



# Summer Newsletter 2018



Welcome to the final newsletter for this year, where we bid a fond farewell to some of our Wingrove family, whilst welcoming new members. We welcome back Mrs Lawson-Perfect and Mrs Hussain, following their maternity leaves. We celebrated the births of three beautiful baby girls to members of our team this year: Philippa Lawson-Perfect, Eva Hussain and Grace Mead. We also welcome Mrs Walker who joins the early years team from September. The children and staff have worked exceptionally hard this year and our results have shown improvements in reading and writing across the school. Our early years outcomes and year one phonics are also very good and we hope they will be above National Average once again. This year we have more children achieving at the higher level of greater depth (in red below), which is down to our focus on the mastery curriculum. The table below has these results in more detail:

Early Years—end of reception 72% achieved a good level of development	KS1 (comparator is 2b+ from 2015 and earlier)	Reading Writing Mathematics	75% <b>19%</b> 65% <b>14%</b> 81% <b>20%</b>
Year One Phonics 88% passed the test	KS2 (comparator is 4b+)	R W SPAG Ma	65% <b>38%</b> 77% <b>7%</b> 68% <b>38%</b> 63% <b>25%</b>

We say thank you and goodbye to two of our teaching team: Mr Wilson and Miss Armstrong who are leaving at the end of this week. They were with us to cover Mrs Blashford's secondment and the temporary set up of three classes in year six. We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Fairholm and Mrs Cliffe from our support team. Mrs Fairholm will not be moving far away as she will be working at St John's from September. Mrs Cliffe has finally decided to retire after thinking about it for a couple of years. She has been at Wingrove for sixteen years and she will be missed greatly. She will not be resting, though, as she has an ever-growing number of grand children to look after. We thank her for everything she has done for the children and all the extra time she has given to the school.

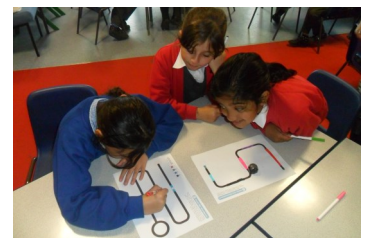
We also say goodbye to all our sixty wonderful year six children, who have worked incredibly hard this year. We are sending them off to eleven different secondary schools, with nearly half of the cohort joining Heaton Manor from September. We wish them all the very best as they continue their learning journey and we ask them to work hard and be kind to people, whilst carrying Wingrove in their hearts. We look forward to hearing about their future successes next year and beyond. Thank you again for your continuing support and I wish you all a lovely summer holiday.

Mrs. Mullarkey

## STEAM WEEK

Before the half term break, Wingrove joined the other schools in the West End Schools' Trust to take part in a week dedicated to science, technology, engineering, art and maths (STEAM). Each class completed a carousel of activities with different teachers from different year groups in the mornings linked to the different subject areas. During the afternoons, with their normal teacher, each class thought of, and developed, an enterprise idea ready for the fair on Friday afternoon.

Congratulations to Year 3, who worked as a whole year group, for making the most amount of money at the fair. "On the Thursday of STEAM Week, we held a careers day and it was interesting to think about what I might want to be when I grow up. It's great that the skills we were taught during the lessons might help us in our future jobs." – Sarah, Y3.



# Visits and Visitors

"Year 5 have had a terrific final term. We have been on many adventures, including an enjoyable trip to see Kenton High School where children took part in real secondary school lessons and had our first experience of high school teachers. Some of us also went to The Sage to watch talented, musical children from all around the north, including Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester, play spectacular pieces of classical music. We also had a camping experience in the grounds of the school. Our epic trip of the term was a journey around Newcastle City Centre as part of The Great Exhibition of the North. We visited some of the wonderful highlights of the city such as the Laing Art Gallery (a recommended visit – and it is free), the Grey's Monument and the Great North Museum that houses a T-Rex skeleton! My favourite part of the exhibition was when we visited the Laing Art Gallery. The best paintings were the ones that looked like photographs. We also learnt about the painter Glenn Brown." – Kulsuma, Y5.



Reception enjoyed their visit to our link school, Whittingham Church of England Primary in Northumberland, this term. The children were able to visit the church and garden plot on site, along with meeting the children and staff from the school. Everyone had the chance to explore the church and talk about the similarities and differences of their faiths and their places of worship. Wingrove hosted an Eid party for the Whittingham children on their visit and the children learnt about the month of Ramadan and the significance of the Eid celebrations. Everyone loved making Eid cards, decorations and getting an Eid tattoo. Aminah said, "I loved our Eid party at Wingrove, it was lots and lots of fun!"



As part of Year 3's topic about 'Where Will the Time Machine Take You?' they visited The Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda near Bardon Mill in the second part of the term, to further their learning about The Romans. "First of all, we went to the museum and when we got there, we all had a turn of the bow and arrow game to see if we would meet the standards of the Roman army. One of our arrows hit the target perfectly; it was 240 metres away! We then looked at the different weapons the Romans used and the types of scutum (shields) that they used to defend themselves with. Following this, we were ushered into a Roman classroom. Velius, our new holographic teacher, taught us about the Roman alphabet and Roman numerals. Before lunch, we went into the small cinema area and got to experience a 3D movie about the Edge of the Roman Empire, along Hadrian's Wall. After lunch, we went to Vindolanda and listened to one of the archaeologists at the site, Damien. He informed us about their recent finds and we were able to see some old Roman shoes that belonged to children, as well as real amber. It was amazing to see them when you consider how old they were. Also at Vindolanda, we looked around the site and spotted where the old headquarters would have been, as well as their old roundhouses. It was a great trip and it helped us learn so much more about the Romans." – Adnan and Sarah, Y3.





Year 2 went on amazing trip around the sights of Newcastle at the beginning of July. As part of their day, they took part in a Great Exhibition of the North workshop at The Sage and Baltic. Both classes had a great day and the weather was fabulous. Lise, Y2, said, "I really enjoyed the trip and workshop. My favourite part was seeing the fountains working on the River Tyne."



"In June, Guy Bass visited our school to show and tell us about some of his books. In Year 3, we read his book called 'Dinkin Dings and The Frightening Things' and in Year 4 we've read 'Stitch Head'. Other schools from our trust were also invited to the session and they had as much fun as we did. Guy was really funny and I particularly liked when he told us about his childhood. He also informed us about how he started writing and about how he used to enjoy reading Roald Dahl books when he was younger. At the end of the session, he signed some of his books and even posed for a photograph with Mrs Reynolds and her homemade Stitch Head doll. We can't wait to read another one of his books!" – Brooke and Harris, Y4.



## Hawkhirst

"This term, some of Year 6 went to Hawkhirst and it was a fabulous trip! On the first day, we got to go out on Kielder Water to use the bell boats, which was really fun. On the second day, we had a jam-packed day of activities. In the morning, we went on the zip wire and then abseiling. Some of us were really scared, but I wasn't and I completed them both. In the afternoon, we went paddle boarding, which was something I had never done before; it was brilliant. The group that had been working with John somehow managed to capsize their boat and they all fell in the water, including John; it was hilarious! On the final day, we walked into Leaplish to visit a bird of prey centre where we were able to hold and feed the birds. The whole experience was brilliant and I loved it." – Hassnain, Y6



## Camping at Hadrian's Wall

This is now our second year of camping at Wingrove and what a tremendous success it has been! Many of our Year 4 children have taken part in a camping trip this year and Sofiyah said, "It's the most amazing trip I've ever been on. I hope to go camping again next year and I would definitely recommend it to everyone. I really enjoyed the barbeque for tea and the walk along Hadrian's Wall. It was a great experience to sleep in a tent too; luckily nobody snored in my tent!" Wingrove have also been leading a project with our other WEST schools in an effort to encourage them to start camping. Next year, we hope that all of Key Stage 2 will take part in the camping adventures.



## DENTAL CARE

As part of the PSHCE curriculum, Year 3 welcomed dental students from Newcastle University in June. "To start with, they read us a story about a girl who had lost some of her milk teeth and it explained what happened next. We then completed a quiz about teeth and dental hygiene. After that, four of us were selected to take part in a demonstration. We had to chew a disclosing tablet that turned our mouths pink and purple. If part of our mouth turned pink, it meant that the bacteria hadn't been there for a long time, but if it turned purple it meant that the bacteria had been there for a long time. Following this, the dental students gave us a quick check-up where they demonstrated what it would be like if we visited a dentist. Before they left, they gave us all a free toothbrush and toothpaste to make sure that we are able to brush our teeth twice a day for two minutes." – Ridhan, Y3.



## News from Nursery

Nursery enjoyed their recent class trip to Gigglewicks Village. They had great fun dressing up and pretending to be police officers, hairdressers, shopkeepers and more. As part of Nursery's bear topic, they went on a teddy bear hunt and enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic with their favourite bears in forest school.



## Swimming

Mr Hields' class have continued to learn how to swim this term. "I've really enjoyed going swimming. At the start of the term, I was really nervous, but excited, as no-one in my family had been swimming before. As the weeks have progressed, my confidence has grown and now I have achieved a Puffin Award." - Marwah, Y3.

## Garden Party

We would like to send a huge thank you to everyone for coming along to our Garden Party to support the school and, most importantly, your children. It was a fantastic afternoon with a great atmosphere and we will use some of the £762.50 raised to help improve our outdoor areas at school. Increasing parental engagement is an aim for next year, as it has such a positive impact on your child's education. If you have any particular skills that could be used in school, or you would simply like to be more involved, please have a chat with Mr Henderson.

## Pupils vs Teachers

"On the penultimate week of term, the school football team were challenged, as is tradition, to a football match by the school staff. It was lots of fun and a very close game, with the staff eventually coming out 10-8 winners. However, we definitely put up a good fight. It was an incredible match and in my opinion the player of the match was Miss Hopper following her outstanding goal. Mr Hields really outdid himself this year with some fantastic moves and improving his record from last year, scoring an amazing four goals! All of us enjoyed it and I wish I could be part of it again." – Zakariyya, Y6.



## Newcastle West End Foodbank

This term, Years 3 and 4 have been collecting food for the Newcastle West End Foodbank and we would like to pass on our thanks and appreciation to all the families that contributed. The foodbank was extremely grateful for the donations which will help families in need. We will continue collecting again in September with Year 6, for the first half term. If you would like to find out more about the type of items that the foodbank urgently needs, please visit their website which is <https://newcastlewestend.foodbank.org.uk>.



## Food Waste Initiative

The Eco-Warriors have been working alongside Duncan, Amber and Jess from the Food Waste Initiative for the last few months to try and reduce our food waste in school. "We have been monitoring how much food we waste each lunchtime and looking for solutions on how to reduce it further. We have run a poster competition to encourage children to make good choices and given out stickers to children who have eaten all their lunch.

The Eco-Warriors have also given a survey to each class, asking children what foods they enjoy at lunchtime and what they would change. We are now writing an email to Chartwell's to ask them if they will make some changes to try and reduce food waste even further. I have really enjoyed being part of the project. I have particularly enjoyed weighing the bins each day and finding out how much food we have wasted." Fatimah, Y4.

Classes across the school have completed workshops to make everyone think about where our food comes from and how much energy goes into getting it to our plates. Omar, Y3, said, "When I think about food waste, I only think about what goes in the bin and not the aeroplane, for example, that has been used to transport the food to England. I will definitely try to waste less now and the fruit smoothie that we made was delicious."



## SEND Opportunities

The WEST SEND coordinators organised an SEND event at The Beacon in June. This was well attended by many parents across our trust and provided an excellent opportunity to find out about activities that may be available for your children both in and out of school. Some of the stalls included representatives from 'The Alan Shearer Centre' and 'Better Extreme' who talked about sessions available for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at no cost or reduced prices. We hope to repeat the event again next year, in school, to make it easier for more families to access.

