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TALL SHIPS AHOY! SETTING THE SAILS FOR SOMETHING

SPECIAL..... At Fulwell Junior School, we are always looking for opportunities to get involved in exciting and creative projects. As a Rights Respecting Silver Level school, we work towards the principles of Article 29: *“Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full”*.

The arrival of the *Tall Ships* has provided a perfect stimulus for this with us being one of the closest primary schools to the sea itself. From the moment we heard about the Tall Ships visit to Sunderland, we knew this was going to be something we would want to get our teeth into and to be part of—with the sea being such a big part of our local environment, how could we not! Alongside taking part in Sunderland City Council’s ‘Tall Ships Schools Programme’ we held a ‘Set the Sails’ enrichment fortnight in school to make the most of this unique and special event. Throughout the last few weeks our pupils have engaged in a wide range of activities including art, design, poetry, singing, writing and history linked to this event—both in and out of school. **See our centre-pages for more on this fantastic project....**



WOWEEE...Go Year 3!

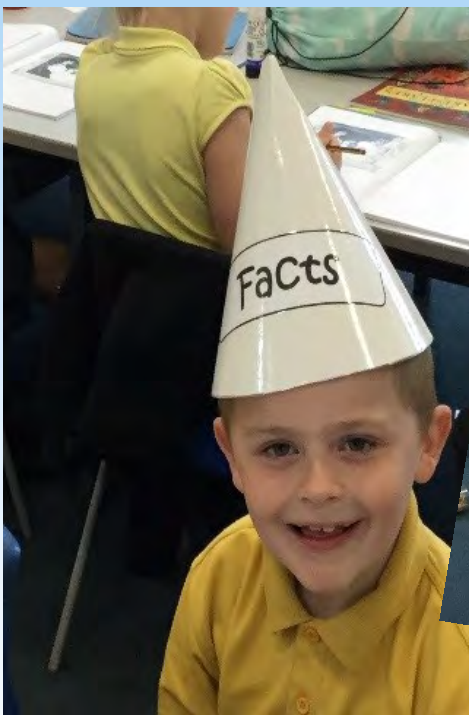
Another creative, practical, thinking, fun-packed



learning experience has taken place in Year 3 during the Summer term. Not only have the children been mastering their times tables (through the wonderful IT app, 'Times Table Rock Stars!'), they have also endeavoured to get to grips with the old **Maths** favourite... fractions!



Two star crossed lovers came to visit us in **English**, where Romeo and Juliet illuminated our lives and the children used pathetic fallacy to track Romeo's mood throughout the Market Place scene. Talk for writing and the use of **ICT** apps have proved successful, allowing those creative juices to flow!



*Ever worn a thinking cap? Well, the children have used DeBono's Thinking Hats to support their **topic and Science** work!*



Teachers beware!

Children manipulated saws in **DT** to make their outrageous space buggies, leaving their staff in a cold sweat!

Some beautiful **art** work has been produced; using pencil and oil pastels has strengthened the children's skills in understanding artistic mediums.



*In PE, preparations for Sports Day have taken place with everyone honing their running, jumping and throwing skills! As children say 'Au revoir' to Year 3 and 'Bonjour' to Year 4.....we will continue with our **French** lessons.....*

The Year 3 children have certainly started their FJS life with gusto....but don't just take our word for it.....

Zac Belmont: "I really liked Geography—learning new places around the world. I loved learning the sounds of the rainforest and discovering different tribes"



Sophia Shepperson: "My year highlight was doing Joseph because I got to meet new people and get involved in tonnes of different things. Choir was so fun!"

Oscar Bankhead: I liked it when we did Harry Potter, I never thought I would learn one of my favourite books in school!"



Suri Taylor: "History has definitely been a highlight! I had loads of fun and it reminded me of Horrible Histories. Science was really cool—the growing sock was so interesting!"

Alex Bradley: "I really enjoyed Maths this year because we learned fractions, division and times tables. I love that there's a game we can use to learn at home!"



Manashii Raj : "This year I loved robotics because we got to control robots and change their colour. I've never done that at home before!"



Emme and Liv get to grips with their fractions.....



.....while the boys go boggle-eyed for their moon buggies!



YEAR 4 GET TECHNICAL.....

On Wednesday 27th June, 2 teams of Year 4 pupils attended the First Lego League Junior Aqua Adventure Expo at Openzone@theword in South Shields. Year 4 had been set a challenge to design a model that would tackle a problematic aspect of water and its journey.

The **'Scuba Squad'** (below) created a boat that would eliminate water pollution in the area it was placed.



They were inspired by seeing footage of polluted seas and images of litter in the River Wear.

The judges loved their design and so did the children from the other schools.

The team achieved the **MOST EXPLOSIVE DESIGN AWARD** after their model broke three times and they rebuilt it calmly after every disaster!

The **'Aquabricks Boyz'** decided they would create a time machine AND a water transporting machine. They linked their model to our studies of Ancient Egypt. They wanted to be able to allow the Pharaoh to live in the Red Land but provide him with a water transporter to move Nile water from the river to the Red Desert land! The judges were impressed with their model AND their dancing skills (which they displayed as they explained their model to others!) and awarded them **'BEST MOVEMENT AWARD'**! We had a great afternoon!



We have enjoyed some brilliant technical work this term and every year group had the chance to work with KNETIC Ltd overseen by Mark Lloyd (based at Monkwearmouth School) - Year 4 learned how to use robotics with the Sphero programme—it was great fun!

It has also been a brilliant term for Class 4! They represented the school at the annual Sunderland Schools Skipping Festival in May and won certificates for all their efforts! (Photos opposite)



World of Work—Careers Week

We were delighted to invite some of our Year 4 parents in to school recently to speak to the children about their professions and career choices. We had representations from people as diverse as the Police to the Royal Navy! Isla's Aunty came and spoke to us about working as an operating theatre technician. Scarlett's Dad came with the Royal Navy mobile unit which was really cool! Tara's Mum works at The Gala Theatre at Durham and talked to us about the importance of promoting new events. Josh's Dad came and spoke about accountancy and how to run a business. The children thoroughly enjoyed all of the experiences—thanks to all of the parents who gave up their time to join us, including those not named here. We really appreciated your support and it has certainly opened up our children's eyes to the myriad of working possibilities out there!



SET THE SAILS—TALL SHIPS ‘ALL AT SEA’ PROJECT



Eleven of our Year 4 and 5 pupils have been working alongside the artist David Wilkinson in a series of afternoon workshops. They took their inspiration from Sunderland's shipbuilding history and heritage. The children's starting point was a painting by L S Lowry depicting the industrial silhouettes of Sunderland's Shipyards. From there, they began to explore related images of welding, riveting, rope making, drilling and carpentry. These skills were brought to life during a visit to the 'The Sunderland Maritime Heritage Museum' where they experienced first-hand how the

ships were built. Back in the classroom, working alongside David, they turned their ideas into sketches to create a structure that reflects the physical process of shipbuilding.

The final piece is a celebration of the hard work, skill and physical toil that goes in to 'building' a ship. Their work is currently on display in The Bridges Shopping Centre. Fulwell Junior School were the only local school represented in this project, which is a very proud accolade!

Flying the Flag for Fulwell!

Friends of Fulwell at Fulwell Community Library invited our school to design and create some Tall Ships themed bunting to decorate the streets and shop windows of Fulwell in celebration of the arrival of the Tall Ships. Every child in school took part and produced their own design, which was then judged by the Class Teacher. The winning designs were printed to form the final bunting. It all looks great!!



'Call of the Sea'—25 Years as a Sail Trainee

We were lucky to have a visit from Naomi Austin, a Senior Lecturer at Sunderland University, during our 'Set the Sails' fortnight. Naomi sailed in her first Tall Ships race as a trainee in 1993. She shared her inspirational story with the whole school—keeping her audience hooked as she regaled tales of her experiences and how taking part on the Tall Ships Races has transformed her life. It would be wonderful to think that Naomi might have inspired a few of our pupils to embark on a similar journey in the future!



BUILD YOUR OWN SHIP!

A group of Year 4 pupils were set the challenge of building and decorating their own 3D model of a Tall Ship from flat packs designed by students at Sunderland University. Each cardboard flat pack came complete with instructions for the children to follow. The children found constructing their models challenging and gained a small insight into just how tricky building the real thing must have been!



Alongside these exciting events, we have integrated aspects of our curriculum to embrace the Tall Ships theme. This has included artwork with pupils creating abstract pieces using oil pastel from images of Tall Ships, creative writing tasks using song lyrics with a 'nautical' theme e.g. 'Night Boat to Cairo'



Back Stage at the Sunderland Empire:

To celebrate the Tall Ships coming to Sunderland, a group of Year 5 pupils visited the Sunderland Empire Theatre where they received an 'up close and personal' tour of this beautiful Edwardian Theatre, finding out more

about the links between Sunderland's rich maritime history and this marvellous theatre. The children also participated in a range of Creative Learning Teambuilding and Employability workshops focusing on the notions on CREW and TEAM. These fun-based workshops were aimed at increasing pupil's confidence.



'Singing In the Ships': As the Tall Ships began to arrive on the port on Wednesday 11th July, our choir took part in an unique performance, streamed live so pupils across Sunderland could collectively take part with the aim of breaking the world record for having the most children singing the same song at the same time. Later that afternoon the choir had the opportunity to visit the site of the Tall Ships performing 2 nautically themed songs; 'We are Sailing' and 'Take me up the Tyne' on one of the stages at St. Peter's Campus. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends there to support us!

'Yellow Submarine', history linked to famous ships and a number of nautical maths challenges. This week our Tall Ships voyage will come to an end with all pupils participating in our very own Regatta which will include a sponsored 'Deck-Athlon' fundraiser!

Year 5 on the ECO-Trail.....

Class 9 Sea-Less Plastic Project:- Class 9 were lucky enough to be chosen for this special project, run by OASES (an outdoor education specialist). We got to explore Seaburn Beach and investigate the effect that plastic litter is having on the environment and the creatures that live there. We completed a litter pick on the beach and collected over **10kg** of litter!

Rocha: *'I felt really good after this, because it felt like we were doing something to help the environment.'*



Thomas: *'I really enjoyed the project because we did lots of activities. Rock pooling was great and everyone got a turn to try and find creatures.'*

We created a giant jellyfish out of recyclable plastic which will form part of a Schools 'Scraptastic Sculpture Trail' around Roker Park on Monday 16th July.



YEAR 5 MIND GAMES:

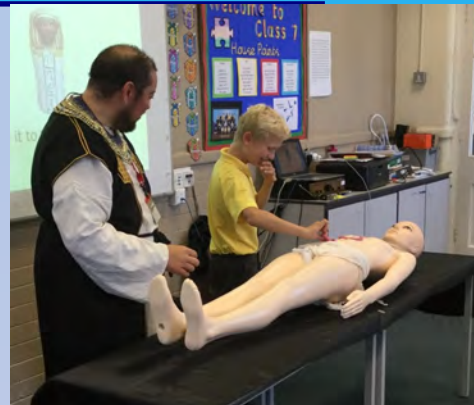
On Tuesday 5th June, Mrs Dryden and Mr Speck took 4 children—Sophie Middleton, Anis Sarhani, Isaac Simpson and Aidan Heavisides—to compete in Durham School's annual 'Mind Games' competition.

In total, 8 teams took part from Durham and Sunderland primary schools. The competition was split into 5 rounds: General Knowledge, Sport, Dingbats, Local History and Comprehension. The children's families stayed to watch the contest and even they found some of the questions tricky, not to mention Mr Speck and Mrs Dryden! Although our team didn't win, they actually did phenomenally well considering they were competing against Year 6 teams! It was a fantastic experience and something we hope to take part in again next year!

THAT HISTORY BLOKE!

On 2nd/3rd July, Year 5 were lucky enough to receive a visit from Richard Stevenson, otherwise known as 'That History Bloke', to help them with their history topic of the Ancient Egyptians. They were hooked from the moment they walked into the classroom to find a mummy stretcher! The workshop began with a history on the Pharaohs, which included plenty of dressing up! We also learned about mummification, and got to put organs into canopic jars. We wrote in hieroglyphics using actual ink and bamboo that would have been used by the Ancient Egyptians. The sessions ended with a traditional Egyptian game of 'Three Men' we wonder if the children could show you how to play it at home?

Our Egyptian studies continued with us preparing some Egyptian Honey Cakes—they tasted just like ginger bread and were a big hit with all the children!



During Spring Term Year 5 studied North America as our geography topic—we did lots of research in class about this continent, but we really wanted to give children an insight into what life is *REALLY* like over there! The year group were lucky enough to receive a visit from Adam and Michaela Hess, who are actually from Maine in North America! The children were so excited to meet them, and were enthralled by Adam's

American accent! The children prepared questions for their visitors, and found out so much about what life in America is really like; how it is different to life in Sunderland and how it is similar.



The topic culminated in some optional Year 5 homework that the teachers set—to make an original



Egyptian artefact. We were blown away by some of the entries! We had canopic jars, mummies, pyramids and even an actual death mask! Brilliant work Year 5!



To really be able to draw comparisons, the year group took the visitors to the beach. It was a great opportunity to share our local area, which is something to be proud of, and talk about what it is like to live here. Everyone had a brilliant afternoon and Adam and Michaela were blown away by how respectful our children were.

Year 6's Last Hurrah!!

It has certainly been a busy old term for Year 6! Once the pressure of the SATS exam were out of the way, it was time to get down to some fun stuff.....! Many of the children took part in the City Council's **Bikeability** Scheme, learning how to ride their bikes in safety when out on the road, and what sort of risks to look out for. It was a very successful project and we are sure all children involved now have a better understanding of road safety.



Safety Works—You bet it does!

All of the children in year six attended the Safety Works Centre in Newcastle, run by the emergency services.

The sessions provided invaluable, practical advice on personal safety, particularly in areas such as road safety, fire safety and what to do in an emergency situation.

"I thought it was a really fun way to learn about keeping ourselves safe and know what to do in certain situations. It was like a film studio."

Laura Barrington



SURF'S UP!

The children thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the life-saving and surfing activities. They appeared in the Echo and on Made in Tyne & Wear alongside a member of Sunderland Council. **"It was so much fun that I want to do it again and again. It taught us new skills and how to spot dangers and stay safe in the sea or rivers."** Scarlet Anderson

How brilliant was our recent production of Joseph & His Technicolor Dreamcoat! ALL children involved should be so proud of themselves for their excellent performances and hard work. Special thanks must be extended to Mrs Lazenby and Miss Anderson who worked so hard to bring it all together, along with our brilliant support staff! It was a glorious frenzy of colourful fun!





TALKING IN CODE.....!

We were very fortunate to get Knetic Education to do a few coding sessions with their new robots. "I think it was a really fun way of doing coding. I think it will help children learn how to code the robot to dance and not just see it on the computer screen." Chapman Li



LOVE IS IN THE AIR.....

We thoroughly enjoyed our Royal Wedding themed

celebration day back on 17th May. It was great to see everyone in their red, white and blue.....

GOING OUT IN STYLE.....

The Year Leavers prom on 12th July was a resounding success! Everyone scrubbed up a treat! It's a lovely way to end the year and we wish all our Year 6 children every success in their future education!



HOLD THE BACK PAGE.....!

Well England may be coming home, but there has been no stopping our sporting stars this term! First up, huge congratulations to our Year 4 cricketers who recently took part in a cluster tournament at Monkwearmouth. Oh my word! Not only did we win the tournament, but we were streets ahead of the other teams! Every single child that took part in the tournament represented our school with respect and great sportsmanship—well done to everyone involved!



And what about our wonderfully talented dancers who performed at the Empire on 13th June—with the theatre at full capacity, 19 Year 5 children danced their hearts out and blew the audience away! Miss Birch and Miss Cook were the proudest teachers on the day! We received praise from all the University staff and were told our music and dances were one of the best. They shone on and off the stage! Well done!

Finally, a group of children from Year 3, 4 and 5 went to Monkwearmouth to compete in an Olympic event. Once again, everyone represented our school brilliantly. We came back to school in 2nd place overall, however many more of our children won individual medals for their specific events. Again, a huge well done to everyone!



We raised a magnificent **£611.50** from our recent Soccer Aid Football Playground Challenge on 8th June! This will be match funded by the Government so your donations have actually raised over £1200! A truly life changing amount of money!



AND FINALLY.....

SEPTEMBER 2018.....THE JOURNEY CONTINUES.....

Although the Tall Ships will have sailed off into the horizon, we are continuing our voyage with our Whole School project 'All At Sea'.

This begins with a whole school focus on Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' which we will be performing at The Northern Stage, Newcastle on Friday November 9th.....watch this space!

We would take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support—it has been a truly brilliant school year, we are so proud of how the children have represented the school, and the hard work and commitment shown in all their studies! Enjoy the summer break and we will see you all raring to go in September! ***We return on Tuesday 4th September.***



Don't forget.....

You can continue to make donations to the schools chosen charities (Water Aid and the RNLI) at any time, just contact the office. Don't forget to keep filling your RNLI 'Betty pots' with any small change.

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