



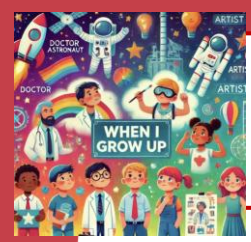
Thursday 17th October 2024

Homes by Esh STEM Workshops

Last week, EYFS and Year 1/2 enjoyed a STEM workshop delivered by Homes By Esh. During the workshop, they learned how to stay safe near construction sites and what jobs are available. They loved exploring the foam bricks, measuring equipment and protective equipment!

Thank you Rachael from [Homes By Esh](#).





Friday 18th October 2024

Fire Engine Visit

With Bonfire Night fast approaching, we have had a visit last Friday from Durham Fire Service. They talked to us about the best ways to keep safe around fire, fireworks and sparklers. We then had chance to explore the fire engine, sit inside, squirt the water hoses and listen to the sound of siren.

Thank you to [County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service](#) for coming to see us!



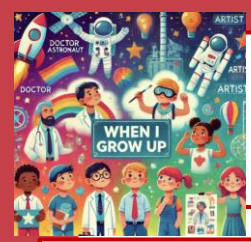


18th November 2024

Visit from our Local MP

Thank you [Sam Rushworth](#) for visiting our school to kick start [UK Parliament](#) Week! The children really enjoyed asking you questions about the country and local area, and hearing about your role.





28th March 2025 Careers Week - Sports

This week, we've been learning about the exciting careers we can achieve through hard work and big dreams!

A big thank you to Ste, a strength and conditioning coach, for coming in to share his journey and give us a glimpse into the many career opportunities in the world of sport!

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28th March 2025

Careers Week - Healthcare

This week, we were lucky to learn from Vicky, a Nursing Director, who gave us an inside look at her important role in healthcare. She taught us the journey we could take to if we wanted to pursue a career in healthcare. She showed us different equipment and explained how it's used in patient care.

Thank you, Vicky, for inspiring us and showing us the many opportunities in the nursing field!

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21st October

200S&DR – Careers in Steam

As part of our railway bicentenary celebrations, we were delighted to welcome Darrin, the lead locomotive engineer on the well-known Sir Nigel Gresley. Darrin shared fascinating insights into his career journey and what it takes to rebuild and work with such an iconic steam locomotive.

Our children were full of curiosity, asking thoughtful questions such as “What route did you have to take to become an engineer?” and “What qualities would I need to do this job?”

We love providing our pupils with opportunities that inspire them to dream big and see that they can achieve any career they set their minds to.

A huge thank you to Darrin for taking time out of his busy schedule to inspire the next generation of STEM professionals!

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7th December Explosive Science Day



We were delighted to welcome the Royal Institution of Science into school for an action-packed day of shows called “Explosive Food.” Sab, our fantastic presenter, amazed the children with a range of exciting experiments – from exploding jelly babies to turning flour into fire!

There was plenty of fire, explosions, excitement, and lots of learning too, as the children discovered how much energy we get from the food we eat.

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us after school for the final show of the day – it was wonderful to share the experience with you! What an unforgettable day of science - we’re so glad we were in school to experience it!

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1st March

Teacher of the Deaf Visit

To conclude Year 3 and 4's unit of Sound and the Ear, we had a special workshop with Lauren, our Teacher of the Deaf! She shared insights on how different parts of the ear function, how hearing impairments can impact daily life and how equipment like hearing aids and bone anchored hearing aids can help. The children learned some sign language and even tried on various equipment to experience what it's like to live with hearing challenges.

A huge well done to Lacey and Heidi, who assisted Lauren during the workshop! They dedicated their own time to create a PowerPoint presentation for their classmates to share their own journey with hearing loss and how their friends can help them throughout the day.

We are so proud of our inclusive culture at St. Joseph's, where our children feel empowered to share their unique experiences, and where all our children accept one another for who they are.

#WeAreGodsChildren #WeBelongToTheWorld



“You should be really proud of the inclusive culture you have created here.”
Lauren Temple



RESPECT



8th March

World Book Day

What a wonderful day we had on Thursday! We were so impressed with everyone's outfits. Amongst our favourite book characters, we had pupils dressing as their future careers. We had teachers, artists, vets, police officers, football coaches, a scaffold business owner, theatre performers, dance coaches, fashion designers, a teacher of the deaf, a farmer, an astronaut, soldiers...the list goes on!

We are so proud to see our children are aspiring high with their future aspirations!

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12th March

Careers Week - Durham University

It was great to welcome Durham University into school today. They spent the afternoon with Year 5/6, sharing what a university is, what can be studied there and how our pupils can achieve their dream careers.

We were feeling inspired with much of the class wanting to go onto study at university! ★

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#WeTakeOpportunities

“Before this workshop, I didn’t want to go to university, but now I do. I think my mam would be proud because she has never been.”
Bambi

“I’ll be going to university to train to be a brain surgeon.”
Ethan



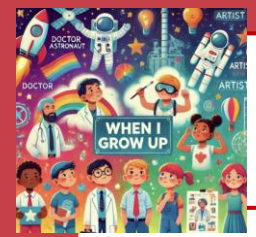
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13th March

Careers Week - Equestrian

We were thrilled to welcome international dressage riders Paul and Bobby Hayler from Team Hayler, who shared their incredible experiences competing for Great Britain. From riding at top international competitions, being world champions, and commentating for the BBC at the Paris 2024 Olympics, they gave our pupils a fascinating insight into the world of professional equestrian sport. They even brought along their Shetland pony, Buzz which our children loved meeting! ❤️

A huge thank you to Paul and Bobby giving up your time to inspire our pupils to aspire to achieve a career working with animals!

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“You can tell the children learn about careers in school. They ask thoughtful questions.”
Bobby Halker





14th March Careers Week - Vets 🐶🐱

A huge thank you to Eli, a vet, and Colleen, a veterinary nurse from Vets for Pets in Bishop Auckland, who came in to share their amazing work with our pupils. The children loved getting hands on - trying on surgical outfits and learning how to dress wounds just like real veterinary professionals!

They also explained what their jobs involve and the different routes you can take to become a vet or veterinary nurse. A brilliant and inspiring session for our budding animal lovers!

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15th March Careers Week – British Army

A big thank you to Scott and Rich for visiting our school and speaking with our children about their careers as Warrant Officers in the Royal Engineers. They shared their journeys into the Army, what the role involves, and the range of opportunities available.

They also talked about their new roles as Health and Safety Manager and Assistant for our Trust, helping to ensure our schools remain safe and compliant places for everyone.

Thank you both for giving your time to inspire our pupils and share your experiences.

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“I want to join the army when I am 16 and work my way to being an engineer. It was really exciting to be able to ask ex military questions.”
Blair





16th March

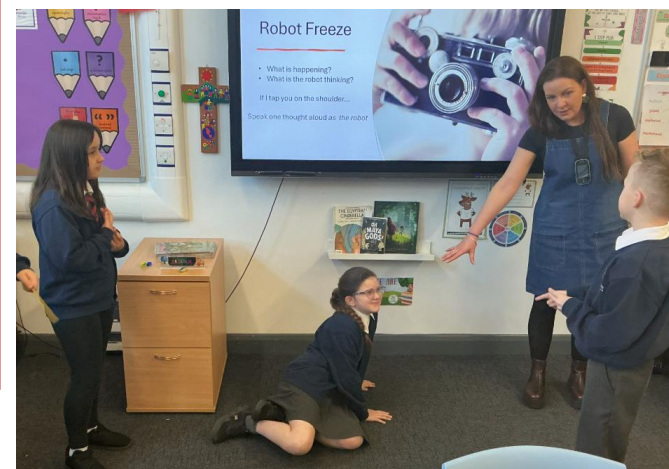
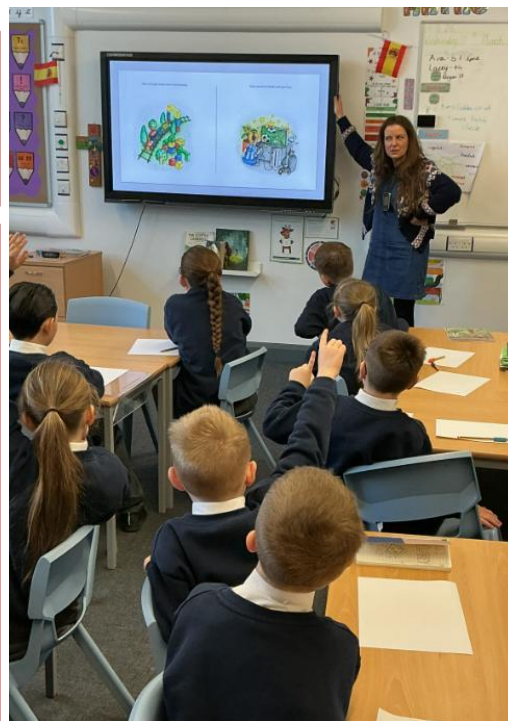
Careers Week - Authors 🖋️

A huge thank you to author Victoria Downes for delivering an engaging workshop. Our children loved hearing about what it's like to be an author and how stories are created.

Victoria inspired pupils by sharing how creativity, imagination and hard work can turn ideas into books. She also encouraged our children to dream big about their futures, reminding them that they can grow up to become engineers, authors, and anything else they set their minds to!

It was a fantastic and inspiring visit—thank you, Victoria, for helping spark the children's creativity and ambitions 🌟

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17th March

Careers Week - Engineering



In partnership with the National Literacy Trust, we had the opportunity to take part in a virtual Dream Big for Engineering Workshop.

The children met engineers who work in different sectors – an environmental engineer and an engineer from Nexus, who manage the Metro services across the North East.

The children were incredibly inspired by the talk and loved asking questions. Thank you for your time!

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29th March

Careers - Aviation ✈️

A huge thank you to Stuie from SimFly for visiting and working with our Year 5/6 children!

Stuie, Director & Chief Flying Instructor on the Boeing 737-800 flight simulator (and Tees Valley Entrepreneur of the Year), shared his incredible expertise and passion for the aviation industry.

We are so grateful for the time and encouragement given to our pupils - who knows, we may have some future pilots, cabin crew and aviation engineers in the making!

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