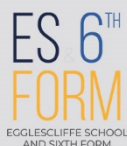




TRUST NEWSLETTER

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Chandlers Ridge Academy



School Council:

Throughout school, each class has elected its own school council member. The school council is facilitated by our house and vice captains.

The school council have devised a questionnaire for children in school and they will be asking the children in their class all about Chandlers Ridge.

Visitors into school

Our Year 6 have been taking part in a range of workshops arranged by the North East Raising Aspiration Partnership. They have been taking part in discussions and activities around the different career choices that can be achieved through university. This was a thought-provoking day.

Year 5 have welcomed Zoolab into school to help with their Rainforest animal knowledge. They had a great session holding and discussing animals and their adaptations for the rainforest.



Art across school this term

During this half term, much of our artwork has been about nature. Years 1 and 2 have worked on natural sculptures and they have worked together to form natural objects like sculptural artist such as Andy Goldworthy.

Year 3 have studied leaves and most recently used pastels for pumpkins. Year 4 have been using the watercolours for autumn-inspired scenes after looking at different techniques with leaves.

Year 5 have had studied feathers- one of the techniques used was scoring a tile and painting it to create a relief print. They also trialled etching the shape of feathers.



Egglescliffe School

Students of the week

This term we have introduced a Student of the Week award. Each Head of Year nominates a deserving recipient from the year group. They then get to spend some time with Mrs Oyston and Mr Gittins, discussing life at Egglescliffe over a cup of hot chocolate. Both Mrs Oyston and Mr Gittins have said this has quickly become the highlight of their week having time to meet a group of students from across the school who are excellent role models and strive to '*be the best they can be*'.

Students are given the opportunity during this discussion to outline ways in which the school can be improved further. We are looking forward to meeting the final recipients of the half term this week.



European day of languages!

Students were challenged to complete a treasure hunt around the school. They needed to identify the flag, the greeting, the language it was made in and the country it came from. We had a busy afternoon in languages doling out treasure prizes! We also ran a quiz across our social media platforms - over 400 people got involved!

Our student-voice team decided the PE department should be crowned the winners of our staff competition!



National Poetry Day!

Students spent the day writing, illustrating and performing their own poems!

The English corridor was a hive of activity with students studying a wide range of poems, having an opportunity to write their own poems and finding out about their teachers' favourite poems too!

Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition 2021-2022

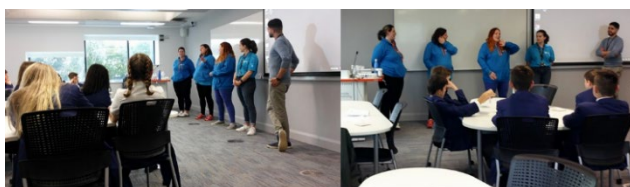
Foreign Language Spelling Bee is a competition for students in Year 7 to practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling and memory skills in a foreign language (French or German).

Last academic year, two of our current year 8 students won the North East regional final. (Tillie S H for French and Sophie B L for German). Both students received a certificate, medal and trophy. This is an excellent achievement and we are very proud of them!



Huntcliff School

Scholars



Some of our Year 8 students recently visited Teesside University as part of the Huntcliff Scholars Programme. Huntcliff Scholars all scored highly across a range of subjects in their assessments at the end of Year 7.



During their visit, they took part in an orientation exercise, a forensic workshop, and a Q&A session with a panel of Student Ambassadors from the university.

The behaviour and attitude of our students was exemplary and Miss Vodden and Miss Mohon were very proud of them all.

Field Trip



Year 7 had lots of fun during Humanities Day. They spent half of the day on a field study visit to Saltburn Beck to support their current work in Geography. Whilst there, they studied the formation of the valley, the work of the river and the weathering processes on the valley sides.



The other half of the day was spent taking part in workshops based on pre-1066 history with a historical re-enactment group called Time Bandits. This will help them to understand more about life before 1066.

Feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive and they enjoyed the opportunity to learn outside the classroom.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Monday 27th September, staff and students took part in Macmillan's Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our prefect team sold brownies during break time and we had a staff and student "Bake Off". We raised just over £100 for this very worthy charity as well as having lots of fun! Well done to Mrs Sanderson for winning!



Forest School

Some of our Year 7s have been taking part in a Forest School after school club every Wednesday with Rowan from Wildthings. Each week they have engaged in different activities such as den building with natural and man made materials, tree climbing, building camp fires, and whittling. Miss Brudenell has been so impressed with their enthusiasm and teamwork whilst watching them share their skills and knowledge.

Junction Farm Primary School

'Marvellous Me!'

'Marvellous Me!' has been our focus topic for this half term. The children have read stories about families, looked at how our families are all made up of different people and how diversity should be celebrated. Our favourite story has been 'And Tango Makes Three'. This is based on a penguin who has a very different family. Tango came to visit our Early Years setting after we made him an igloo. Both Nursery and Reception have been looking for signs of autumn and making regular visits to our Forest School. We have had a great start to the new academic year!



This half term, KS1 have been exploring our new topics 'Once Upon a Time' and 'Enchanted'. We have taken part in exciting experience days to link with our English work. Year 1's favourite experience day was having a Teddy Bear's picnic to support our retelling of the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Year 2's favourite experience day was coming to school dressed up as princes and princesses to link with their story 'Rapunzel'.



This half term, in Years 3 and 4, we have been diving ear first into history! Year 3 have been learning lots about the Stoneage, what life was like for early man, about Stoneage settlements and how the lives of people changed as we moved into the Bronze Age and Iron Age. Year 4 have been developing their knowledge of ancient civilizations through our learning about the 'Marvellous Maya': from gods, ancient ways of life and Pok-a-Tok to pyramids, maize, chocolate and even sacrifices! To help us to experience what life was like and what experiences the people of those times may have had, we have used NowPressPlay to take our imaginations on a journey to the past and...we loved it!

In Year 6, the pupils have been learning all about the Vikings and their class text for this half term is 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. As part of their English 'Experience Day', Year 6 were very lucky to be able to have a virtual discussion with Tony Bradman. He talked through his inspirations for the book, his writing experiences, and his top writing tips. The pupils asked Tony a range of interesting questions and Tony read two chapters of Viking Boy. It was a brilliant session and Year 6 can't wait to continue the book to find out what happens!

A few comments from the children:

Bella: "I enjoyed learning about Tony Bradman's life experiences, and it was inspiring to hear how much dedication he puts into his books!"

Tilly: "I am loving reading Viking Boy so I was really pleased when I heard that Year 6 would be having a Zoom call with Tony Bradman! It was interesting learning about his writing tips. I also learnt that you can do anything if you put your mind to it

Laurence Jackson School

Guisborough Hall Heritage Site Visit

Laurence Jackson School is proud to be working in partnership with the Guisborough Town Hall Gateway Project as part of the group driving the restoration of the Town Hall. Work is currently being undertaken on the building and an exciting opportunity is now available to students who have a particular interest in local history and heritage restoration work. On 21st October, a group of 6 Year 9 students and 6 Year 10 students will have the opportunity to visit the Town Hall for a guided tour of the building, as well as meeting the experts and workers responsible for the restoration project. It will be a chance to discover first-hand what is involved in a local heritage project, the history behind the building itself and discover some of the skills required for a potential career in this field.

Careers Convention

Our Year 9 and Year 11 students attended a Careers Convention on 11th October facilitated by 35 external providers and 15 Year 10 Student Ambassadors led by Miss Mitchinson - our Careers Coordinator. Feedback from the visitors and parents was extremely positive about the event and about the Student Ambassadors who helped to run the Convention.

Royal Mail Stamp competition

We are delighted to announce that Ida M in Year 8 has made it through to the last 120 finalists in the National Royal Mail Stamp Competition. This is an amazing achievement as there were 606,049 entries and 7,479 schools who took part in the competition. Ida's design is one of 12 regional finalists from the whole of the North East which are now being put forward to the next stage of selection – fingers crossed! To arrive at the 120 regional finalists, a network of judges, consisting of current and retired art teachers, evaluated each of the 606,049 entries. Over a three-month period, the best entries, from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the nine regions of England were chosen from each age group. From these 120 regional finalists, a special panel of judges will now determine the winning 24 regional designs and these will be announced in November. From these 24 entries, eight winning images will be chosen as official Royal Mail stamps. They will then appear on millions of items of mail across the UK when they are issued in Spring 2022. The competition has also made the Guinness World records for being the largest postage stamp design competition and Laurence Jackson School and its students have been awarded a certificate for participating in this. Well done to everyone who took part!

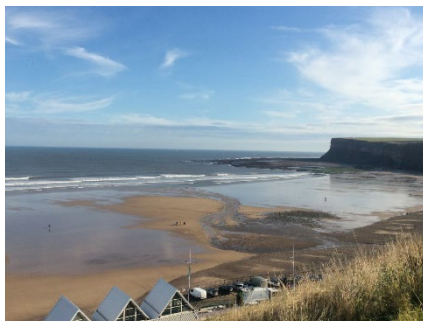
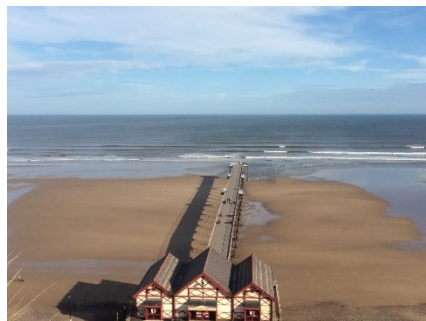


Ida's design – one of 12 regional finalists

Saltburn Primary School

Exploring our Local Area

As part of their Golden Threads curriculum, KS1 went on a walk around their local area. The children were identifying natural and man-made features in the environment and learning about the history of Saltburn-by-the-sea. The pier and statue of Henry Pease were big hits with the children!



Sporting Achievements

In Cross-Country, our school fielded 48 runners at the East Cleveland cluster event at St Peter's School in Brotton on 22nd September. Ten of our runners went on to qualify for the Redcar and Cleveland second stage, and three reached the final Tees Valley County Level event at Stewart Park on 13th October!

We're so proud of all of our runners, and would like to pass on an extra big 'Congratulations' to our County Level finalists:

- Laurie S (Y4)
- Pippa N (Y4)
- Blake W (Y5)

We are also incredibly pleased to share that two of our children from UKS2 have been achieving highly in the pool! Hattie W (Year 5) won two gold medals in her first swimming gala in late September, and Zane L (Year 6) came 1st and 2nd in heats at Sheffield Teaspoon Gala where he qualified for the North East regionals!

Harvest

Our Year 1 children have taken a lead on a Food Bank collection for Harvest Festival. We are really pleased that our children and their families have donated so much food to help others.

KS1 Writing

Year 1 have also been busy producing writing based on their book, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. All of the children wrote letters to the Giant and delivered them in envelopes to the school's special red post box!



The Links Primary School



Reception

Reception have made a fantastic start to the academic year. Everyone is happy and making new friends. We have been on an autumn walk using our senses; we then made patterns and pictures with the leaves, conkers and fir cones we found. We have worked in a team to pull out an enormous leek and made leek and potato soup - it was delicious! We have observed the changes in fruit and vegetables watching them grow and decay. This week, we are really enjoying making spells and potions in our witch's kitchen.



We Love to Read

In The Links Primary Nursery, we have been enjoying reading lots of different books this half term. We have read the 'Gruffalo', 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo', 'Doodle Bites', 'Shark in the Dark' and many more. For Black History month, we have been looking at the book 'This Jazz Man' all about some famous jazz musicians.

We have loved listening and singing along to this story. We have also been learning about different instruments and the sounds they make and other ways we can make sounds by making our own instruments or using parts of our bodies. The first page of the story is about Louis Armstrong so we have been listening to his music and playing instruments along to it.

Y3 Stone Age Day

In Year 3, we are currently learning about The Stone Age. We had a visitor, called Rachel, that came to spend the day with us; we learned how Stone Age people lit fires and what types of clothing, tools and shelters they had. We also baked and tasted our own bread and made our own shelters!



Whinstone Primary School

Our KS1 children have had an excellent start to the year which I'm sure will continue. The children have loved being back at school and seeing all their friends. We have also warmly welcomed to a number of children who have joined Whinstone this term.

The new adventure play equipment is being enjoyed by all of our children. They are using their gross motor skills to move safely around the different obstacles and finding it great fun!

Over the summer, Friends of Whinstone used some of the hard-earned fundraising money to purchase an outdoor classroom for the KS1 field. This was successfully installed during the summer holidays and is now being enjoyed by classes from across the school.

Later in the autumn term, KS1 have trips to Preston Hall Museum planned to support our history and geography work in school about toys old and new and our local area.

