL

The Year 4 skipping team recently competed against other schools at the Beacon of Light in a range of individual and group events. Their hard work, practice and dedication paid off as gold, silver and bronze prizes were awarded in every event in the festival. The children demonstrated excellent skipping skills and they all represented themselves and the school superbly throughout the whole event. Well done to everyone involved.

## CLUBS ARE BOOMING

Monday	STEM	Lego	Football
Tuesday	Yoga	American Football	Cinema
			Basketball
Wednesday	Bernard's Master Chef	Drama & Music	Football
Thursday	Computing	Sewing & Crafts	Netball
Friday	Dance	Gaming	Basketball
			D&T

## 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 17th April 2023 for another exciting term.

