



9th July 2021

We had a lovely time on Holy Island this Monday. The children were very interested in the Gertrude Jekyll garden and comparing it with our own. They also got to see the difference in water heights with low and high tides at both the harbour and from Chare End looking out at the pole we walked by only last week.

Year 4s were treated to an amazing leavers lunch by Ashleigh and Charlette at The Island Shack. They felt like VIPs and had a special table and delicious food. Thank you so much for your generosity. Years 3 and 4 were back on the Island for their transition beach cricket with Ford and Norham school children on Friday morning.



Reminder for next week

Sports day is on **Monday** next week (12th July) and will be held at Holy Island school. **Children will need active clothing for the day and a packed lunch or grab and go.** It would be wise to make sure everyone has a waterproof and/or sun cream depending on the weather. We are aiming to get the bus back at about 2pm so should be ending the day at our usual staggered times.

Sadly, the fire service has cancelled their visit to us planned for Tuesday afternoon. We will try to re-book them for the Autumn term.

The sports coaches will be in, even though it is our last week of term, and we are planning a little 'cricket tea' on Thursday afternoon as a celebration of PE and Commando Joe's this term. Friday (16th July) is the last day of term and the school year. Please make a note on your calendar that the children will return to school on **Wednesday 8th September.**

⇒ **Please note that hard copies of our end of year reports letters have gone out this week.**

SEND newsletter

Please see the main page of our school website in the newsletter section for an Information Newsletter from the Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) for July. This is packed with links and information about local events and services for children with Special Educational Needs / Disabilities (SEND).

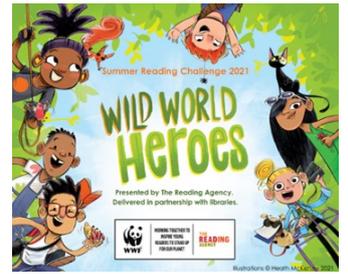
Thinking about the summer holiday...

Reading is one of the most important thing you can do with your child (both listening to them read and reading to them). We always have a big focus on the importance of reading in school through our morning reading for pleasure groups, our phonics intervention groups, guided reading groups, story time and English lessons.

The stories which staff recorded over the previous lockdown via the Seesaw app will remain available over the summer holiday for you to access. The library service is also doing a Summer Reading Challenge. You can find out more about this from this video which we have shared with the children in school this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwE1TKZg5xl>

Berwick library is on Walkergate and will be open Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm and on Saturdays 10am – 5pm. The **Summer Reading Challenge** is themed around Wild World Heroes and the environment and will run from **10th July – 11th September**. The children will be able to win stickers and gain a certificate as part of the challenge.



Eco-School News

This week for Plastic Free July we had a look at a charity called 'Kids Against Plastic'. The charity was set up by two sisters aged 14 and 17 who, after learning about the UN's Global Goals, decided they wanted to take action against plastic pollution. They created resources for schools who are trying to become 'Plastic Clever Schools' to help raise awareness and fight single use plastics. We will be completing an audit of all the single-use plastic we can find around school and in our bins, and thinking about how we can improve this.

We talked about the 'Life Below Water' Global Goal (14) and how plastics impact on sea creatures. We saw a shocking picture of a turtle with a ring carrier stuck on his shell and also learned that they often mistake plastic bags for jellyfish, which they then eat and become very poorly or even die.

We also learnt about microplastics, and how plastics sometimes end up in things we don't expect, such as shampoo, shower gel and even toothpaste! The children were very shocked by this so we decided a great way to start reducing our plastic use would be to replace smaller plastics such as sequins and glitter with something more natural. Eco-Schools Club has a great time using some amazing cutters to stamp leaves, which made some lovely natural shapes. We then used the natural glitter and sequins to replace plastic ones in our cards for the Year 4 Leavers. We hope they like them!

Miss Easten



Next year

We currently are not sure what guidance schools will have from the Department for Education for next year. I expect a lot will depend on how things go over the next couple of months. For the time being, we have been advised to continue our risk assessments as we were this term until we are told differently.

We are hoping we will get more up to date guidance and advice by the beginning of September in time for us to communicate with you. Please look out for an email about school timings and so on probably a day or two before children are expected back! This will include information about whether we can re-start swimming on Wednesday afternoons. We are hopeful that we will be able to do this in the new year. We will be continuing with Commando Joe's as we feel this programme is having a hugely beneficial impact on the children. We are delighted that Pippa will be doing forest school art afternoons in the first half term too.

Miss Adams will be starting her maternity leave in September and Mrs Waddington will be working in the nursery. Class 2 will be taught by Mrs Stiansen and Mrs Simpson (as we have done before).

Our new school topic will be 'Asia: China and Japan' and we will be studying Sikhism in RE.

Diary Dates...

Monday 12th July: Sports day on Holy Island

Friday 16th July: End of term

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th September: Teacher Training Days

Wednesday 8th September: Return to School

For full term dates for 21/22 visit: <https://www.lowickholylislandschools.org.uk/website/school-holidays-and-term-dates-202122/514873>

Recycling request! - Kinder packaging

