



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

School reopens on Thursday 5th September 2024. We look forward to seeing you all then!



A Message from Mrs. Boulton

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to thank you for all of your continued support for our school. Your children are indeed amazing and they are certainly ready for a bit of a rest. They have worked hard, have tried their best, and they tell us they are now wishing for lots of sunshine this holiday! We have had our fair share of rain these last few weeks, so let's hope that the sun shines for us all!

We wish Mrs. Buxton, our Reception and Nursery Teacher, a very happy retirement. Mrs. Buxton has been with us for thirty years, and has taught many of our children's parents. Thirty years of teaching children is certainly something to be very proud of indeed. Enjoy your well-deserved rest, Mrs. Buxton!

We wish our Year 6 children very fond farewells as they embark upon their journey into Year 7. They certainly have been excellent ambassadors for our school this year. They have shown such great determination and wonderful resilience. We know that they will continue to do this as they move on to exciting ventures in Year 7, and will go on to continue to make a very positive difference to the world.

With thanks to all of our families who have worked with us, in partnership, to help the children of Timothy Hackworth be the best that they can be. We look forward to working with you again, very soon.

As this school year draws to a close, we wish you all a very safe and happy, sunny, Summer! We are really looking forward to welcoming all of your children back to school ready for a new school year, on Thursday 5th September.

Have a wonderful Summer,

Mrs. Boulton

CRC Article 29: All children have the right to be the best you can be.

CRC Article 31: All children have the right to relax and play.

1st - 3rd July 2024 Year 6 Activity Days

The children who remained at school, whilst the Robinwood Trip took place, enjoyed three days of exciting and practical learning.

Day 1 - PE focus

We had two hours of cricket coaching on the field in the morning and then in the afternoon we visited Shildon Leisure Centre to play some basketball and try a new sport: badminton.



Day 2 - Shildon Alive

We spent the morning at the local allotments doing some gardening. We learnt how to make a mini-compost rocket, how to pot-up a geranium (which we got to take home) and how to weed a raised bed. In the afternoon, we had a cookery lesson. We had to chop and prepare a salad followed by making our own pizza base and adding the toppings. We got to take these home to cook for our tea!



Day 3 - EYFS and French focus

We spent the first session of the day helping our Reception friends: reading them stories and helping them to learn through play. We then prepared for our afternoon of French with Madame Paris by creating a menu for 'Le Café Hackworth' and practising how to be a waiter or waitress. In the afternoon, 5T and 5H were invited as guests and we served them with a choice of French drinks, savoury and sweet foods to try, using our French speaking skills. Once our guests had finished, we had the chance to sample the foods ourselves. It was a great success!



Year 4 Athletics

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CRC Article 28: All children have the right to a good quality education.

Over the Summer term, Year 4 have benefited from having an Athletics coach for their PE lessons on a weekly basis. The coach has played a significant role in helping the children enhance their athletic skills and perform various activities with precision. From mastering the techniques of relay race baton exchanges, sprinting, different throwing styles, to improving their jumping abilities, the children have shown remarkable progress.

The acquired skills prepared them effectively for sports day. Notably, the atmosphere has been one of encouragement and mutual support among classmates, with children offering constructive feedback to help each other refine their techniques.

We are proud of the children's teamwork, individual efforts, excellent behaviour, and attentive listening throughout the lessons. The athletics coach has commended Year 4 for their dedication and expressed her joy in teaching at our school. It's been a rewarding and productive term for everyone involved.



Year 1 and 2 Visit to Saltholme Nature Reserve



The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Saltholme this term. They had the opportunity to meadow sweep, pond dip and take part in other games and activities. This all linked to our Science learning of, 'Animals including Humans' and to revisit our learning about plants. The children had lots of fun learning new scientific skills of observation, developing their knowledge and gaining greater awareness of the human impact on local wildlife. The children's behaviour was superb and Saltholme commented on our children's enthusiasm to engage with all activities.

Article 29: All children have the right to education which tries to develop your personality and abilities as much as possible and encourages you to respect others' rights and values, and to respect the environment



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Year 4 Trip to Seaham Harbour

Our trip to Seaham Harbour on 4.7.24 was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. The highlight was observing the sea walls and cliffs that have eroded over time. It was fascinating to see rocks being strategically placed on the sand to protect the cliffs, especially considering the houses and allotments situated so close by.

Our classroom learning came to life right before our eyes! The behaviour of all the children was excellent throughout the day, and everyone left feeling proud of the learning adventure we had undertaken.



Year 3 Visit to Shildon Community Gardens

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The children received a warm welcome from the volunteers from Shildon Alive, who were hard at work preparing the garden ready for planting. Children had the honour of meeting Shildon's Town Mayor, Councillor Shirley Quinn. Councillor Shirley Quinn, who volunteers at the garden, provided the children with many interesting facts about plants and animals. The volunteers began our visit by informing the children about the importance of being safe when using equipment such as garden forks and spades. We then moved on to working in small groups, accessing a carousel of exciting activities. Children helped to weed the raised beds so that volunteers could then plant vegetables, which will be used to make some delicious meals when they are ready. Children planted herbs that they were then able to bring back to school and we have watched them grow! We finished our wonderful afternoon by using our imagination and creative skills to design artwork for the garden; we painted on paving slabs and small stones.

