



EARLY YEARS TRIP TO RHS HARLOW CARR

Nursery and Reception children had a wonderful day out exploring RHS Harlow Carr to support their topic, 'How does your garden grow?'.

During the visit, pupils enjoyed a workshop all about how plants grow. They planted peas and explored a variety of plants in the walled garden before having fun collecting a host of different petals which had fallen in recent heavy rain. (The children brought the petals back to school and enjoyed using them to create some stunning art work this week.)

After a busy day exploring in the fresh air the buses were definitely quieter on our return journey which is most definitely a sign of a great day out!

The children said that the best part of their trip was:

'Going all the way in the minibus with my friends and daddy came too.' - Albie

'Collecting petals with all my friends. They are beautiful.' - Tara



'Using the purple magnifying glass to look at the plants and the flowers.' - Lyra

'Having a sleep on the bus when I was so tired.' - Oscar

'Collecting all the petals with Tara. We found pink ones.' - Isabella

'Daddy came with me and he helped me and Lyra plant the little seeds in the pot.' - Josie

Trips and visits are an important part of the Early Years Curriculum as we aim to provide high quality first hand learning experiences for the children. Not only do they create fantastic memories and experiences, but they are lots of fun, too!

Miss Hall and Miss Graham



WELCOME

Our summer term events are in full swing as we approach the end of the academic year.

Last week gave us the chance to see our future year group cohorts come together as our summer term Transition Days took place. Prep School pupils got the chance to experience a day in their new year groups ahead of September and had a great time making new friends and spending time with their new teachers. I think it is safe to say they enjoyed seeing what the year ahead will bring in Prep!

We also welcomed all of the new pupils who will be joining us in September from schools in the local community. From Nursery to Year 7, we were thrilled to see so many new faces enjoying their first taste of life at Teesside High School. A huge thank you to all of our current students who assisted as mentors on the day.

Thank you to all who joined us for our Summer Fair last Saturday. Despite the weather, it turned out to be a wonderful day with a great sense of school spirit and family. We cannot wait to host this event once again, hopefully with some sunshine next time!

On Monday, parents and grandparents joined our Prep School for an exciting Early Years Father's Day assembly. The children sang their songs fantastically and told us all about why they loved their dads and grandads. Tears were shed as the children shared all of the small things their dads do which they love so much.

It has been a very busy day so far for Pastoral Day. Senior School students have taken part in a range of activities including team building, staying safe online and talks with organisations such as Cleveland Fire Brigade, the Army Outreach Team, Harbour and Brook Advisory. This day is a great addition to our fantastic pastoral provision at THS and I hope students have enjoyed this aspect of their personal development. Huge thanks to the agencies and partner organisations who help us deliver such a comprehensive programme.

I am looking forward to watching the Staff vs Parents Cricket Match this afternoon. I know that the staff team have had some practice today so the big question is, who will come away victorious this year?

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of THIS Week; have a lovely weekend.

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head



Boys' Cricket Fixtures

Our boys have been involved in lots of cricket fixtures recently both in the Sports Hall thanks to the wet weather or on the field enjoying the sunshine. More recently, the U14 boys played against Yarm School and it was great to see their hard work in lessons paying off. I was particularly impressed with the accuracy of their bowling and the team keeping the wickets to a minimum. Louis hit a number of 6s to keep the boys in the game but unfortunately fell just short for a narrow defeat.

The U12 and U13 boys have also been in action against Red House and Yarm and again we saw their commitment to cricket showing in the competitive nature of both fixtures. We have been extremely impressed with all of the cricket teams due to their effort, commitment and enjoyment of this sport.

Mr Thomas



Inter Counties Athletics Competition

Well done to Kyle, Joel, Annabel, Spencer and Yasmin who all travelled to Gateshead last Saturday to represent Cleveland in the Inter Counties Athletics Competition.

It was a super opportunity to compete at this level and valuable experience will have been gained by all.

We had some great performances and a number of PBs achieved.

A special mention goes to Spencer for throwing over 11m in the shot put and coming away with second place.

Spencer will now wait to see if he has achieved the qualifying distance to represent the North of England in the

next round.

Miss Turnbull



County Athletics Competition

Seven of our strongest track athletes represented Stockton District at the County Athletics Competition, held at Middlesbrough Sports Village at the start of the summer term. We had some remarkable performances that showcased the skills and tenacity of our athletes.

Tinashe delivered an outstanding race in the 200m, securing a well-deserved second place finish. Kyle dominated the 1500m, crossing the line in first place with a powerful performance, while in her race, Annabel ran a well-paced 1500m and finished in second. Next up were the 800m races which featured four of our athletes. Amelie ran a fantastic race to finish in first place, Yasmin and Kyle both displayed excellent determination to finish in second place in their respective races

and Martha ran well to finish in fifth. Last but not least, Luca lined up in the 100m sprint and crossed the line in fifth place.

From an evening of highly-competitive races, Annabel, Kyle and Yasmin have qualified to represent Cleveland County. A huge well done to Amelie and Tinashe who were District champions this year and we look forward to seeing them back on the track next year when they will be eligible to compete at County level.

Our success does not stop there. Some of our field event athletes who performed excellently at the District Competition have also been selected to represent Cleveland County. Bethea has been selected for discus, Spencer for both discus and javelin, while Joel



Bell Boating Competition

On Friday 7 June, a group of Year 8 boys were invited to take part in a Bell Boating Competition at Tees Barrage.

The sun shone and the boys had a fantastic time learning to paddle and then competing in a final race to end the day - securing second place against some fantastic teams. This was a brilliant opportunity and great achievement for the boys!

Miss Stephens



will compete in high jump.

As a PE department, we are extremely proud to see so many of our athletes reach District and County levels. It goes to show that all of the hard work and time spent in athletics training and enrichment sessions pays off.

Mr Williamson



Sam Plants a Sunflower

Nursery children have enjoyed sharing the story *Sam Plants a Sunflower* and learning all about sunflowers to kick start their new topic, *How does your garden grow?*

They counted and compared different sunflower seeds before planting some in the garden. The children are remembering to water them everyday and looking forward to seeing them start to grow.

They created their own pictures of sunflowers and learnt a range of new vocabulary such as 'germinate' and

'bud'. The children even learnt the word 'heliotropism' and know this means sunflowers can turn their heads to face the sun.

Finally, they also discovered sunflowers grow their own seeds and can describe the sunflower life cycle.

Miss Hall



EYFS and Pre-Prep Achievements

Oscar in Nursery has achieved his Learn to Swim Level 1 award. Abigail in Reception received a rosette for taking such good care of the horses and helping to look after them when she attends her horse riding lessons.

In Pre-Prep, Aubrey recieved her Level

5 certificate in golf, Gia achieved her 15m butterfly, Amelia accomplished her 15m front-crawl and Raffie was awarded his Level 2 swimming certificate. Wow, well done, all!

Miss Hall, Miss Graham and Mrs Hannah

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Our topic in Reception this term is *How does your garden grow?*

Earlier this term, Verity very kindly brought in some home grown vegetables from her garden.

Reception loved trying the fresh tasty vegetables and discussing the taste and texture of them.

The children also had some brilliant discussions about how to take care of plants.

Miss Graham



Bringing Home Bronze

The children in Pre-Prep have had an exciting start to their new IPC unit *Olympics - Bringing Home Bronze* this week.

Pupils completed some new sporting activities based on Olympic events.

The children all had a turn running and jumping over hurdles and throwing bean bags in a shot put event.

I was very impressed with their perseverance and hard work in each sport. Keep up the great work, Pre-Prep!

Mrs Hannah



The Map Book by Sara Fanelli

Reception children have been looking at maps using *The Map Book* by Sara Fanelli.

In this book there is a 'map of my heart' that explores how all of the people and things that we love make

up all of the pieces of our hearts.

Reception children made maps of their own hearts and had some lovely discussions about things that are special and important to them.

Miss Graham

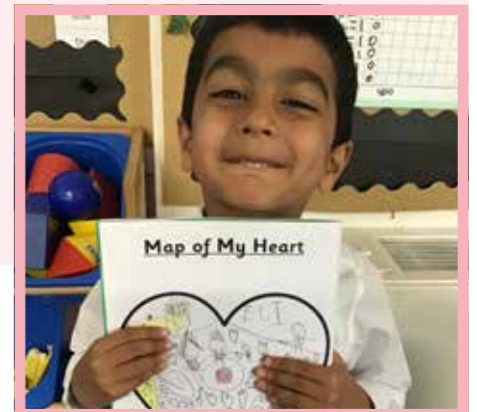


Queensway Dental Clinic

EYFS and Pre-Prep children enjoyed a visit from the Dental Nurses at Queensway Dental Clinic last week.

The children learnt how to keep their teeth clean and healthy, enjoyed practising their skills and were gifted with a lovely teeth brushing kit. The kit included a toothbrush, toothpaste and a two minute timer. Thank you for visiting us, the children had a fantastic time.

Mrs Hannah



York Residential Trip

Lower Prep pupils enjoyed a one-night residential visit to York on Tuesday 4 June.

The children were highly praised for their excellent conduct at each location they visited, making them impressive ambassadors for our school. They should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Below, the children share some of their experiences and what they learned.

Miss Lockerbie

SoundSpace was an audio-filled exhibit explaining the functionality of the human ear. I learnt that like bats, humans have a small sense of echolocation. They also can use both ears and differentiate which ear the sound waves are entering from. Another thing I learned was the genre of music from different areas.

SPARK was a digital, interactive and interesting section all about technology. It used pressure and light sensors to conduct really cool displays. I learnt how sensors function and how they can display different images depending on where you were positioned.

Alexander

At Eureka, there were activities about healthy eating including fruit and vegetables like apples, strawberries, carrots and oranges. You must eat a balanced diet because too much of something isn't good. There was also a teeth clinic or dentist. There were giant teeth where you could see inside. We also learned all about the teeth, including the different types of teeth. We saw lots of interesting skeletons, there was a bit where we could measure our height and there was the world's tallest man.

Georgina

At Dig we learned about the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We got to learn about what tools people had in each and what they

did. We became real archaeologists and tried to find objects in the sand.

We looked inside (fake) poop to see what people ate in different times in the past. We got to look at what the houses looked like and try to replicate them by building them with little bricks and it was way harder than it looked.

Phyllis

When we went to Dig we talked about archeology and all about the Vikings. We even got to see a giant poo and we got to see an ancient cow skull. We also went to dig for ourselves. We found bones and pottery and then we went into a prehistoric workshop (prehistoric means before history). In the prehistoric workshop we built things using blocks and some people had to rip apart poo! We even talked about the Paleolithic, the Mesolithic, the Neolithic, the Bronze Age and the Iron age.

Camille

There are many very famous sweets and chocolate companies that have been based in York. Ever had Smarties? Made by Nestlé in York. Terry's hot chocolate? Based in York. Even Rowntrees who made Fruit Pastilles are based in York. This Treasure Trail Told us these facts and gave us a long walk around York while doing it.

Joseph



Sports Day Field Events

Earlier this term saw the start of our Prep Sports Day field events with many outstanding individual performances. Well done to the following pupils for breaking a number of long-standing school records:

U9 Girls Long Jump - Erin

U9 Boys Shot - Ozzy

U9 Boys Javelin - Thomas

U11 Boys Long Jump - Jacob

U11 Boys 1200m - Jacob

We look forward to welcoming families to watch the remaining events on Friday 28 June.

Miss Hopkins



Forest School Holiday Camp

Forest School Holiday Camp pupils enjoyed a relaxing session in the woods during the half term break.

They completed a selection of activities from maintaining the woodland, to whittling sticks, hammering signs, playing hide and seek, making paracord bracelets and creating a fire for hot chocolates, s'mores and toasties.

I was especially impressed that the group managed to create and maintain the fire, boil the kettle and make their hot chocolates independently!

Miss Hopkins

Transition Day

Last Thursday saw the return of our summer term Transition Day. The day provides the perfect opportunity for Prep pupils to experience a day in their new class for the upcoming academic year. Year 6 pupils enjoyed a day in the Senior School, getting a taste for their new subjects and meeting their new teachers. In Languages Club, pupils decorated stones expressing a greeting in different languages.

Miss Connor



Year 2 Fantasy Stories

Year 2 have recently been working on fantasy stories. Here is Aubrey's fantastic story about the 'Tear Thief', inspired by the story by Carol Ann Duffy. We thought carefully about adding descriptions and including an example of crocodile tears and one of real tears. As in the original story, we left ours on a bit of a cliff hanger, with the Tear Thief hearing someone else crying. I hope that you enjoy reading Aubrey's work.

Mrs Kennedy

Early one morning, just after sunrise, the Tear Thief crept into a sleepy town. The Tear Thief was invisible and she carried a colourful waterproof sack on her back. The Tear Thief could only

be seen in a mirror because a mirror was the only thing that showed her reflection. The Tear Thief had glossy, flowing hair, plump red lips and a sparkly, shimmering dress. The Tear Thief flew onto a shiny, glass windowsill for a good listen. Wa wa wa wa wa! A girl was crying. The crying was coming from number 91. As quick as lightning, the Tear Thief went through the open window. The girl was at the breakfast table crying her eyes out because she wanted to have chocolate pancakes for breakfast. In one quick movement, the Tear Thief pounced and collected the tears. The Tear Thief popped them in her sack. The Tear Thief flew back up to the window. Soon after that she heard that same noise. Wa wa wa wa wa wa! A boy was crying

because he was sick so the Tear Thief dashed and caught them. The Tear Thief said that they were worth more than gold. When her sack was full she flew up and up until she reached the red, burning sun and poured the tears into the sun. It shone brighter than ever and the whole town was lit. After that a baby started to cry.





Year 7 and 12 Visit to Whitby

On Wednesday 19 June, Year 7 and Year 12 History students enjoyed an exciting trip to Whitby.

The day began with a guided and interactive tour of Whitby Abbey, where students learned fascinating facts about the monks who lived there before the Reformation and the effects of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

Lunch featured a classic seaside treat

of fish and chips, as well as rock and ice cream and the day concluded with a fun and competitive game of mini golf.

The beautiful weather added to the enjoyment, making it a memorable day for everyone!

Miss O'Byrne



Chemistry Glassware

Year 8 students have been evaluating the precision of a range of Chemistry glassware.

Using their knowledge of the density

of water, they have calculated the percentage error in different measuring cylinders and beakers.

Mrs Walton



Artist of the Month

We are delighted to announce that our Artist of the Month for June is Lily Collingwood in Year 9.

This year, students have worked on three modules, one in Fine Art, one in Photography and one in Art Textiles. For the Art Textiles project, students studied the work of Austrian artist, architect and ecologist, Hundertwasser. They were asked to develop a silk painting in Hundertwasser's style which highlighted a current environmental issue.

All pupils created some excellent work but we think you will agree that Lily's work is particularly striking!

Mrs Machan



Drama Beyond THS

'Drama beyond THS' talks has been a new initiative this year and we have been privileged to have been visited by a number of industry professionals.

Students from Year 7 to Year 12 have experienced talks on stage schools, the acting industry, backstage work and audition prep from Amy Darton, Annabel Gray, Toby Shellard, Emma Maw, Ryan Jacques and Jessica Robson.

A huge thank you goes to our external speakers, but also for our fantastic Drama students who have engaged so brilliantly with the talks.

Mrs Furness



GCSE Drama

Year 10 GCSE Drama students have completed their Devising examination this summer term, based on the stimulus of Aristotle's quote "Happiness depends on ourselves".

This component is worth 40% of the students' grades and the group has worked so hard in creating, rehearsing and polishing their final performance.

Audience members were clearly entertained and moved by the group's message and I was equally as impressed.

Mrs Furness

Biology Challenge

Year 9 and 10 Biology students competed in the National Biology Challenge Competition against thousands of students across the UK and the world.

The competition consists of two, twenty-five-minute multiple choice papers.

The questions were set on the school curriculum, but the competition also rewarded those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and

magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna.

Students at THS have done very well this year with 23 of our Year 9 and 10 students receiving an award!

Mrs Jackson



British Council International School Award Success

We are delighted to share that Teesside High School has been awarded Foundation level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world.

Shannon West, Head of UK Schools for the British Council, said: "Teesside High School's international work has earned the school well-deserved recognition with the British Council International School Award – Foundation Certificate.

"We are delighted and proud that Teesside High School is committed to developing a whole school approach to embedding and celebrating international work. The dedication from everyone is enriching education and supporting globally aware young people and the development of key skills.

"We thank all involved in this important work; embedding an international ethos across a school can lead to International

School Award accreditation, which is the highest level of the award. Schools looking to join this supportive and engaging global network should contact us at the British Council."

This recognition by the British Council coincided with Frau Butterfield receiving a prestigious invite from the German Ambassador to the annual 'Sommerfest der deutschen Sprache' at the German Embassy in London in recognition of her department's commitment to UK-German language and cultural links. We cannot wait to hear how the event goes - and will update you in the next edition!



STEM Challenge at Teesside University

12 students in Year 8 had a fantastic day at Teesside University last Friday, competing in a STEM challenge which involved activities such as robotics, medical diagnostics and building and racing a model car.

In the crime E-fit session, Eshel and

William were runners up, and Noah and Connor took first place, earning themselves a super trophy in the process.

Well done to all!

Mrs Shevels



Horrible Histories: Rotten Royals

15 of our Year 7 students had a memorable afternoon at the Durham Gala Theatre, where they were treated to the comedic spectacle of *Horrible Histories: Rotten Royals*.

This engaging show took them on a rollicking journey through history, spotlighting the quirks and follies of Britain's most notorious monarchs.

With a blend of humour and historical facts, the performance was both educational and entertaining, leaving the students with a newfound appreciation for the colourful tapestry of our past. It was an afternoon well spent, filled with laughter and learning.

Miss O'Byrne



Business Trip to Nissan

Recently Business Studies students in Years 10 and 12 had the opportunity to consolidate their learning on production with a visit to Nissan at Washington earlier this month.

This visit enabled them to see production in action and included a tour of the factory and the production lines, so they saw the cars being assembled, and how quickly this can be done.

They studied Kaizen, lean production and flow production, and our students were able to see these principles in action, supported by information from our tour guides.

Mr Aberdeen

This linked to their courses as they



LAMDA Showcase Evening

June saw our LAMDA Showcase Evening where students performed one of two pieces for their upcoming examination.

Parents were able to witness the talent and skill within our cohort and

enjoyed performances from Year 7 to Year 12.

The diversity and challenge of the pieces performed showed how hard our students work and how much time and effort has gone into making



A-level Drama

Year 12 A-Level Theatre Studies have independently written, directed and performed their own Brechtian devised piece of theatre, influenced by the stimulus of *The Overton Window* this term.

Henry, Joe and Benji skilfully multi-rolled and created a satirical and thought-provoking piece, which had audiences laughing out loud and questioning their own allegiance to political parties. I was hugely impressed with their dedication and hard work.

Mrs Furness

these performances successful.

Now, onto receiving our LAMDA results for these fabulous students!

Mrs Furness



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