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Chandlers Ridge Academy



Rudolph Run

Everyone in Chandlers Ridge took part in the Rudolph Run on December 8th on our track. The children were sponsored to run around the track to raise money for Teesside Hospice. Channon from Teesside Hospice spoke to the children about the work the hospice does and the amount of money it costs to keep it running. Did you know it costs £5000 a day to run the hospice? We are currently collecting the money in so we don't know how much we have raised yet but everyone had fun running!

Disney Day

We also held a Disney day at the end of October in memory of our much-loved HLTA, Mrs Davies, who suddenly passed away in September. Disney was Mrs Davies favourite place. We raised £830 for Macmillan and two volunteers from Macmillan, Phyllis and Andy, visited school to thank the children and talk about the charity.



Design Technology across school

Year 3,4 and 5 have been sewing as part of DT this half term. They have been practising different stitches and sewing on buttons; Year 4 even sewed their Christmas decorations for our Christmas tree.

The Nativity from our Reception

The reception children performed their Nativity 'Prickly Hay' to parents and to the rest of school this week. The children did an amazing job learning their lines and acting out the scenes. They all enjoyed singing the songs and showed us some fantastic dance moves! We are very proud of all the children.



Eggescliffe School

Powerful message from Mushy – ‘Be the best you can be’

On Friday 19th November, Eggescliffe students were fortunate enough to welcome Musharaf Asghar, a motivational speaker from Dewsbury who famously featured on ‘Channel 4’s Educating Yorkshire’. From a very early age, Musharaf – also known as ‘Mushy’ – was diagnosed with a stammer. He was told by his doctor: “You will not be able to speak fluently again”. This significantly affected Mushy’s life, but as his peers learnt, it wasn’t enough to stop him from achieving his dreams in life.

During the talk, Mushy spoke openly about the hardships he faced whilst in secondary school. In his first year, Musharaf’s attendance dropped to 34%. This caused huge concern and had a negative impact on him including the bullying he experienced. He was viewed by others as ‘different’. He felt he had no voice within his own school community because of the perception of him not ‘fitting in’ with his fellow classmates. By sharing his story, he inspired our students to “be the best you can be!”



World Class Performance at York Minster with the Gabrieli Consort

On the 5th and 6th November, Senior Choir took part in a Gabrieli Roar project in York, led by renowned conductor Paul McCreesh. The project concluded in a concert at York Minster, starring the Gabrieli Consort orchestra, opera stars including Mary Bevan MBE and youth choirs. They performed Haydn’s Creation; a piece written in 1798 about the creation of the universe.

Leaders of the future at Eggescliffe

The student leadership group is led by Miss Jonathan and is set up to help students become great leaders and develop skills that will help them later in life. Over 100 people applied to become a student leader, but only 30 were selected for the position. As student leaders, the aim is to take their own initiative and run events independently.



Eggescliffe Civil Engineers take on an exciting project

Civil engineering group is an initiative run by Mr Fairbairn to give students an understanding of the principles of a career in civil engineering. This enrichment group is for students who may have an interest in construction, or one of the many diverse careers linked to this field.



The group initially did a project on water treatment but wanted a bigger project and luckily, the school have just started their project on the new three-story building. Mr Fairbairn took this as a great opportunity to get the children involved in a huge civil engineering project which was on our doorstep!

Firstly, they met Miss Oyston as the client to determine how the building needed to function for the school. They then met with the architect and the planning department from Stockton Borough Council.

We can’t wait to see the development of our new school building through the eyes of the students involved in this group.

Huntcliff School

Year 8 Scholars Programme



This continues to go from strength to strength! On 18th November school hosted a lecture “**Let That Be Your Last Battlefield: Tutankhamun & Disability**” by Alexandra Morris from Teesside university. Students (and staff) were intrigued to hear about Tutankhamun, and if he had a disability. Or how his disability may have factored into his personal, political, religious, and social roles within Egyptian society.

Selected students also had the opportunity to take part in a **Solar Energy Technology Training** workshop led by Dr Emeka Amalu and Dr David Hughes. They deepened their knowledge and understanding of solar energy, its technology and applications, as well as learning about the critical skills needed to secure jobs in this sector.

A huge congratulations to Naem B, Nicole F and Amber A who are currently the top 3 credit earners!



Elf Day 2021

Thursday 2nd December saw the return of Elf Day for the staff and students of Huntcliff. Staff surprised students by arriving at school, having been transformed overnight, into Santa's elves! As well as being a fun day all round, staff also raised £115 for the Alzheimer's Society, this year in memory of our own Mrs Sanderson's late mother-in-law.



UK Youth Parliament

We are delighted to announce that two of our Year 8 students, Charlotte K and Isaac D have been successful in their application to run for election to be Redcar and Cleveland's Member of the UK Youth Parliament, representing the views of the young people of Redcar and Cleveland at a national level. Isaac is keen to build on his previous experiences of representing the views of his peers in school and wishes to expand this to a national level. Charlotte hopes becoming a YPMP will give her a chance to exercise her belief that “everyone, no matter what their background should be heard”. We wish them every success and look forward to supporting them in their campaigns.

Year 7 Random Acts of Kindness

Miss Brudenell is very proud of her Year 7s this year, and their participation in Random Acts of Kindness. Students are carrying out RAK for others, and the person receiving it fills in a sheet to nominate that person for a treat in recognition of their kindness!

Sporting Achievements

We are incredibly proud of the sporting achievements of our students over the previous half term. Well done to our Year 7 boys who competed in the Redcar and Cleveland Athletics and Year 8 boys who qualified for the Tees Valley Round! In Badminton, KS3 boys came 3rd, KS3 girls qualified for Tees Valley round, KS4 boys and girls came 2nd!

In cross country Caleb S, Brooke D, Lydia W, Hayden F, Scarlett H, Jack F all represented the school and qualified for the next round. A special well done to Maddison E who won her race. We look forward to celebrating their hard work and achievements next term.

Junction Farm Primary School

Early Years

What a wonderful half term it has been! Our topic 'The Great Outdoors' has offered us the opportunity to spend lots of time in Forest School, explore our environment and read some amazing stories. We have been on a Gruffalo trail, made log pile houses and had a visit from some beautiful owls. The children have celebrated Diwali, learnt about Remembrance Day and taken part in 'Odd Socks Day'.



Key Stage 1

Year 1 had a visit from a policeman to link in with their current topic 'Emergency'. They were very lucky as they got the chance to try on different police hats and helmets and find out all about the role of a police officer.

This half term Year 2 had a visit from the Fire & Rescue service as part of their English experience day. The children completed an explanation about why a firefighter is important and this visit linked in perfectly. The children were shown the different sections on the vehicle and what a firefighter would have to wear. They really enjoyed the experience and were able to complete a detail explanation after the visit.



Lower Key Stage 2

We had some exciting events and opportunities in Year 3 and 4 this half term! Some of the children were able to complete in the Northshore's Sport Hall Athletics Competition and came 3rd overall. Year 4 have taken part in a Crack the Code challenge in Maths where they had to solve all the written multiplication clues to open the padlocks on the safes! Year 3 had an experience day in English where they were able to use their senses to help inspire them to write a recount about surviving a storm at sea. They were able to touch freezing cold water, listen to a thunderstorm and feel the wind blowing through their hair.



Junction Farm's Creative Talents

Our children made poppies with a range of different materials. We then attached the poppies to a dress for an eye-catching effect to honour the armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.

Preston Park Museum have displayed the climate change costume that was designed by two pupils at Junction Farm. Layla and Jayden were very proud of their costume. They have used their artistic talents to raise the profile of Climate Change.

Laurence Jackson School



Cross Country Championships

A group of students competed this afternoon in the Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership cross country championships. We were very pleased to host the event at LJS. Special recognition to Matthew D (Year 10) and Grace T for winning their respective races. Our fantastic Sports Leaders were excellent leaders and role models during this Local Authority wide event.



Careers and Drama Collaborate!

The careers department and Drama have collaborated to offer sessions around careers in drama this term. Professional actors and directors came to work with our students and students really enjoyed the experience.

Careers Education Programme

As part of the Careers Education Programme this week, four groups of Year 11 students were involved in a Mentoring Programme with an Employer Advisor, Chris Watson. The students worked on their attitude to learning, confidence building, self-belief and the skills required



for the world of work. Feedback from students was very positive, one student stating: "Chris was great, he really inspired me to work hard towards my GCSE exams", whilst another said: "Thank you for making me believe in myself".

A group of Year 11 students attended a Creative Taster Day at The Northern School Of Art on Wednesday 1st December where they learned new skills and techniques using industry-standard kit, worked alongside creative practitioners, learned about the growing sector, job opportunities and explored the wide range of creative courses available at the College. The students sampled Fine Art/Art & Design, Graphics/Interactive Design, Fashion/Textiles/Interior, Architecture & Product Design (3D) and TV & Film/Photography. The work they produced will count towards their GCSE Art qualification.



Shoebox Appeal Scheme

Miss Kilburn and the volunteers from 7A would like to thank everyone in the Laurence Jackson Community who supported this year's Shoebox Appeal Scheme. The Rotary Club of Guisborough and Great Ayton were incredibly impressed with the 70 boxes we managed to fill (each with a £2 donation attached to support with transport costs!) The boxes aim to spread some joy this Christmas.

Welcoming a Guest Speaker

We were honoured to welcome guest speaker Stuart Myers to every assembly during a week in November. Stuart's motivational stories inspired us all and help both staff and students reflect on the power of resilience.



Saltburn Primary School



A Taste of Other Cultures

Our children in KS2 have been learning all about religions from the Asian continent in their Discovery Units.

In Year 3 and Year 4, the children have been learning all about Hinduism. They have studied the story of Rama and Sita, written narratives based on Hindu religious texts, produced Mehndi art and learnt about the Hindu religious texts, produced Mehndi art and learnt about Hindu worship and the spiritual importance of the Ganges River.



As part of a unit on Buddhism, the Year 5 and Year 6 children have studied the story of the Monkey King, written ballad poems based on the enlightenment of Siddhartha Gautama and learnt about the Five Moral Precepts and the Noble Eightfold Path.

Spelling Supremoes

Our school have been looking to introduce Spelling Shed as a resource to improve spelling for all children. The Year 6 classes volunteered to try it out, and their efforts have blown us all away! After only one week, Y6KS rank 47th in the world, having earned more than 273 million points

between them! Within the class, we have some particularly phenomenal individual scores:

- Harvey W – 60m+
- George S – 52m+
- Keelan F – 51m+

We are incredibly proud of their efforts, and we hope that their success encourages other children in our school to work hard to improve their spelling abilities further still.

Environmentalism

Our Year 5 children took a stand earlier in the term after learning about the speeches of Greta Thunberg. While studying Environmentalism, the children in both classes decided to stage a peaceful protest to disrupt the Daily Mile for the rest of the school. The Year 5s had been researching climate change and were horrified at the effects on our world. They certainly achieved their goal of raising awareness! The entire year group went on to write persuasive speeches and to learn about the greenhouse effect and how they can reduce their carbon footprints.



The Links Primary School



Christmas Decorations

On 29th November, the children in Years 4,5 and 6 were invited to Eaglescliffe Parish Hall to create Christmas decorations for the community Christmas tree. The session was led by a local artist from Peg Creations where the children focused on using recyclables to create their decorations. Everyone was blown away by the children behaviour, attitude, and overall Christmas spirit!



Hamper Delivery

On 7th December, the children in Year 4 did their annual hamper delivery. The children gathered at Challoner House where they were able to hand over their hampers. To make it even more magical, the children sang Christmas carols, led by a local musician Mike McGrother, drank hot chocolate and received some other little chocolate surprises. The children sang their little hearts out and their behaviour was excellent! Well done Year 4!

“Cool Beans” Gardening Club

We have just started up our own Gardening Club! Year 4 and Year 6 meet every Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Montgomery and Miss Barron to grow seasonal fruits, vegetables and flowers. As well as this, we will be taking on projects such as bug hotels, composting, bird feeders and a whole lot more to help protect and look after our environment.



As you can see from the pictures, week 1 was the start of a massive clean-up campaign in our allotment area. The children have done a fantastic job so far; we are sure you will agree! The area was very much in need of new membrane to keep out the weeds and bark chippings to protect and prevent more weeds coming through.

We were recently approached by a local business, Yarm DIY. They very kindly donated some membrane and bags of bark chippings to us to kick start our project! We would love to say a massive thank you to Yarm DIY for your support!

Anti-Bullying Week

Our children had a fabulous week learning about Anti Bullying. Daily activities were completed throughout the school ranging from assemblies, One Kind word song, friendship chains, making hand wreaths and odd socks day. Children are aware that bullying will not be tolerated at The Links Primary School and how One Kind word can change someone’s day for the better.

Den making Friday 26th November

Early Years ended their topic “Into the Woods/Autumn” with a Den making day. The children worked in groups developing skills such as negotiating, sharing, turn taking, cooperation’s and communication. The aim was to build a den that would keep us warm, dry and safe from the elements. We had lots of fun and to warm up we had hot chocolate and marshmallows. Great teamwork, Early Years!



Whinstone Primary School



Our KS1 children have visited Preston Hall Museum on our Autumn term trip. This supported our history and geography work in school about toys old and new and our local area. The children investigated Victorian toys in a workshop and discovered more about the history of our local area. They had great fun exploring the museum and Victorian street while speaking with the museum staff about what life was like in Victorian times.

Lower KS2 have had a focus on their history topics this term with some exciting visitors all the way from the Stone Age and Ancient Rome.



Year 3 had a virtual visit with a Stone Age girl, who told them all about their life. They even had the opportunity to ask her questions about things she got up to. Through two meetings with her, the children learnt a lot.

Year 4 had Maximus Maxillius come in to school, all the way from Ancient Rome. Maximus worked with the classes through a series of activities, learning about board games, artefacts, clothing and Roman warfare and tactics. The children even came dressed in Roman inspired clothing to further enhance the experience and to make sure that Maximus Maxillius felt comfortable in our school. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Firefighter Visit

Mr Harris, one of our parents, came into school to talk about his work as a firefighter. He visited both Pre-school and Reception and the children absolutely loved listening to him talk about what he does. There were certainly lots of hands up to ask questions and I think most children now want to be a firefighter. Many thanks to Mr Harris who gave up his time - even after dealing with a house fire that morning!

Christmas in our Community



The children have been thinking about people in our community and have made cards for the residents of Roseville Care Home. We have also taken chocolates and biscuits for the residents and staff.

Bikeability

The Year 5 children completed their level 1 training within the grounds of the school. In addition to this, the Year 6 children completed their level 2 training, which involved them riding on the roads outside of school.

Swimming in Year 5

The Year 5 children have had the opportunity to use the new Ingelby Barwick leisure centre for their swimming lessons this half term.



Year 5 & 6 Drama Club

In drama club, the children have been acting in the pantomime 'Aladdin'. Lacey said, 'I really enjoy drama because when I am older I want to act'. Gracie added: 'I love drama because it is fun and entertaining!'

CONGRATULATIONS **NICOLE VALLS**

NICOLE VALLS BEGAN AN ADMIN APPRENTICESHIP WITH THE TRUST IN MARCH 2015 . AFTER TRANSFERRING OVER TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SHE BEGAN TO STUDY FOR HER AAT QUALIFICATIONS.

IN DECEMBER 21 NICOLE ACHIEVED HER AAT QUALIFICATIONS. THIS IS A FANTASTIC RESULT FOR BOTH NICOLE AND THE TRUST AND WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THIS FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT.

WELL DONE!