



Bishop Hogarth

Catholic Education Trust

Newsletter



SUMMER 2023

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WELCOME

As we near the end of the academic year, the anticipation of summer and a well-deserved break is almost tangible.

For some, the end of this term marks the end of their journey within the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust as they embark on new adventures elsewhere. To our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils, we extend our heartfelt wishes for success in their future endeavors, and we eagerly await their return in the summer to celebrate their hard-earned results. May you take fond memories of your teachers, friends, and experiences with you wherever you go.

We also bid a fond farewell and congratulate three headteachers, Helen Keough, Bev Tester, and Julia Rae, as they enter their well-deserved retirement. Their dedication and influence have touched the lives of countless individuals throughout their careers, and their absence will undoubtedly be felt. We extend our gratitude for their invaluable contributions.

Yet, with every goodbye, a new hello awaits. We look forward to giving a warm welcome to our new reception starters, Year 7s, and Year 12s in September. We understand that change can be scary for some, but it also presents numerous exciting opportunities and experiences. We are thrilled to embark on this journey with you and share in the joy that awaits.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who contribute to our trust community. Whether you are a dedicated staff member, a supportive parent, a committed governor, or a valued member of the wider community, your contributions are invaluable. Without your unwavering support, we wouldn't be able to create the nurturing and enriching environment that our pupils thrive in.

On behalf of everyone at Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, we wish you all a joyful and safe summer.



Mr Mike Shorten, MA (Ed) NLE
Chief Executive Officer of BHCET

BHCET ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



On the 16th June, Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust brought together all five of its secondary schools for its first ever athletics event. The occasion was marked by enthusiasm, fierce competition and an overwhelming sense of camaraderie.

Throughout the day, students demonstrated what it means to be part of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust by showing self-belief, confidence and resilience. To see our virtues being lived out so positively by all of our students strengthens our belief that opportunities and high-quality experiences develop well-rounded young people.

The trust-wide event not only showcased individual talent but also served testament to the dedicated sports provision afforded by each school's sports programs.

The event proved to be a memorable day for all, and we look forward to hosting the event again next year.



Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust News

Y11 PROM

A night to remember. Students from across our five secondary schools celebrated in style as they enjoyed their much-anticipated prom – and WOW don't they look amazing!



Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust News

YEAR 11 LEAVERS

Our Year 11's across the Trust had in school celebrations to mark an end of an era! Their days consisted of shirt signings, leavers assemblies and some ice cream! We hope you all had wonderful days.



YEAR 13 LEAVERS



St John's Leavers BBQ

We had a fantastic evening at Durham Rugby Club for our annual Year 13 Leavers BBQ, celebrating these fabulous young people. We know amongst them are the trail-blazers, leaders and innovators of the future and we wish them every luck in their exciting next steps.



EMS Leavers Dinner

Staff and students enjoyed a lovely evening at the Stadium of Light for the Year 13 Leavers Dinner. We wish them well and thank them for their hard work and contribution to EMS6 during their time with us.



Carmel College Leavers Ball

Our Year 13 students danced the night away at Redworth Hall as they celebrate their Leavers' Ball. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours!

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

St John's

What a wonderful day we have had within school commemorating King Charles III's Coronation. We welcomed members of our local community, parents, parishioners and members of Bishop Auckland Town Council to a special Community Cafe where they enjoyed cakes, pastries and crafting whilst chatting together. They were served by some of our wonderful students and entertained by Jonny and Aaron, two of our superb musicians.



Blessed John Duckett

As part of the King's Coronation all children in Blessed John Duckett participated in a Coronation Week. The children took part in lots of activities including crown making, painting pebbles, planting seeds, making sun catchers, baking and decorating biscuits and planted a commemorative tree in which we were supported by the company 'Building Self Belief'. The week culminated in a red, white and blue celebration day where children enjoyed a special party and a coronation themed lunch. They all had a fantastic time.



Sacred Heart

Our Coronation Celebrations were definitely a day the children at Sacred Heart would never forget. We had a Punch and Judy show, ice creams for all and the world-famous Bubble Man came and showed us the amazing tricks he can perform with bubbles. The newly formed Parents' Association decorated the outside of school, which was wonderful for the children to be greeted by on our special day. Even the rain didn't dampen our spirits!



Carmel College

A big thank you to our fantastic catering staff who went the extra mile, making the coronation day extra special for our students by serving coronation-themed desserts. They were delicious!



St Joseph's (Norton)

What a fun filled day we have had celebrating the Coronation! Our day started with History lessons about the British monarchy, Prince Charles' life story, and what happens during a coronation. We sketched portraits of our soon to be king in our Art lessons. A traditional British lunch of fish and chips with jelly and ice cream was enjoyed by all. We then made flags and crowns and played lawn games.

Holy Rosary

We had a wonderful day celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. We enjoyed a 'Best of British' themed menu for lunch followed by Coronation cakes later in the afternoon. Pupils celebrated in style wearing T-shirts they had spent the week designing and making.



ARCHIMEDES NE MATHS HUB SUMMER CONFERENCE 2023



At The Darlington Arena on Tuesday 27th June 136 mathematics colleagues from across the region gathered together for Archimedes NE Maths Hub's Summer Conference. With several highly respected speakers and skilled professionals leading sessions throughout the day, delegates were treated to a master class of mathematical experiences.

Delegates were welcomed by Archimedes NE Maths Hub Lead, Rose-Marie Rochester, who eloquently set the scene for the day. Mathematics facilitators from across England would be interspaced around the core part of the day, two live lessons, one primary and one secondary, for delegates to experience, using a Teaching for Mastery Research Group (TRG) model.

The opening keynote was delivered by Steve Wren, Ofsted's Subject Lead for Mathematics. During the presentation, Steve explained some of the issues that mathematics leaders may consider when developing a curriculum to engineer mathematical success. Steve offered practical advice based on specific examples to help and support colleagues in their curriculum design and implementation; specifically, to meet the needs of the pupils in their school. A question-and-answer session ended this highly informative and entertaining insight into the world of mathematics teaching and learning, through the Ofsted lens.

Delegates witnessed Year 6 pupils from St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, being taught a ratio lesson, taken from the NCETM spine materials, delivered by primary teaching for mastery specialist, Sarah Coates. Simultaneously, secondary colleagues were treated to a lesson on probability by secondary mastery specialist Emma Brooksbank and her pupils from St Peter's Catholic College, part of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust. Each session concluded with the teacher explaining, in detail the design of the lesson, the reasons for the choices they made regarding mathematical content, use of resources, questioning and pupil responses. The intent was to provide delegates with a Teaching for Mastery experience that they could engage in and share back in their own school.

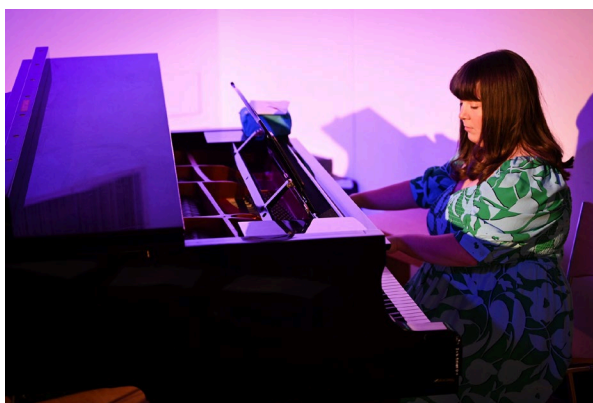
After lunch, guests were once again invited to one of two phase specific sessions. Tom Manners, Specialist Leader in Education, kicked things off with his talk "How to make problem-solving less problematic." Dr Debbie Morgan CBE, Director of Primary Mathematics at the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) shared her renowned experience and expertise with guests during her "greater depth" session. Both speakers kept guests thoroughly engaged with their thought-provoking topics and interactive delivery.

The day concluded with a summary and vote of thanks by Rose-Marie Rochester, before the winners of the raffle were announced.

Rose-Marie Rochester, Archimedes NE Maths Hub Lead had this to say about the event: *"Our live lessons showed exactly what we are about as a maths hub, with our pupils at the heart of what we do. Our exceptionally skilled Mastery Specialists and their carefully crafted lessons have ensured colleagues have come away knowing not just what teaching for mastery is but what it looks like in the classroom. Our teachers did a marvellous job at showcasing our work but not without the engagement and courage of our young people being observed by so many."*

Steve Wren as ever, provided colleagues with reassurance and suggested focusing on the mathematics and what is going on in classrooms is the best preparation for inspections. Debbie Morgan's focus on greater depth has helped teachers and leaders realise that teaching for mastery is for all."

CTTP PRESENTATION EVENING 2023



During the last week of June, CTPP hosted their Presentation Evening for the 2022/2023 cohort. It was a brilliant evening filled with stories of graduates' successes, enjoyed by the former tutors, their families and friends. Alan Egdell gave a memorable address as the guest speaker of the evening, alongside a poignant reflection from Iain Knox. It was delightful to hear that many of the cohort have secured a teaching place for September, with many returning to their training schools.



School Spotlight

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS



50th Anniversary

The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Saturday 24th June. A Mass concelebrated by Canon Paul Douthwaite, Father Shaun Purdy, Father Jim Angus, Father Anthony Hogarth, Father Phil Marsh and Deacon Jeff Parkes was the centre of the day as staff, students, parents and carers, alumni and guests gave thanks for the school. Former Heads David Relton, Joe Hughes and Mike Lee joined serving Headteacher Sara Crawshaw to celebrate the school's rich legacy and shared vision of the academic, pastoral and spiritual formation of each child.

Sports Awards

On Thursday 22nd June we gathered together to celebrate our students' incredible sporting achievements this academic year. We were delighted to welcome back former school and EMS6 student, Tony Harrington to be our Guest of Honour. Tony began his refereeing career in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance at the age of 14, after completing a refereeing course at The English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. This award is still offered at school to this day.



Newcastle University

Year 12 enjoyed a wonderful open day at Newcastle University. Students attended a variety of lectures and talks and are excited about applying to university in September! We wish our aspiring dentists, medics, lawyers, teachers and other professionals the very best of luck in their next exciting steps.



The Catenian Association

Representatives from The Catenian Association visited us to award Lewis and Finlay with their certificates and trophy from their performances in the Public Speaking competition. Finlay was runner up in the KS3 age group with Lewis winning the post-16 group. Well done guys!



Secondaries & Sixth Forms

CARMEL COLLEGE



Charity Ball for St Teresa's Hospice

Jemima in Year 12 organised a charity ball for St Teresa's Hospice and she raised £1,500 to support their vital work of palliative care. Jemima has demonstrated perfectly our College virtue of compassion. Well done, Jemima - we are blessed to have such caring and compassionate students who go above and beyond to bring light to the world!



Football Town Cup

Our Year 9 football team were victorious in the town cup final! Carmel created many good scoring opportunities and managed to retain most of the possession. The final score was 3-1 to Carmel, well done boys!



Poetry Publication

We have had five students from Year 8 selected for publication, this time in a collection of poetry from students around the UK.

Chess Competition

We hosted our first inter-house Chess Competition this term! We were very impressed by the standard of chess from lots of our students.



Secondaries & Sixth Forms

OUR LADY & ST BEDE

SVP visit Refugee and Asylum Seekers Drop-in

Our SVP visited our local drop-in centre for Refugee and Asylum Seekers at Purple Rose Stockton. The students took with them some donations that they prepared, along with preparing and handing out further donations of food and clothing. The students spoke to the people using the centre about their stories and enjoyed sharing stories about their own heritage too. Our students then went on to serve the food as well as getting to try it for themselves, sitting amongst everyone in the community. They really enjoyed ending the evening in the traditional way with a good dance with everyone!



Cummins Engineering Workplace Experience

Twelve Year 10 students who expressed an interest in a career in engineering were lucky enough to attend a workplace experience at Cummins Engineering in Darlington. The group was met by our hosts in one of their plush conference rooms where they were given a brief introduction to the company and a Health & Safety briefing. After donning their PPE (protective shoes, protective glasses, work gloves and hi viz vests) they were ready to take part in a practical diesel engine building session.



All of the students were fully involved and loved this practical session. They were treated to a guided tour of the factory floor seeing and hearing first-hand how Cummins manufacture their range of diesel engines. The day ended with a final session in the conference room, where the students were told about the vast array of opportunities available at Cummins, before receiving a goody bag each to take home.

Paris

Forty Year 7 students ventured to Paris in June! We visited the main sites including the Eiffel Tower, a boat tour, the Arc de Triomphe and the Louvre, and of course Disneyland! The students all had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed being immersed in French life and culture!



Sacrament of Confirmation

In June, we watched over forty students and two members of staff receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our young people have been preparing for this moment for some time and it is wonderful to see them reaffirming their faith. Well done to all students and staff who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Baptism, we are incredibly proud of you all.



Secondaries & Sixth Forms

ST JOHN'S

Strictly St John's

This term we held Strictly St John's which saw two fantastic nights of fun, fancy footwork and fundraising. Our winners were Miss Robinson and Mrs Pryer! We are delighted to announce our total fundraising amount for this event, a superb £4,123.93! This money will be used to help communities in our local area and beyond, and we are so grateful to all who supported. Another huge thank you to our wonderful cast of 2023 and our event organiser, Mrs Nighoskar.

Ski Trip Aosta Valley

Our students had a fantastic ski trip in the Aosta Valley!

Addams Family

With an amazing cast of over 50 students, two sell-out audiences were wowed by the talents on show in The Addams Family. From the wonderful singing to the funky dancing, the exceptional acting to the faultless comedic timing, the students were absolutely fantastic and did themselves, their families and the Performing Arts department and school proud. We can't wait to get started on next year's show now!



Secondaries & Sixth Forms

ST MICHAEL'S

Marian Procession

On the 26th May 2023, we held our annual Marian Procession. This day is an expression of our devotion to Our Lady and our proud Catholic identity.

Year 7 students attended mass at Holy Rosary Church. They were fantastic at providing a prayerful and reflective atmosphere during mass.

Thank you to all the students who took part, including our readers in mass and the Year 10 students who carried the carriage.



Rome Trip

In June, the RE department took Year 10 students to Rome, to visit sights of religious importance. They visited the Colosseum, the Spanish Steps and St Peter's Basilica.

During the trip, staff and students celebrated mass with Father Christopher Warren (Vice Rector from the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle) at The Venerable English College, Rome.



Jacob B (Year 10)

Congratulations to Jacob B in Year 10 who won the Sunderland 3k in May. Jacob finished the race in 9 minutes 36 seconds, over a minute ahead of second place!



Sonny H (Year 9)

Congratulations to Sonny H in Year 9 who has retained his title as English School Boy Boxing Champion and has been crowned the Great British Boxing School Boy Champion. We can't wait to see what is next in store for Sonny's boxing career!

Discovery Days

Year 10 students have been embarking on Discovery Days to local colleges in the area. They have experienced a range of courses, experiences and developed their knowledge of what happens after they leave school.



Primaries

BLESSED JOHN DUCKETT

Voyages of Discovery

Throughout the term our whole school topic was Voyages of Discovery. Each class learnt about something slightly different including journeys to different countries, transport, mythical journeys and Vikings. To celebrate the end of the topic the whole school went on a school trip to the Royal Navy Museum in Hartlepool. They thoroughly enjoyed the day learning about the Royal Navy, ships, pirates and they even shot a canon into the sea!



Gardening Sessions

During summer term Classes 1 and 2 have participated in weekly gardening sessions. The children have done a fantastic job of transforming our gardens and forest area. They have been growing their own fruits and vegetables, harvesting them and are now enjoying tasting the results of their hard work!



Bowling and Roller Skating

Year 6 have worked extremely hard this year; we are very proud of all their efforts. As part of their celebrations, they went on a treat day taking part in bowling and roller skating. They, along with lots of other Year 6 children had a fantastic time at Emmaus Village at Primary Festival. This year's theme was Bold and Brave.



ST WILLIAM'S

Member of Parliament Visit

The children of St William's Catholic Academy in Trimdon Village welcomed a special visitor to their school recently; Paul Howell, Member of Parliament for Sedgefield constituency.

During his visit, Paul met staff and children and spoke to the whole school community about democracy, the House of Commons, his career and British Values. The children asked some great questions and were incredibly attentive to his answers.

Mr Howell also found time to judge the school's recent 'coronation decorate a door' competition and open our new bike shelter which had been purchased following a fund-raising effort by representatives of the school council. He finished his time with us at school with a further in-depth question and answer session with the school council.



Primaries

SACRED HEART

Tall Ships

The Tall Ships are coming to Hartlepool and we, as a school, have been preparing for their arrival for a number of weeks now. Each class has designed a fish or ship that will be used to decorate areas around Hartlepool. We had an assembly to launch the Tall Ships event and children have been involved in a number of workshops including learning sea shanties and taking part in art projects.



Feast Day

On our Feast Day of The Most Holy Sacred Heart we held a day of reflection in school. Children spent the day reflecting on different scripture passages and each class made a reflection point that have been put up around school.



First Holy Communion

Twenty-nine of our pupils made their First Holy Communion. They then led the May procession which took place in St Joseph's Church.



Swim Safe

Year 6 pupils took part in a Swim Safe event, organised by Hartlepool Borough Council.



Football Town Winners

The Girls' Football team were crowned Town winners following their success at Victoria Park against West Park Primary School.



County Final for Athletics

Some of our pupils made it through to the County final of the Athletics, held at Middlesbrough Sports Village. They came back with gold, silver and bronze medals in the many events.

Summer Pantomime: Snow White

The KS2 Performing Arts children performed their summer pantomime, Snow White. It was very funny and the children enjoyed every minute of performing on the stage.



Primaries

ST AUGUSTINE'S



First Holy Communion

We had a wonderful day celebrating the occasion of First Holy Communion for children from Year 4, 5 and 6 at our Parish Church St Augustine's, Darlington. A very special day for our School and Parish family.

Year 6 Leaver's Celebrations

Our Year 6 class enjoyed a bike ride in the sunshine to Archer's Ice Cream Parlour to celebrate the end of Year 6. A huge thank you to Wheel Education Ltd for providing a fantastic experience for all our Year 6 children.

We also enjoyed a production of "Pirates of the Curried Bean" performed by our very talented Year 6 class. What talent! Excellent singing, acting and comedy. Well done Year 6, you were all outstanding!

We wish all our Year 6 children all the best as they embark on the next step of their education journey to secondary school.



Primaries

ST CHAD'S

Primary Youth Festival

Our Year 6's had a brilliant time at the annual Primary Youth Festival, organised by the Youth Ministry Team. Well done to Lorna and Lydia who helped to lead the liturgy at the end of the day. The children also enjoyed a football game with two of our other Trust schools, Blessed John Duckett and St Charles'!



Zoe the Artist

We were very lucky to have a visit from Zoe the artist! Zoe explained her job as a fabric and wallpaper designer. She showed examples of her work and the process from start to finish. She also showed the tools that she uses. The children were all very engaged and enthusiastic, comparing her work to the artists that they have studied. These included William Morris and Henri Rousseau. The children asked some fantastic questions such as, "How do you get so much detail?" "How long does it take to create a painting like that?" "Do you have to go to university?". Thank you to Zoe for volunteering her time!



Primary Athletics Competition

A few of our Class 4 students went to a Primary Athletics Competition at Bishop Barrington. They had an amazing morning being fantastic advocates for our school. Well done everyone!



Tynemouth Aquarium Visit

Class 1 were very lucky to have Beth, from Tynemouth Aquarium, visit us at school. As part of the Early Years Curriculum, children should 'show an interest in different occupations', and we couldn't think of a more exciting occupation than one that involves brushing a seal's teeth each day! We look forward to linking this visit to our new topic all about sea-life after the holidays.



Primaries

ST CHARLES'

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the Year 4 and 5 children who made their first Holy Communion in May. St Charles' Church was filled with family and friends to celebrate receiving the next sacrament within their faith journey. It was a very special occasion, the children were truly wonderful!

London Trip

The Year 6 pupils at St Charles had a fantastic few days in London in June. They had a magical visit to the Harry Potter Studios where they explored the different movie sets finding something enchanting around every corner. They also visited other museums including the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum where they experienced many wonders of the world. Before returning back to school after three wonderful days they had the opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum which linked to their History topic and enjoyed a river Cruise on the Thames – it was a fantastic trip enjoyed by all.



ST CUTHBERT'S (HARTLEPOOL)

Skiping School's Competition

St Cuthbert's Year 4 children attended the skipping school's competition where they were lucky enough to place 2nd and qualify for the town finals. After a few more weeks practice, the children attended the town finals and won! Out of the 16 competitions we bagged 11 of the top 3 positions, making us the overall winners. Well done to all involved!

The Tall Ships are coming back to Hartlepool!

The Tall Ships return to Hartlepool at the beginning of July, and excitement is building in our town as we wait for the boats/ships to arrive. As a school we have adopted a vessel named Excelsior which is a Lowerstoft Smack. On Thursday 15th June, Mrs Wilson and our school council went to Ward Jackson Park to be part of an event with schools celebrating the Tall Ships. We made a boat to sail on the lake. BBC Look North were there too; we were interviewed by them as part of the event! Frankie, Lara and Elliott spoke to the camera and Mrs Wilson was interviewed. It was very exciting—we are now officially famous! Well done to all of our school council for representing St Cuthbert's. We can't wait to visit our ship in person to discover more about it and talk to the crew.



Primaries

ST CUTHBERT'S (CROOK)

Durham County Youth Council

A group of Class 4 children had an interesting day at County Hall debating a range of topics with Durham County Youth Council.

St John's Catholic School Visit

Year 5 had a fantastic day visiting St John's Catholic School & Sixth Form College. They took part in a range of lessons including Science, History and PE. The children were really excited and can't wait until they get to go there in Year 7.

Sports Week

Fun, fitness and friends have made for a fantastic 'sports week' for our foundation children, we also spent time in the secret garden to challenge our map reading skills. Parents commented:

"Brilliant sports day, it was great to see what the kids have been up to and seeing other parents get involved too. Thank you!"

"Lovely effort from foundation stage staff as always."

"Brilliant, both children and parents enjoyed it. Appreciate all the effort the teachers go to, to arrange events. Thank you."

Sister Pascaline

KS2 Classes have had a visit from Sister Pascaline who taught them about the rosary. The children have begun to learn how to pray the beginning of the rosary, starting with the sign of the cross before reciting the Apostles' Creed and praying the 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary' and 'Glory Be'.

Italian Caprese Pasta Salad

Class 3 made their very own Italian caprese pasta salad. They learnt how to cook pasta and how to prepare the ingredients safely. We were very impressed with the care they took when slicing the tomatoes and mozzarella using a 'bridge cut' or a 'claw cut' to make sure they didn't hurt themselves when using a knife. They also used their measuring skills to prepare the balsamic sauce. Most of the children enjoyed sampling their creation, with many of them coming back for second or even third helpings!



Primaries

ST CUTHBERT'S (STOCKTON)

Carlton Adventure

Year 6 children had a wonderful time at Carlton Adventure in Carlton-in-Cleveland. They spent two days immersed in the great outdoors, enjoying many new experiences. They challenged themselves to overcome personal fears and took part in activities which enabled them to develop both team-building and leadership skills. Children enjoyed high ropes, hill walking, nightline and gorge walking, as well as some free time in the evening. Instructors spoke highly of their behaviour and attitude, and we were incredibly proud of how each and every one of them rose to the challenge.

Emmaus Youth Village

In June, our Year 5 children had a fabulous three-day retreat to the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. The Youth Ministry Team led children on a prayerful and reflective journey exploring the adventures of St Paul. Children were able to deepen their own relationship with God, understanding His unconditional love for each and every one of us. Our children were excellent ambassadors for our school, living out our virtues of confidence, self-belief and resilience throughout, and fully embracing their own unique gifts and talents.

Cricket Success

Our KS2 children enjoyed sporting success at the Stockton Schools Sport Partnership Primary Cricket Festival, which was held at Stockton Cricket Club. A team of ten Year 5 and Year 6 children fought some tough competition on the day, earning a commendable third place out of approximately sixty schools from across the borough.

Musical Theatre

Our amazingly talented musical theatre group recently performed the musical, 'Matilda'. Children have shown incredible commitment across the year, attending weekly rehearsals and dedicating their time to learning script, songs and dance routines. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience of performing to both children and parents, demonstrating confidence and real star quality.



Primaries

ST GREGORY'S

Tweddle Farm Visit

In June our children in Reception and KS1 visited Tweddle Farm. They enjoyed looking at all the different animals and had the opportunity to feed them! They had a fantastic tractor ride which took them on a mini tour of the farm, before ending the day in the play area. Everyone had a brilliant time!

Gregory the Fox!

We had a sneaky visitor stealing our milk this term! Our milk was disappearing and we didn't know why, so Mrs Scott decided to play detective and began monitoring the security cameras. After a little while, we saw Gregory the Fox carrying 10 cartons of milk across the carpark, under the fence and across our school field.

The Early Years children have loved hearing the story of why they haven't always had their milk over the last few weeks. They couldn't wait to see the footage and show their parents and family, so we decided to share the video to our Facebook page, and we are overwhelmed by the response.

The Yorkshire Show

On Wednesday 14th of June, our KS2 children visited the Yorkshire Show. We had such an amazing day in the sunshine and the children were given the opportunity to experience and explore all aspects of food, farming, the countryside and healthy living. They took part in a variety of workshops and visited the arena displays, including rural crafts, farm animals, reptiles, the legendary Sheep Show and pond dipping. The children were excellent representatives of St. Gregory's and some of our amazing children may be the farmers of the future!



Primaries

ST JOHN VIANNEY

Tall Ships Visits Hartlepool

As Hartlepool prepares to welcome the Tall Ships during their 2023 racing programme, the whole town has been gearing up for the festivities. Each school has 'adopted' a ship; ours, at St. John Vianney Catholic Primary School, based in the Netherlands is Saeftinge or as our children say: Safe-thingy. A group of our children will be visiting the ship to meet the captain and crew once it moors and some of them think they will be racing it to Norway!

Our children have been decorating large fish and bottles as part of a community arts project for Hartlepool Marina. Several groups of children have also visited the Christ Church Art Gallery where they have viewed the works of Jonny Hannah, who has been speaking with the people of Hartlepool, listening to their stories about our town, and talking about important places and features within the town, again as part of a community arts project. At the visit our children created their own works thinking about their own families and life and what they liked about Hartlepool, which elicited a fantastic picture of a Greggs Sign and accompanying Sausage Roll from one of our children.

Our younger children have been involved launching their own sailing boats on the pond at Ward Jackson Park. Luckily our model ship floated and was last seen leading the flotilla to . . . erm, Norway?



Primaries

ST JOSEPH'S (BILLINGHAM)

Faith in Action Fundraising Year 6

On Thursday 29th June, Year 6 organised a fundraising event to raise money for Vicki and Chris (who are a part of our school community) and their son, Max. Max was born prematurely and had significant bleeds on his brain which led to brain damage. Year 6 wanted to raise money to help Max get to California for treatment that will be life-changing.

We held a bake sale, sold drinks and ice pops, had a penalty shoot-out and soaked the teacher. It was a fabulous day and we all had great fun – all for a great cause.

Our total was £628 but more donations are still flooding in. Thank you to everyone who supported us on our Faith in Action journey. We are incredibly grateful for everyone's donations.

Please visit this website if you want to help change Max's life. Fundraiser by Victoria Burton : #GetMaxToCalifornia (gofundme.com)

YMT Residential Year 5

On Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th June, Year 5 took part in a residential visit to the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. We learnt lots of fascinating facts and information about St Paul and his adventures in Damascus, Rome and Malta. The main focus of the retreat was 'adventure' and a key part of our learning was that we are all God's 'Handiwork'. We enjoyed taking part in a range of reflective activities including: rock painting, prayer writing, drama and acting, a Woodland Walk and an Escape Room. Lots of lovely memories were made by all and it certainly brought us closer to God.

Mayor Jim Beall Visits St Joseph's

The Mayor of Stockton-on-Tees, Councillor Jim Beall, visited St Joseph's on the 23rd June. He joined us for our Collective Worship and toured the school. We ask him lots of questions and found out how he became Mayor of Stockton-on-Tees. He was voted in by his fellow councillors and has had sixteen years of service on our council. He explained that it was a great honour to be made mayor and we were the first school he had visited in the Borough. He met our Year 6 Community Ambassadors, Jacob, Frankie and Katie, who led him on a tour of our school. Mr Mayor enjoyed shooting with the basketball but unfortunately didn't score!



Primaries

ST JOSEPH'S (COUNDON)

International Schools Award

We are delighted to be awarded the International Schools Award. Our ECT Miss Bromley led the project and made connections with twenty-five schools across Europe. Our children exchanged Christmas decorations and celebrated the International Day of Languages. We sampled food from Spain and made our own Spanish desserts! We also took part in Durham Global Schools project meeting students from China and Spain who helped us deepen our understanding of life in other parts of the world.



ST JOSEPH'S (HARTLEPOOL)

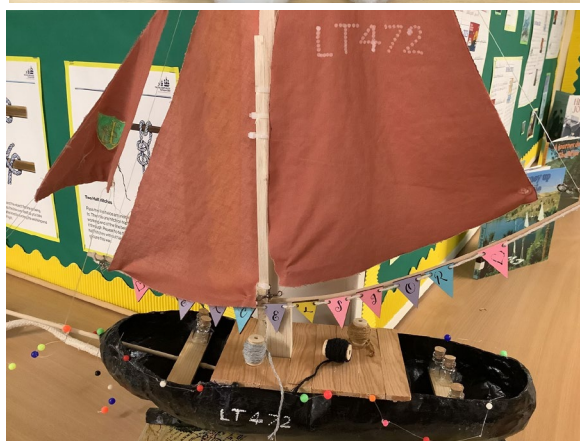
HMS Dauntless

It has been a busy term at St Joseph's with a very nautical theme. Joe the Cat has started his travels with HMS Dauntless and Royal Navy Warship as they undertake operational duty in the Caribbean as part of humanitarian support during the hurricane season.



Tall Ships

This was then followed by a range of activities connected to the Tall Ships in Hartlepool. Children designed and built a replica of the Excelsior, the ship the school adopted. Our replica was taken to a local lake and was found to be seaworthy as it floated. One of the folk groups taking part in the festivities came into school to teach the children a sea shanty and ceilidh dance. It was lovely to see so many of our children then attend on Saturday 8th July and dance at the ceilidh in the pouring rain.



Green Car

The Year 6 children took their 'Green Car' to Gateshead Stadium to take part in the race trials. All drivers and the car arrived back at school in one piece.



County Races

Some of our talented athletes represented Hartlepool at the County races, with one for our Year 5 boys claiming several wins.

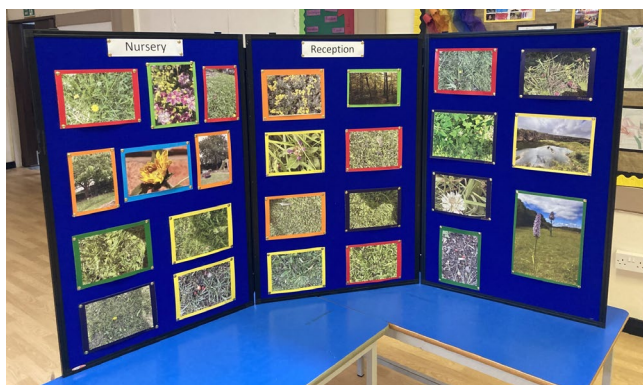
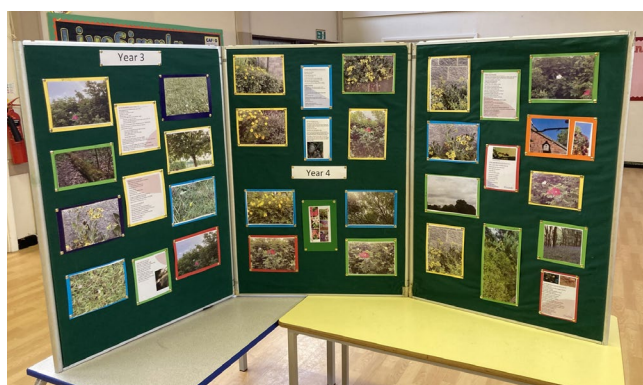
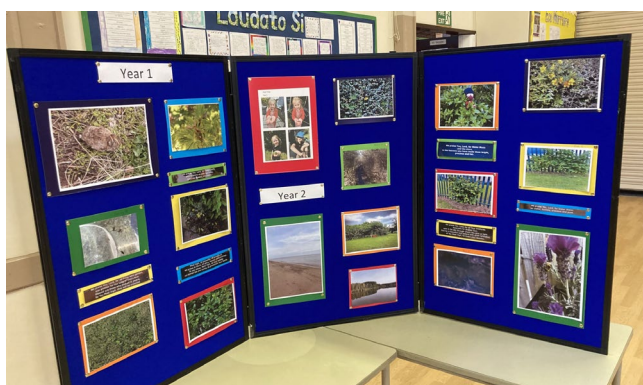
Primaries

ST JOSEPH'S (NEWTON AYCLIFFE)



Newton Aycliffe's 75th Birthday

To celebrate Newton Aycliffe's 75th birthday in June, the children and their families at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School worked hard to capture the beauty of their local landscape by taking photographs of the plants and wildlife in their surrounding areas. The photographs were entered into the school's competition in which the winning photographs (one from each year group and top three from families) would be displayed in the council offices. The school held an art gallery on Friday 30th June for all to view the beautiful pieces submitted. The Mayor and Mayoress of Newton Aycliffe kindly visited the school on Monday 3rd July to view the wonderful artwork and to judge the competition. It was a great event for the children to explore the local community! The winning photographs are now displayed in the council offices for all to see.



Primaries

ST MARY'S (BARNARD CASTLE)

First Holy Communion

We had a wonderful day this term celebrating the Holy Communion of Alfie, Amber, Edward, Robbie and Tomasz. Children celebrated at St Mary's and St Osmund's parish in Gainford. Families then came together as a whole school community in our school hall to celebrate with Father Thomas, family and friends. Thank you to Mrs McAuley for the time spent with our children in preparing them for their special day.

Edinburgh Residential Trip

Our Year 5 and 6 children had an amazing time in Edinburgh for their three-day residential.

Football Tournament

Our football team played their first tournament this term with our local schools, winning the group games and coming second in the final against Ingleton, where it all came down to penalties 4-3!



Primaries

ST MARY'S (NEWTON AYCLIFFE)

Dragonball

Children from all year groups participated in a whole day of coaching at St Mary's. The children played Dragonball, where they had to make up their own rules, work as a team and try and beat opposing teams in competitive play, all whilst improving their ball skills. A fabulous day was enjoyed by all.



ST PATRICK'S

Year 6 School Trips

The children at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School have been on several school trips this term. Our Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed a full week of activities which involved paddle sports, ghyll scrambling and camping in tents.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who made their First Holy Communion recently: it was a very special, holy day.

60th Anniversary

This year, we celebrated the school's 60th anniversary. We began the celebration with mass before each class in the school performed a song from 1963 to members of the parish. Also, past pupils, 'The Young'uns' spent the day with the children to write a folk song about our school which has been posted on our Facebook site.



Primaries

ST PAUL'S

Fiver Challenge

In a world brimming with potential, it is vital to foster the entrepreneurial spirit in our youth. And that's exactly what the pupils in Year 6 have been doing by competing in the 'Fiver Challenge'.

With a simple pledge of £5 from the Friends of St Pauls, these young entrepreneurs embarked on a four-week journey to create their very own mini businesses. The challenge was twofold: not only did they have to generate profits, but they also had to pay back the initial investment if their business thrived. The stakes were high, but so was the excitement.

The results were staggering. The students' hard work paid off handsomely, as they collectively raked in over £600 in profits. But it wasn't just about the monetary success. In true spirit, these enterprising souls embraced the importance of giving back. A generous portion of their earnings will be donated to a local charity, solidifying the notion that business success should be accompanied by a sense of social responsibility.

Virtues Award

As we celebrated our school feast day on 29th June, we launched our brand new 'Virtues Award' to recognise children in our school who are a shining example of the way to live our Trust Virtues.

We linked the Trust virtues to our school Mission Statement and in particular to our children's Mission Statement where we allow the words of St Paul to guide us and help us to show Justice and Compassion, to have Self-Belief and Confidence, to be Respectful, Responsible, Honest and Resilient.

It was by no means an easy decision, however this year's award winners are very worthy of such recognition.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Virtues Awards:

Elsa – Early Years

Matty – Key Stage 1

Clark – Lower Key Stage 2

Ava – Upper Key Stage 2



Primaries

ST TERESA'S (DARLINGTON)

Careers project at St Teresa's shortlisted for a HEIST award!

St Teresa's partnership project with the University of Sunderland has been shortlisted for a national award. The project 'Primary 2 Uni' is bespoke to the pupils of St Teresa's and aims to raise aspirations and attainment, whilst providing pupils with an insight into higher education. The sessions encourage pupils from Year 1 through to Year 6 to explore and celebrate their future aspirations, no matter which path they aspire to.



ST TERESA'S (HARTLEPOOL)

'Live Simply' Award

Our school are applying for the 'live simply' award with our mini vinnies and eco council. We have been learning about World Refugee week. Our Year 6 Mini Vinnies met with a lady who very bravely shared her experience of fleeing war in the Ukraine. The children shared some of her story with KS2 today in Liturgical Prayer. This has been very humbling for the children and staff.



Breakfast, Bun and Book

To create a love of reading we have been holding a 'breakfast bun and book' event each month, parents have joined their children in reading and eating breakfast together. This has been very warmly received by all and parents have asked if we could do this weekly.



24-Hour Survival Challenge

Well done to our incredible eight year old Lucy Brackstone, who completed her sponsored twenty-four hour survival challenge in her back garden, raising funds for Alice House! Lucy is fundraising in memory of her mum Melanie Brackstone, who was cared for in Alice House. She has smashed her goal of £100, raising over £1,000!



Hartlepool Town Cup

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 boys who won the Hartlepool Town cup football final - great teamwork and determination and sportsmanship shown by all. Additionally, both of our Year 5 and 6 cricket teams made it to the town finals!



Tall Ships

As part of the tall ships event we have worked to design some amazing bunting representing St Teresa's School, Hartlepool and the Jolie Brise which is the ship we are supporting. This will be displayed at the Tall Ships event. The children all designed some bunting and the winning entries were used for the final designs which the children sewed and made.

Primaries

ST WILFRID'S

Rocket Week at St Wilfrid's

At St Wilfrid's we have had a mysterious landing in school. A rocket shaped object appeared to have crashed in the field and we were very excited to find out more! The police arrived on the first day – with sirens blaring – which marked the beginning of a very eventful week.

Immediately, the children began writing theories and observation reports about what had happened. As the week unfolded, and the rocket revealed more secrets – like plumes of yellow smoke, communication sounds and even odd slime - these became observation logs and diaries. We wrote stories, linking the rocket to ideas about aliens and formal letters to a local scientist to ask for advice.

School council got the chance to interview our local science expert, who answered our letters with a visit. She took lots of samples and even managed to release a message from a capsule attached to the rocket.

Our intrepid Year 6s, took on the task of decoding the rocket message. This led them on a challenging trail of clues around school – which eventually led them to..... Our Commando Joe mission chest! What a week – now for the next mission with Commando Joe!

Year 6 Explore London

Our Year 6 Class have had a wonderful adventure in our capital this term and the itinerary was packed! It began with a visit to The Science Museum, and continued with The Houses of Parliament the next day – where our behaviour impressed so much, that Miss Sands' email started pinging with messages of praise from the people we met there.

We enjoyed a ride on The London Eye, a cruise along The Thames, a quick visit to Trafalgar Square and The Mall before heading to see Matilda in The West End. Our trip ended with a wizarding visit to Harry Potter World on the way home. Everyone we met complimented our children, saying we 'were a credit to our County'. We were all shattered by the end, but have some fabulous memories to cherish forever.





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