



# Summer Newsletter 2024



Welcome to the final newsletter for this year, where we bid a fond farewell to some of our Wingrove family, as well as welcoming new members. We say goodbye to one of our teaching team members: Miss Tod, who has been teaching in Year 2 covering maternity leave for Miss Kane, who gave birth to beautiful Thea in November. Miss Rowan will continue the maternity cover until October half term when Miss Kane will return. We also say goodbye to three members of our support team: Miss Scanlan who is moving to another part of the city, Mr Moore, who is moving on to work in a secondary school, and Mrs Dick, who is retiring from her role as Pupil and Family Support Officer. Mrs Dick has worked in our school for thirty two years, and will be an enormous miss to me and the whole team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has given to Wingrove. This means that Chance and Winnie will also be retiring—Winnie has been one of our longest serving school dogs of 10 years, and I know we will all miss her, but we welcome two little puppies to the team: Wilf and Willow will be gradually introduced to their classrooms in September which is really exciting. We want to wish all of our departing team members every success as they move on to the next stage of their careers. We will also welcome some new staff to our ever extending Wingrove family: Mrs Whitelaw, Miss Parveen, Miss Smith, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Chilvers, Mrs Hussain, Ms Walton, Miss Khanum, Mrs. Vittaladevini, Miss Reay and Mrs Hay (nee Witherspoon). Staff and children have once again worked exceptionally hard this year and the results reflect this. They follow below:

<p><b>Early Years—end of reception</b></p> <p>53% achieved a good level of development, which is a drop of 1% on 2023 results. COVID continues to affect our youngest children.</p>	<p><b>KS1</b></p>	<p>Reading</p> <p>Writing</p> <p>Mathematics</p> <p>RW&amp;M</p>	<p>52% @expected with 2% @ greater depth– 10% down</p> <p>50% @expected with 0% @ greater depth– 10% down</p> <p>55% @expected with 5% @ greater depth– 22% down</p> <p>43% @expected with 0% @ greater depth—15% down</p> <p>The results are lower than last year on last year, and are also expected to be below national average. We will target this next year.</p>
<p><b>Year One Phonics</b></p> <p>64% passed the test , which is in line with last year, and reflects an improving picture. The impact of Little Wandle, our phonics programme, will be embedded next year.</p>	<p><b>KS2</b></p>	<p>Reading</p> <p>Writing</p> <p>GPS (grammar)</p> <p>Mathematics</p> <p>RW&amp;M</p>	<p>68% @expected with 25% @ greater depth - 4% &amp; 8% up</p> <p>66% @expected with 10% @ greater depth—4% up &amp; 7% down</p> <p>68% @expected with 25% @ greater depth—10% up &amp; 8% up</p> <p>67% @expected with 26% @ greater depth—3% &amp; 2% up</p> <p>54% @expected with 9% @greater depth—3% and 9% up</p> <p>The results are good and will probably be in line with national av.</p>

Finally, we say goodbye to all sixty of our wonderful Y6, who have worked incredibly hard this year. We are sending them off to ten different secondary schools, with the largest numbers going to Kenton, Excelsior and St Cuthbert’s. 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. We wish you all a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th September, 2024.

*Mrs Mullarkey, July 2024*

## Bonjour, Nancy!

“At the start of June, twenty pupils from Year 6 set off to head to Nancy, France for five days. After boarding three trains, a journey that took over eight hours, we finally arrived. During our visit, we spent time with our partner



school, visited an aquarium, explored a medieval ruin and toured around Nancy on Le Petit Train. Once our time in Nancy was up, we returned home to our parents, ready to prepare for our next adventure. I had so much fun and I would definitely go again! Thank you to the teachers for making this such a great experience.” – Leah, Y6



# Visits and Visitors

The children in Year 3 have enjoyed visiting Madina Masjid this term as they have been developing their oracy skills to ask questions to local community members about Islam. The mosque visit included an insight into praying, the ablution ritual and similarities within other religions. This supported their learning and understanding of the Eid celebrations that Muslims celebrate and Miss Chaudry's class were able to perform their class assembly about the similarities between Islam and Christianity with links to Easter. Mesk said, "This was a brilliant school trip to the Masjid as I have only attended Arabic school so I found out a lot of information from the visitor and I got a chance to ask questions."



"In Year 4, we were blessed to meet the incredible Onjali Raúf, author of the Boy at the Back of the Class. She came to tell us all about her experiences volunteering at refugee camps in Calais, France. Her journey is extraordinary and it is easy to see her inspiration for the story. We also visited the Theatre Royal to watch a production of the Boy at the Back of the Class. We had a great time sitting in the beautiful Victorian theatre. The book is brilliant too and we highly recommend it." – Aiza, Y4



"In April, the Year 6 pupils were invited to go and visit the building of Opencast, as part of our work with Redstart to play some different games that helped us learn all about money. The games were split into four sessions and we learnt something new each time. Everyone had such a great time. I had so much fun. If I could, I would definitely go again." Wania, Y6



"In June, we visited the Newcastle Helix to take part in Building Blocks, a STEM themed day of activities. Once we were introduced to the staff, we had a chance to build with Lego, use Micro:bits to create a light show and to code and program robots to move around obstacles. We also had the chance to design a building of the future. The winners received a STEM themed prize to



take home. We all really enjoyed visiting the Helix and hope we can do it again in future." – Talha & Tamim, Y5



"In June, Rotary Kids Out arranged for us to have a free day trip to Beamish. We explored the 1900s town where we visited the dentist and bakery. Some of the tools dentists used in the past looked quite scary! They showed us how to make bread and cookies, which smelled delicious! In the 1950s town, we all had great fun in the park, before tucking into a picnic for lunch. In the afternoon, we



took part in an evacuee workshop at the 1940s farm. We saw a real Anderson shelter and learned about the different jobs evacuees would have had on the farm. As a special treat, the Rotary Club gave us vouchers for vanilla ice cream with popping candy. We had such a fun day! Thank you to the Rotary Club for this fantastic day out." – Nadia & Zoya, Y5

## Cycling in The Netherlands

In May, a group of children from Year 5 headed to The Netherlands for a wonderful cycling trip. Sébastien made a diary of the trip:

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We were all excited to set off to the ferry in North Shields on a hot, spring day. As we arrived on the ferry after a long cycle, we entered our cabins (which were very cosy) and a few hours later we ate a delicious buffet. Most of us hadn't even been on a ferry before!

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After a lovely breakfast, we set off to our hotel which took about 2 hours and finally we had lunch. We had put our sandwich order in before we had arrived and they were very yummy. In the afternoon, we took a tram, again a first experience for most of us, to the interesting Anne Frank museum where we learnt about her life, the history behind it all and even saw her bedroom! For tea, we walked to a burger bistro and then when we left, there was a massive thunderstorm. We had to follow Mr MacLeod's height to see where we were going in the rain!

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Today was the day where we took a short walk to our partner school, Kinder Campus Zuidas. In the morning, we took part in a PE lesson based on Mario Kart. It was so much fun. We also got to meet our pen pals after months of sending letters backwards and forwards to each other. After break time, we learnt about Escher and Picasso and had a lovely lunch. We tried sandwiches with sprinkles in! At 2:15pm, it was time to leave and arrive at the Straat (street art) Museum. Later on, we had pizza for tea and to finish we had a canal cruise where we saw lots of our area in Holland.

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As we cycled back after breakfast, where Yousef devoured the waffles, we stopped at a cafe for lunch. When we cycled back, we saw very cute highland cows on our way to the ferry to go home along the canal side.

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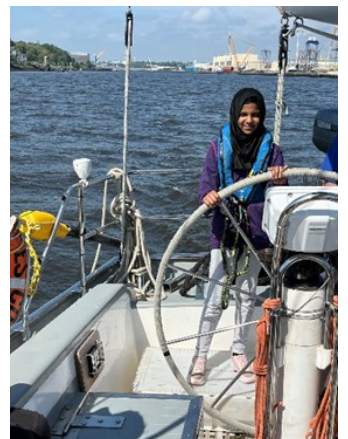
After arriving back in England, we came back past the Newcastle United training ground and we had lunch at the Cycle Hub. When we arrived at school, we came back to the most joyous of sights as everyone who had been back at school was waiting for us and they waved, cheered and whistled. This was the best experience of my life!



## SAILING

"Year 6 have enjoyed numerous excellent trips this year, but without question, one of the highlights was sailing up and down the River Tyne with the Ocean Youth Trust. Wingrove was paired with Canning Street and St. John's, and together, we had an amazing time learning about life aboard a working sailing ship.

We learned how to unfurl the sails, steer the ship, tie knots, take care of the fenders, and most importantly, work as a team and make new friends. We are grateful to Simon and his crew for welcoming us onto the James Cook for a once-in-a-lifetime trip. All the children loved Nick's humour when he pulled faces, sang songs and made funny noises. They also enjoyed Ben's delicious cooking (except for the mash, according to Corey), appreciated Oscar's lessons and morning music, and most of all, a big thank you goes to Simon, the skipper and captain who gave us biscuits and hot chocolate. This memorable experience will stay with us for years to come. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible." - Hiba, Y6



# REFUGEE WEEK

This year, our school embraced the spirit of Refugee Week with a series of engaging and educational activities. From heart-warming celebrations to meaningful lessons, the week was a vibrant showcase of our community's commitment to understanding and supporting refugees and asylum seekers. We kicked off Refugee Week with *A Day of Welcome*, a special non-uniform day that allowed children to come to school dressed as their personal heroes. The school was filled with inspiring figures, from historical icons to modern-day champions, each costume telling a unique story. This day was not just about fun; it was an educational experience where students learned about the journeys and struggles of refugees and asylum seekers. Through stories and discussions, the children gained a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those who seek safety and a new life in our country.

## Visit to Fenham Library

The following week, our school councillors participated in an enriching activity at Fenham Library. This trip was an opportunity for them to delve deeper into the themes of Refugee Week. The councillors read several books that highlighted the experiences of refugees, fostering empathy and understanding. After the reading session, the children engaged in a craft activity where they created artworks representing the important things in their lives and their surroundings. This reflective exercise encouraged them to appreciate their own experiences while recognising the resilience and courage of refugees.

## Looking Ahead

As we reflect on Refugee Week, we are reminded of the power of education and community in fostering a more inclusive and understanding world. The lessons learned and the experiences shared during this week will continue to resonate with our students, encouraging them to be empathetic and supportive individuals. Thank you once again for your generous donations and unwavering support. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of refugees and asylum seekers, both within our school and beyond.



## Cultural Diversity Celebration

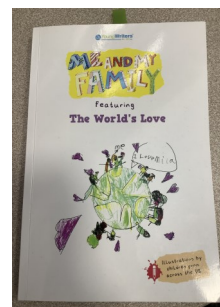
Wingrove's celebration performance for cultural diversity was hosted by Year 3. The children performed their favourite songs from their singing sessions alongside a Bollywood contemporary dance to celebrate how culturally diverse Wingrove Primary is.

Mahfuz said, "Wow! I can't believe we had the opportunity to sing our favourite songs to visitors and perform our dance. I really enjoyed it."



## Young Writers

Some of our Reception children entered a competition with Young Writers, drawing a picture of their families and talking about it. As a collective group, we won! Their work has been published into a book which is amazing. We are so proud of them all!



## PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Parent and Toddler Group, Little Wingroviens, starting on 10th September 2024. This group will meet every Tuesday during term time from 08:50 to 10:00. Parents with babies and toddlers aged 0-4 are warmly invited to join us for a morning of fun, play, and socialising. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents, share experiences and let your little ones explore and interact in a safe, friendly environment. Sign-up forms are available at the school office. Refreshments and snacks will be provided to ensure everyone has a delightful time. We look forward to seeing you there and building a supportive community together!



## Camping at Hadrian's Wall

In June and July, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a two night camping adventure along Hadrian's Wall. Sumaiyah said, "We played lots of games in our tent and my favourite part was the long, challenging walk, but it woke us all up after staying in a tent for the first time and we completed it



together. The sleeping bags were really cosy and kept us warm through the night." Hamza added, "We had lots of fun and John's cooking was amazing! We loved the barbeques and the kebabs. I would recommend to people that they should go on this trip in the future. My favourite part was seeing the views at the top of the hill on our walk; they were really breath-taking!"

## Debating Competition

"On Tuesday 18th June, eight Year 5 children debated in a competition between other schools within our trust. Our question to debate was, 'Should summer holidays be shorter?' We were debating against St John's Primary. A few days before our competition, we had planned our debating tactics and structure. We debated about the mental health of staff and children after shortening the summer holidays and most people need a longer break. After discussing with our team, it was finally time to start debating against St John's. We arrived at the Civic Centre around 1pm, then we started the debate. We had to stand up with a microphone and deliver our points clearly. After debating, we had a little break while the judges decided who had won our debate. Some of us were really nervous so we couldn't even sit down. After about 10 minutes, we were welcomed back into the room so that we could find out who had won. We were very excited because... WE WON! Something even crazier than just winning our heat, is that we also won the whole competition! This is the first time Wingrove have ever won the whole competition and we are all so proud of ourselves. It was great fun and we all enjoyed it." – Sumaiyah, Y5



## Science Club



"In the first half of the term, a group of Year 2 children enjoyed weekly visits to the Centre For Life for a science club with other schools from our Trust. The activities were really exciting, especially when we used a special pen to read in the dark. We also dissected plants, made boats out of different materials, looked at special crystals and we even got to have a tour of the centre." – Haniya, Y2



## STAR Dance

Year 3 have been one of the latest year groups to take part in the STAR dance production linked to a topic about Merlin and his magical powers. The children were able to choreograph their own independent dances to music creating a flow of movements. Ganah said, "I liked dancing with my friends to music!"



## Mums' Coffee Morning



## Mums' Group

In May and June, the Mums' Group have been walking in what has been a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy the outdoors and stay active. Each week, a group of enthusiastic mums set out to explore new parks and walking routes, embracing the fresh air and beautiful scenery. These walks were not just about exercise; they became a time for socialising and building friendships. Many mums brought along delicious homemade treats to share, making our gatherings even more enjoyable. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Many mums have expressed how much they appreciated the chance to unwind, engage in healthy activities and connect with other parents from our school community. It's been a fantastic way to foster a sense of friendship and support among the mums, all while promoting a healthy lifestyle. After the summer holidays, we are excited to announce that from September, every Tuesday from 10.15 to 11.15am, the Mums' Fitness sessions will be moving back to the school hall. These indoor sessions will continue to focus on fitness and well-being, offering a variety of exercises suitable for all levels. However, given the success and enjoyment of our outdoor activities, we plan to incorporate occasional outdoor exercises when the weather permits.

We believe that staying active and connected is crucial for the well-being of our community, and we warmly invite all mums to join us. Whether you're looking to improve your fitness, meet new friends, or simply take a break from your daily routine, the Mums' Fitness sessions are a great way to do so. Thank you to all the



mums who participated in the summer walks and contributed to their success. Your enthusiasm and positive spirit have made this initiative a highlight of our school year. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones as we continue our fitness journey together in September. All mums are welcome! Join us and be part of a supportive and fun community dedicated to health and friendship.



## Sports Competitions

In June, the West End Schools' Trust came together during Sports Week and held different sport events across all year groups. To start, we took our Year 1 and 2 pupils to The Turf at St John's and they took part in a multi-skills event. We participated in a carousel of activities and this tested our throwing, rolling, balancing and jumping skills. All of the pupils were amazing! Abdur Rahman, Y2, said, "I really enjoyed the balancing game with the tennis ball and racket because I like tennis. I also liked the dribbling of the football. I had a great time."

On the Wednesday of the week, we took our Year 3 and 4 pupils to Bridgewater Primary School to participate in archery and New Age Kurling activities. The pupils worked together to gain a highest possible score on the archery, whereas they competed against other trust schools playing New Age Kurling. Our final sport event of the week was Girls' Football for the Year 5 and 6 girls, held at Wingrove Primary School. The girls played a round robin format which gave them the opportunity to play against all the participating schools. There were some excellent skills on show! Across all three days, pupils demonstrated lots of skills, teamwork, determination and communication to name a few. Well done, everybody!

