



WHALTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

May Newsletter 2022



Welcome

Welcome to the Summer Term. We are so excited to have started reintroducing activities that have had to be postponed due to Covid; and we are absolutely making the most of it this half term! We have had many trips out of school to join golf and cricket competitions. And have instructors come and join us in school for dance workshops. We really hope that you have enjoyed our class assemblies and finding out what we have been learning about.

Jubilee

This year is very special as it marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. To celebrate this special occasion, the children have been taking part in a varied range of activities such as arts and crafts; crown making, flag designing and coming to school dressed in red, white and blue. Our new Unit Manager has very kindly put on a Jubilee Lunch celebration. Thank you so much to Miss Johnson and to all of the lunchtime staff for their hard work to make this such a success.

Family service

The whole school and their family members, enjoyed a special Family Jubilee Service this morning at Whalton Church. Fiona Sample and Pam Walker explored the role of the Queen and how, even though it was an unexpected undertaking, she has dedicated her life to serving others. She is a patron for over 600 charities, military associations, professional bodies and public service or-



Dance City

Johnny from Dance City came in to school to give the children a taster session and introduction to dance workshop. They enjoyed exploring expressive movement and even became a hedgehog for the afternoon.



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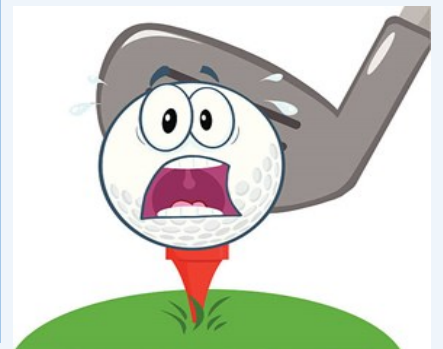
This week we had our Year 1's joining the Hoopstarz

Workshop at Blyth leisure centre and they participated in individual activities and teamwork exercises, which they have been continuing to develop their new found skills back at school. See our Twitter feed for further photos.



Golf Competition

Class 2 have been involved with a golf competition held at Ponteland golf course. They were joined by other schools in the region and the whole class enjoyed learning new golf skills, such as; swinging, pitching and putting. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and visiting a new venue.



Deaf Awareness Week

The first week of May marked Deaf Awareness Week 2022 and we were able to welcome a special visitor into our school to teach us about deaf culture, along with some British Sign Language (BSL). We continued to develop our understanding of BSL in Worship, where we were thinking about Christianity across the world and how the Gospel can be spread. In the coming weeks, we hope to develop our signing as we learn a prayer and hymn, to use in one of our Family Church Services.



Scientific Investigation

Class 1 have continued to enjoy observing the changing seasons and have been spotting the new growth happening around us. It has inspired us in our current scientific investigation: Does cress seeds grow best on cotton wool or another material? The children have decided to test out such materials as soil, carpet and even a nappy!

Marble Jar

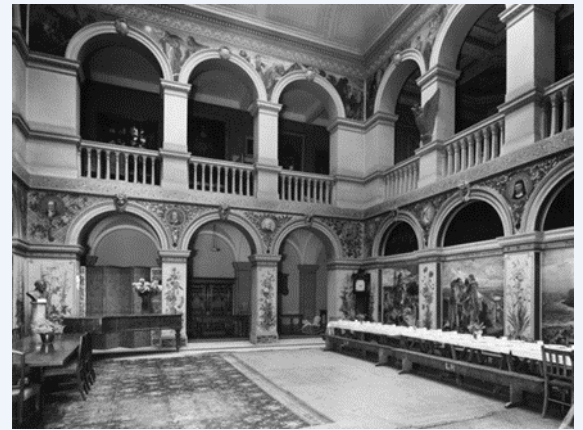
The school 'Marble Jar' is once again full to overflowing. We have been earning marbles over the past half term and now look forward to our marble treat.

Marbles are earned through our achievements in work and school life, inspiring behaviour, while believing in ourselves and others. In addition Mrs Brannen's Golden Marble is awarded weekly during the first worship of the week to somebody in each class who has demonstrated an aspect of our RESPECT curriculum.

Computing

In Computing, Years 5 and 6 have been using sequencing, selecting and repetition in the CodeBug Programs; working with variables and various forms of input and output. We have made digital name tags and 'fortune tellers', using logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work; detecting and correcting errors in algorithms when needed. With our CodeBugs, in the next few weeks, we look forward to further debugging programs, investigating conductors and making our own game!



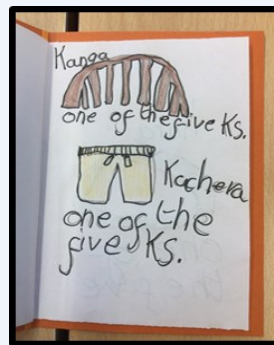
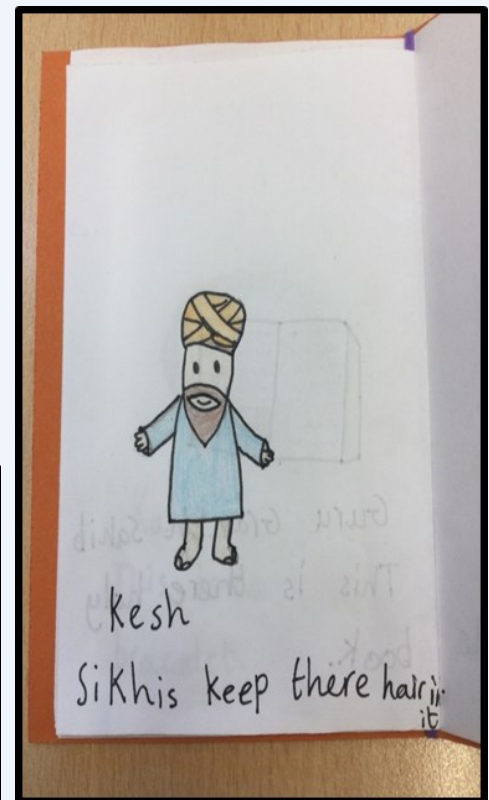


HISTORY

Our History lessons have had a local focus in recent weeks.

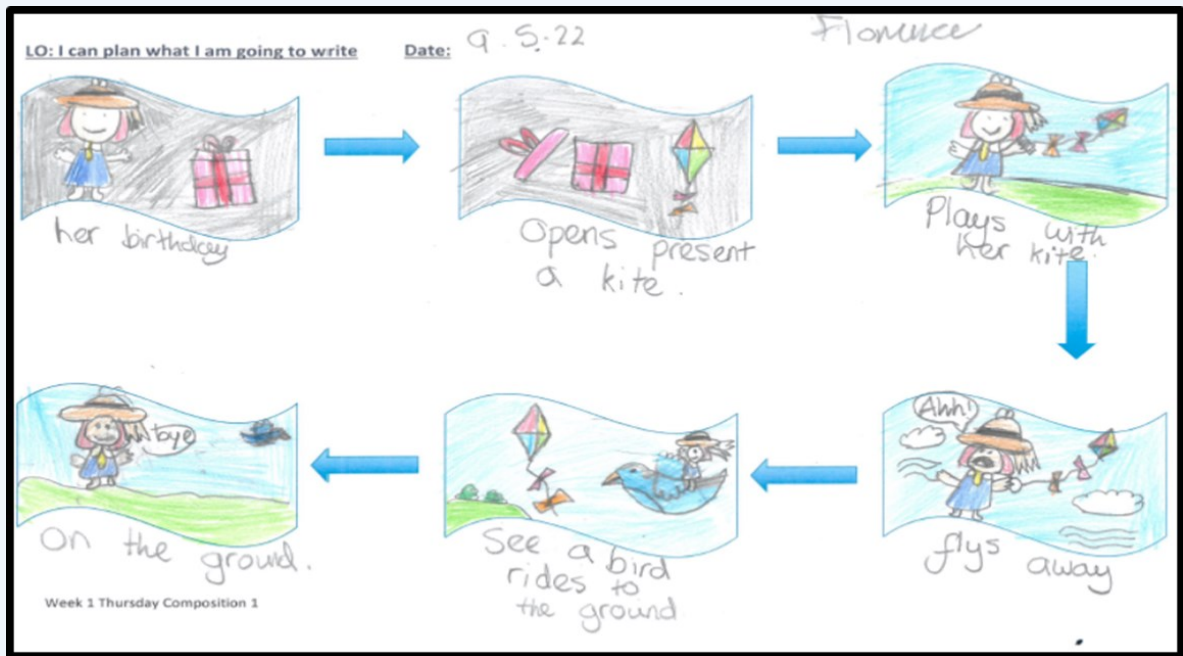
Did you know that during World War 2, girls from Newcastle were evacuated to Wallington? We have found out that the girls were taught how to swim by Lady Trevelyan in the River Wansbeck, and that they returned to the hall for a reunion in 2008.

We are hoping to find out lots more when we visit Wallington after half-term.



Sikhism

Our Religious Education lessons are focusing on the religion of Sikhism this term. We have learnt about how Sikhs wear a number of symbolic items at all times. These are called the 5 Ks. We have also found out that Sikhs consider their holy book to be almost like a person.



Literacy Lessons

Class 2 have had a busy start to the Summer term.

In Literacy lessons, we have been reading 'Madeline' by Ludwig Bemelmans. We have found out about how the author has used rhyme to make his stories funny and interesting to read.



Jubilee Flags

Both schools in our federation have been asked to take part in the Jubilee celebrations for Morpeth Town Centre. The children have designed and make their own Jubilee flag, which will be hung up in Sanderson's Arcade as a tribute to the Queen and her Diamond Jubilee. We would love you to go and have a look and find your childs.



And finally, wishing you all a lovely half term and bank holiday celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



Dates for your diary –

8th June—Quad Kids Years 3 & 4

10th June—Kwik Cricket Years 5 & 6

10th June—Dance City Performance Class 1 & Class 2

14th June—Athletics Camp

29th June—Cricket Festival

1st July—Brinkburn Priory Visit

4th July—Careers Day Years 5 & 6, St James Park

13th—15th July Ford Castle Residential for Years 5 & 6