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Chandlers Ridge Reads

We have been extremely lucky to receive some fantastic new books into school through #Boro Reads.

These have included high quality non-fiction books and a book for all Nursery and Reception to take home. Year 6 were each gifted 'You are a Champion' by Marcus Rashford. The author and Manchester United footballer even 'retweeted' our Tweet and we received 420 likes!



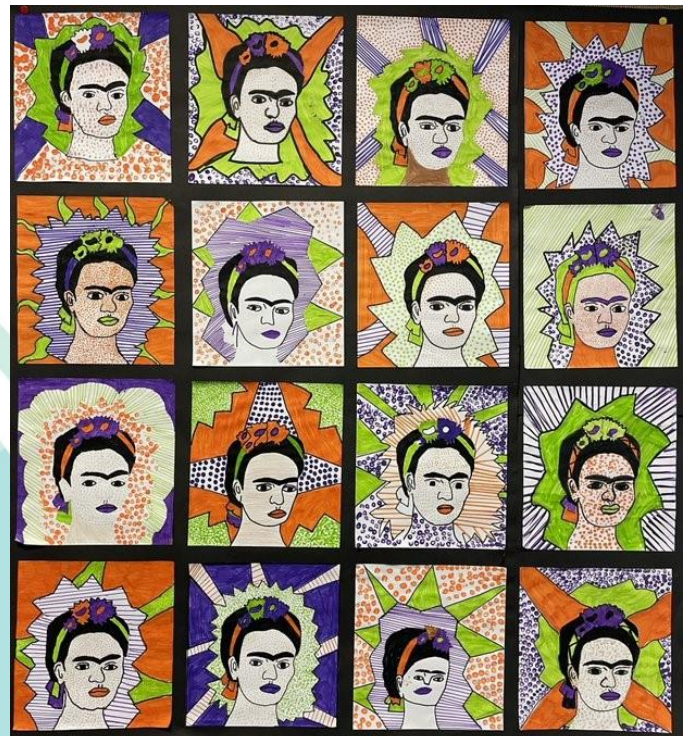
Maz from Middlesbrough Football Club

We were excited to host BBC and ITV who were making short films about Marrie Wieczorek (Maz). Maz has coached sports at our school for many years.

The feature was before the upcoming Lionesses match against Canada at The Riverside. Maz was the first Middlesbrough-born woman to play for England in the 1980s and has been inspiring children throughout her career.

Art Gallery

Annually, as a Trust, we host an Art Gallery. This year we looked at Frida Kahlo and we are very proud of all the work across school. We also used Frida Kahlo's life experiences whilst learning about resilience; Frida was born in Mexico and was poorly as a young child but this did not stop her practising art and using her face as a basis. Frida always said 'Viva la vida' - Live Life.



Eggescliffe School

Improved PE Facilities



On 13th January, we took over the new full-size AstroTurf pitch at Eggescliffe. This has been fully funded by Vision Academy Learning Trust and will be an invaluable resource and facility for our PE department as well as the wider community.

From 21st February, this pitch will be available for hire by the local community through letting agents: VALT Enterprises. More information on this will follow in due course. We would like to thank Stockton Borough Council for supporting the school through this project and working alongside Notts Sport and CLS to ensure the school has outstanding facilities for future generations.

Eggescliffe Keeps on Giving

We recently opened a charitable donations section on E-praise (our school rewards system) which now allows students to donate points to charity. A reminder of the charities we support is below:

YEAR GROUP	CHARITY
7	Community Action in Nepal
8	Great North Air Ambulance
9	Teesside Hospice
10	Arch
11	Cancer Research

So far, the various charities have received 159 donations which the school will convert to cash at the end of the year. Given the short time the facility has been open, this is an excellent reflection of the generosity of our students and their willingness to help some great causes. If you've yet to donate and would like to, then simply log on to E-praise (or download the app) and go on charitable donations to donate to your year group's chosen charity!

Eggescliffe Philanthropists

After crunching the numbers, we were able to uncover some serious generosity amongst our students in particular Douglas B (Year 7) who has donated an incredible 225 points, Ayah N (Year 7) who has handed over 156 and Ben N (Year 7) who has donated 85 points. A rather smug head of Year 7, Miss Granycome said: "It's wonderful to be the head of year to such a kind and caring group of students and yes, I am not so secretly pleased that the top donations have all come from Year 7 students. I'll be encouraging others to do the same for such worthy causes."

We'd like to thank all who have donated so far.

Rugby Union

Our Y10's had a successful Cleveland Tens tournament, beating OLSB, Ian Ramsey, Polam and Conyers wo run out winners.

Our Year 9 team had a successful run in the Durham Cup, beating High Tunstall and St Johns, before losing to Carmel and Durham Johnson.

Our Year 8 team remain unbeaten so far winning the Cleveland Tens with wins against Ian Ramsey, Carmel & High Tunstall; a feat matched by our Year 7 Team who also won the Cleveland Tens with wins over High Tunstall, Ian Ramsey, OLSB.

Rugby League:

We have also experienced success in our National Rugby League competitions, despite weather and Covid-19 disrupting fixtures. Our Year 8 Team were crowned North East Regional champions with wins over Hexham school and Whitburn in the finals held at Kingston Park; with our Year 10 Team due to play in their regional final later this half term following wins against Belmont and Whitburn. Well done to Joe B (Year 10) who has been selected for the Newcastle Thunder Under 16's.

Huntcliff School

MYP Votes

We are extremely proud of two of our Year 8 students, Charlotte and Isaac, who put themselves forward to run as Members of Youth Parliament. They did fantastically well, achieving third and fourth place respectively - well done! The successful applicant will serve for 2 years, working with local MPs to represent the views of children and young people of Redcar and Cleveland on a national level. The whole school took part in the election, meaning that all students had a chance to vote for the young person they best felt able to represent the views of young people in the Borough.



Holocaust Assembly

On Holocaust Memorial Day, commemorations were held in school. Miss Mohon led an assembly with several student contributions. Miss Peacock and Year 9 Drama students held a performance about the rescue of most of Denmark's Jews during the Holocaust. Naem, Bethany and Casey talked about why the Holocaust is still important today. Grace, in Year 10, composed and played an original piece of music Impressions to commemorate Holocaust Day too. It was a moving event which had a real impact upon staff and students alike.



Scholars Programme

The Scholars programme welcomed Ramzi Merabet, a University of Leeds PhD student, to run an Arabic Taster Workshop in February, where students got to enhance their knowledge of the Arabic culture and language. They learnt how to say simple greetings and had great fun!

The Science club is another favourite for the students undertaking the scholars' program, where students get a chance to increase their scientific knowledge and take part in experiments!

Sporting News

Well done to the Year 10 boys who took part in the Redcar and Cleveland 5 a side tournament: Alfie B, Joe E, Fabian W, Robbie F, Dan B Cory H, Alfie H and Lerye J.

They showed great integrity and sportsmanship, alongside determination and cooperation, performing brilliantly in the tournament.

Well done to the students who also took part in the Cleveland County Cross Country: Jack F, Scarlett H, Madison E and Hayden F.

Drama Trip

On Wednesday 2nd February, Miss Peacock and Miss Brooks accompanied the Year 11 GCSE students to Darlington Hippodrome to watch a performance of Blood Brothers. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to see a live performance and enhance their theatrical knowledge.

Junction Farm Primary School

Early Years



'Things that Go' has been our Early Years topic for this half term. We have built trains, made boats and designed aeroplanes. The children have been looking at the way in which vehicles have changed over time and what they may look like in the future. We have learned about Amelia Earhart and her flight across the Atlantic too. We have talked about transport in our local community and all the various vehicles we see every day. Both Reception and Nursery had a wonderful time celebrating Chinese New Year - we had dragon dances, tasted Chinese food, wore red for 'Good luck' and learned about Chinese culture.



Art Week – Frida Kahlo

The children loved Art Week and were extremely inspired by Frida Kahlo's famous self-portraits and her use of colour. Check out our Facebook for more photos!



Children's Mental Health Week

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we engaged in many different activities in class that focused on helping us to 'Grow Together.' We were very lucky to have our very own fully qualified yoga instructor - Mrs MacDonald - to give each class the opportunity to take part in a themed yoga session, emphasising how we can grow together through mindfulness and yoga. We also supported Place 2 Be's Children's Mental Health Charity, where we came to school 'Dressed to Express!' All money raised went directly to Place 2 Be.



NSPCC's National Number Day – Friday 4th February

As a Trust, we decided to focus on the theme 'Maths is Everywhere'. Children dressed as someone who uses maths/numbers in their everyday job/position – we had doctors, nurses, fire fighters, athletes, vets, teachers, bakers and builders, to name just a small selection! They created a poster to show how they would use elements of Maths in their chosen role. Children also enjoyed participating in a range of activities recognising that Maths is everywhere, including a 'Maths Hunt' around our school and playground. The winner of our 'Maths in the environment' photograph competition was Jayvian in Year 4 for his mathematics-filled photograph of Saltburn tram. We know that MATHS IS EVERYWHERE!



Sports Stars

Our Year 5/6 Boys' Football team played in the Stockton Finals at Billingham. They all played brilliantly as a team and secured 4th place out of 8. They won two games, drew three and lost two games.

Laurence Jackson School



Year 9 and 10 visit Teesside University!

A group of 45 LJS Scholar Award students from Year 9 and Year 10 visited Teesside University for a motivational session about university life. Thanks to staff and student ambassadors at Teesside University, the students gained so much from the experience.



LJS Scholar Award Students visit Prior Pursglove College!

A group of LJS Scholar Award students also visited Prior Pursglove College in February for a fascinating Sociology taster session on how to build the perfect prison!

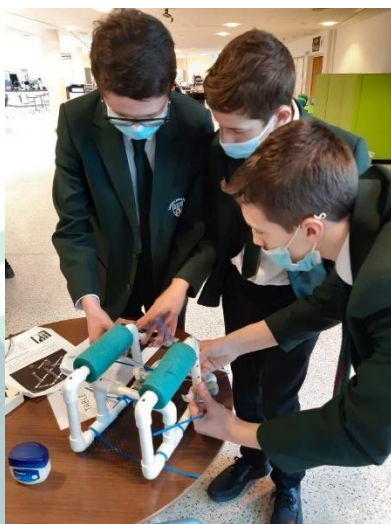
Trust Revision Day

'Well done' to all involved in our first 'Trust Revision Day' at Inspire2Learn, Eston. Year 11 students from both Laurence Jackson and Huntcliff completed a range of GCSE English Language workshops designed to develop their knowledge and understanding of crucial writing skills. All involved worked with focus and commitment and were a credit to their school.



Scott Johnston

Thanks to former LJS student Scott Johnston who visited school today to deliver a workshop with our performing arts students. Scott, who is currently in his second year studying Musical Theatre at the Emil Dale Academy, played the lead role of Joseph back in 2016 and was an inspiration to our students as he put them through their paces ahead of our upcoming production of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' later this year.



LJS Careers Education Programme

As part of the LJS Careers Education Programme, a group of Year 9 students attended Redcar & Cleveland College's pre-launch of their new Clean Energy Education Hub on Thursday 20th January. They took part in two practical activities where they constructed a Subsea Robot and a Mechanical Vehicle. They were also given a tour of the college facilities where they learned about the different courses available. Students said the event was very engaging and realised how important it is to find out about renewable energy and the impact it can have on the environment.

The U13s Team Representing MFC Foundation

Middlesbrough FC

Mrs Juckes met with our Under 13 girls' football team who represented MFC Foundation Middlesbrough FC at the Utilita Football Girls' Cup at Sheffield in January. They were presented with the kits that they wore during the tournament.



Saltburn Primary School

Art Week



The children across our school loved learning about the life and artistic style of Frida Kahlo as part of the Trust's 'Take One Artist' project during Art Week in January. Using sketching, painting and fabric-based techniques, our children produced self-portraits, framed in a way to express their identity and interests.

They demonstrated phenomenal creativity and produced some excellent artwork! It was also wonderful seeing some amazing entries to the follow-up homework competition ran by Mrs Calvey, whereby children were asked to produce a 'selfie collage'.

Rats: The Musical

Our Year 5 classes, along with members of our Year 5/6 choir, have been practising a range of musical numbers ahead of an extraordinary performance in Middlesbrough Town Hall. They will be joining children from other Trust schools to perform Rats: The Musical this July and we cannot wait to see all of their hard work pay off!



National Number Day

In early February, all year groups engaged in a wide range of activities for National Number Day, organised by our school's Maths coordinator, Mrs Sawdon. Children came dressed as professionals who use maths in their everyday jobs, and were tasked with explaining the elements of maths pertinent to their roles. They also engaged in a wide variety of challenges based on measure, geometry, number patterns and many other components of maths. It was great to see children truly understanding how applicable and crucial maths is to ensure that the world around us functions properly. Fun was had by all and it was great to see such high-level problem solving!

History: A Journey Through the Ages

Children from Years 1-6 have worked exceptionally hard this half term as they have studied history-based Discovery Units. They have produced some fantastic writing linked to this Discovery work and are really enjoying our new Golden Threads model for the curriculum.

- In KS1, our Year 1 and Year 2 children have built Tudor housing as part of their study of the Great Fire of London. These models featured jettied first floors, and the children were fantastic in explaining how the conditions at the time (environmentally and architecturally) quite literally fanned the flames!
- In Year 3 and Year 4, the children made Mosaics inspired by the frescos of Fishbourne Palace while comparing the rule of different Roman emperors.
- In Y5 and Y6, children have studied the Shang Dynasty of China, producing music based on the pentatonic scale while being inspired by Emperor Tang as they designed their own bronze age city.

The Links Primary School

Safer Internet Day at The Links



On Tuesday 8th February, it was Safer Internet Day at The Links! It is annual day when we focus on the importance of keeping safe online whilst still having fun! All year groups completed a range of fun activities based on this year's theme – 'All Fun and Games' - exploring respect and relationships online.

We had a class of Digiducks in Year 1, who spent the day offering advise on how to be kind online and role-playing different situations they might find themselves in.



Year 2 showed their sorting skills by sorting information into two groups: A) Personal information that should be kept private, and offline. B) Information that is safe to share online.

Year 3 enjoyed in depth discussions about games they play online. They even managed to show off their learning by completing a quiz focusing on respect and relationships online.

New gaming characters and mascots were created in Year 4. The character helped make gaming chats more respectful and safer. They also made fortune tellers to start a conversation about their internet use at home with their families.

More fun and in-depth discussions took place in Year 5 and 6 too! Both classes used their imagination to create Online Respectful Recipes! Look out for Year 6's video 'In the Moment'. Children wanted to help others keep safe online, so they wrote their own scripts, directed and filmed their own advice clips! The video can be seen on our school YouTube channel!

Early Years Chinese New Year Celebrations



For Chinese New Year, we had a busy week of activities to celebrate the year of the tiger. All the children enjoyed finding out facts about the celebration. Nursery found out how to scare away dragons by putting up red decorations, making loud noises and with fire. Reception learnt about how the Chinese clean and decorate their homes and how they celebrate with food, dance and fireworks.

The children decorated lanterns, drew Chinese symbols and created a dragon mask using paint, boxes and decorative material. Both Nursery and Reception were very adventurous tasting different Chinese foods too. They tasted noodles, rice and prawn crackers. Reception set up a Chinese restaurant, made menus and lists; the children also enjoyed dressing up in traditional Chinese outfits.

To finish the week, we enjoyed participating in a dragon dance to traditional Chinese music and parading our dragon around the hall.

NSPCC Number Day at The Links

Number Day 2022 proved to be a huge success.

The children came dressed ready for the day as someone who uses maths for their job.

Some families took part in the photograph competition and sent in photographs of maths in the local environment.

There was a range of activities throughout the school. Here are some of them:



Whinstone Primary School



Chinese New Year

This half term, Children in Reception have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We have looked at the stories surrounding the festival, the traditions and we even tried some Chinese food. The children have learnt which animal year they were born in (they're roosters or monkeys!), they have written wishes to go on our 'Chinese wishing tree', made dragon puppets and masks and had a go at using chopsticks. It has been lots of fun!

Firefighter Visit

We have also been exploring the jungle and rainforests. The children have enjoyed reading "Rumble in the Jungle" and learning about lots of animals and plants found in the jungle. We have been singing "Down in the Jungle" and added some great actions to go with the words. The children designed and made their own animal masks too- they did a brilliant job!



In Pre-School, we have been exploring birds in our gardens. We have been learning about different features of British birds and counting how many we could spot. We also made bird feeders to hang in our gardens.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have started a new initiative this week to support mental health. Safe Space Club is for LKS2 children who would like their own space, and Zen Club is for UKS2 children who would like to relax.



Pheobe said: 'It helps children to relax and feel good about themselves.'

Raising Money for CPADS!

Whinstone has been raising money for Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADS). Currently on our estate, there are only two CPADS located in our community and there is a local campaign to raise this number to nine. Our School Councillors have arranged a non-uniform day and cake sale as they are keen to raise money towards this very real issue for our immediate area. The aim is to have a CPAD within a 500-metre radius of every household. Our school have raised almost £400 towards this cause.



Children Challenging Industry

Our Year 5 children have been working on a local science project called 'Children Challenging Industry'. This project, working with the University of York, aims to improve the perception of children to science and industry. Each class has a visiting science teacher doing practical investigations to develop the childrens' science capital. This culminates

with engineers meeting the children via Zoom to discuss science and industry opportunities!