

**WEST HESLERTON C. E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

SPRING TERM 2016

**WELCOME TO
WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We hope you enjoy your time at our school



Oliver Fussey



Thomas Thornton

BEST EFFORTS

The following children have been praised for Best Efforts this term:

Oliver Fussey
Aimee Burnett
Lucy Towse
Sam Wardell
Isabel North
Holly Dent
Harry Richardson
Maisie Greenwell
Poppy Roxborough
Rosie Stott
Luke Allardice
Molly Mitchell
Adam Kettlewell
Charlie Swiers
Henry Morley
Cerys Smith
Tyler Wilson-Virr
Thomas Roger

Jessica Whitwell
Tilly Mason
Sadie Greenwell
Ellie Greenwell
Max Taylor-Barber
Matthew Moss
Niamh Maud
George Simpson
William Powlesland
Jamie Moss
Ayla Tuner-Barringer
Maia Dukes
Noah Garnett
Sam Taylor-Barber
Reuben Shearsmith
Dexter Penny
Ty Wheldon
Summer Turner-Barringer

Ben Dent
Lexi Watson
Charlie Richardson
Alfie Powlesland
Maia Jarmany
Tallulah May
Alice Ruston
Maddie Petty
William North
Isaac Morley
Isabelle Broughton
Izabel Spencer
Jake Allardice
Rowan Roger
Louie Spencer
Aleesha Prescott
Reggie Stafford
Taylor Hodgins

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!



“ROUTE 66”

This term’s topic has been “Route 66” looking at all things North American.

We kicked off our new term's topic 'Get your kicks from Route 66' with a whole school launch day.:



They tracked their flight across the Arctic Circle using atlases, recreated the US flag understanding the significance of Stars and Stripes and looked at American products we use in everyday life here.

After a flight to the USA, everyone in school travelled round classrooms (from state to state) investigating aspects of the historic Route 66.

Pupils learnt to line dance with Mrs. Morley, school governor, using American music and following the official American line dancing terms.



Pupils made a range of

and produce grown in different states along the



They explored Las Vegas and had a go at playing Blackjack whilst there.



They also met a Native American Indian who had lived on these lands before they were discovered by Europeans.

Pupils made wigwams and tasted some of the foods that may have been eaten by these tribes. They met Elvis, listened to some of his music and investigated his albums on a turntable.



Badgers have made a Native American Totem pole. Everyone added their own animal to the pole and with a little help, we have made and painted an eagle's head and wings to go on the top. The children made clocks and looked at flight times from London to states along Route 66, working out how long flights were and what time we would land and take off. Keepers made their way across North America on Route 66 passing through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. They had great fun trying to learn the '50 states song' in a hope of remembering all the states that are represented on the national flag. They have learnt about 'Tornado Alley' which runs through the 3 states of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Everyone was shocked at the devastation that a change in wind speed, along with the meeting of warm and cold air can cause, in the form of a tornado!

Cowboy Camp!

All the school dressed as a cowboy or cowgirl, The day started by looking at old cowboy films, to get an authentic feel for the day. Throughout the day each group worked on different activities to see what it would have been like in Native American times. Mrs Triffitt showed everyone how to make dream catchers to keep negative thoughts away and positive ones in while we sleep. I hope everyone has put them above their beds.





Mrs Wardell helped everyone look authentic by making Native American head dresses and even learning some calling signs!...



Mrs Woodward took on the Cowboys, looked for gold, lassoed and milked cows, tested their tin can shooting abilities and got the cattle home safely!



Miss Tattersley and Mrs Vipas helped us taste Native America food, cooking vegetable kebabs, fruit kebabs, chilli con carne and cornbread. There was nothing left by the end of the day!



Lunch was themed around the day's activities - homemade burgers with homemade bread buns, coleslaw and salad fuelled us with milkshake and muffins for dessert.



A good day was had by all.

All American State Fair

What an incredible afternoon we all had, thank you to all the parents and families who came along to join in the various activities, it was lovely to see so many people. The children had done an amazing job designing, making and running their stalls and all had enjoyed this part of their topic work. Daisy the Bull was a star attraction and all the children were able to test their rodeo skills – what an experience!







Badger Wood

Badgers have learnt about Chinese New Year and The Red fire Monkey.



Badger Wood hosted a Stay and See afternoon for parents and families. It was great fun and lots of parents were able to join in with the children's activities.

Keeper Wood

Pupils in Keeper Wood have started a "Keeping Myself Safe" topic in PSHE (personal, social and health education). This will involve a look at tobacco and drug safety.

They celebrated Chinese New Year by baking jammy rice cakes.

As part of their work on statistics the children went out and about doing a bird count and submitting the data to the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch.

They also did work on animal classification:



The class are watching caterpillars as they go through their life cycle and hopefully change into butterflies.

They have also set up a class wormery!

Forest Schools

Emma McKenzie from Scampston Hall visited school to work with all the children on a bee project - why we need bees, the parts of flowers bees use and pollination.

The children learnt about Bees & Food:

- One third of what we eat would not be available if it wasn't for bees.
- Which foods would not exist or would be very expensive and hard to get if it wasn't for bees.
- Bees help pollinate flowers, once a flower is pollinated it grows into a seed, some foods are seeds.

Parts of a Plant

- The children looked at a diagram of a lily and labelled the parts and what they are used for.
- Some groups dissected a Lily with group and looked at the different parts.



Pollination

- the children learnt about the transfer of pollen from one flower to another.
- Badger Wood made bee finger puppets.
- Keeper Wood played the flower parts and teacher played bees!
- Other pollinators were discussed, such as butterflies, birds, wind, bats.
- If time match up plant picture with food item.



Both Badgers and Keepers have set up National Trust 11 ¾ booklets and started ticking off their adventures. They have been to Devil's Hill to roll down a massive hill and then climb back up it.

Badgers enjoyed going on a treasure hunt! They followed clues to find different elements around them and then found out what they all had in common. When they had all the clues and worked it out, everything was to do with forest schools and also the science topic, 'Living things and their habitats'. Super investigating skills Badgers!

They also made forest templates to jazz up the field.

A template was made, cut out and chalk or flour used to project it onto the playground and field.

It was lovely to see them all afterwards

Keepers played a game of 'Capture the Flag' in Keeper Wood. After practicing this game on the school field, it was great to use the trees to hide behind and put their tactical skills through their paces!



SPORT

Basketball

Keepers went to a very exciting basketball match at Malton Sports Centre with 4 teams A,B,C and D and we came 2nd.

All teams had nicknames – A was Amazing Apes, B was Best Bluebell, C was Champion Cobras and D was Dominators Donkey Dunkers.

We played Weaverthorpe and Welburn.

We enjoyed the basketball because we got to compete against other small schools, see friends out of school and get better at team work.

We had lots of fun and we were happy and we would like to go for longer! – Keeper Wood

Cross Country

Well done to Charlie R, Izzy N, Jake, Charlie S, Aleesha and Maisie who represented Heslerton School at the Area X-Country.

All completed the course in good time with big smiles.

Their behaviour at all times was a credit to the school.

Congratulations to Charlie Swiers who made it through to the North Yorkshire Cross Country Event in Dalby Forest.

Charlie ran well again in a much larger field of runners. Well Done Charlie!



Gymnastics

Badger Wood enjoyed an afternoon at Malton doing gymnastics. They enjoyed using different apparatus and going round the activities. There were flips, rolls, balancing, crawling, twirling and lots more!

Swimming Gala

Sam Wardell, Charlie Richardson, Max Taylor-Barber, Izzy North, Izabel Spencer, Lucy Towse, Sadie Greenwell, Ellie Greenwell, Niamh Maud and Alfie Powlesland represented West Heslerton at the local swimming gala. Everyone swam really well, showed fantastic teamwork between Heslerton pupils and great sportsmanship towards other competitors. Thank you to Mrs Spencer, Mrs Maud and Mrs Wells for transporting us and looking after us whilst we were there.



Football

Badger Wood went to Malton sports centre to a football festival. Badgers team A drew their first and last match but won their second 4-0! This result was enough to see them into the semi-finals and then the finals!! We lost out in the final by just 1 goal. Well done Team A, what a fantastic result! The Reception team had a lovely afternoon, as they got a pitch all to themselves and played lots of football games and had their own matches.

Netball

Keeper Wood competed at Norton Primary School. Teams finished 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th - Well Done.

SCHOOL

Music lessons

The County Music service is continuing to provide lessons in school. The children are enjoying these lessons and the results can be heard throughout school and in the services at church. Please contact the office if you would like more information about woodwind or piano lessons.

All the children have the opportunity to play the recorder thanks to Mrs. Benthall.

Mrs Vipas

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Rebecca Vipas into school as a general teaching assistant. Mrs. Vipas checks and responds to messages in your child's log, assists with learning in Keeper Wood and helps pupils apply knowledge in maths and English across the curriculum.

School Clubs

The children have been fortunate to be able to attend a variety of free school clubs this term:

Bible Story Club on Mondays,

Active Music Club on Tuesdays,

Gymnastics for Sports Club on Wednesdays.



Walk To School

School introduced a walk to school reward scheme to help ease congestion at school, encourage regular exercise and show respect to residents, For each morning or afternoon a child walked to school, they received a stamp/signature. To develop visibility when walking, SpecSavers, Scarborough provided a hi visibility jacket for each child.

Pre-school Library

West Heslerton School runs a pre-school library for children before they start school. This is run by Mrs. Taylor-Barber and takes place on Friday mornings at 8.45am. All young children welcome - spread the word!!

Acting For Others

We were pleased to welcome into school Paul Shelley from Acting for Others who came to accept a cheque for £164 from the Christmas Play.



Parent Information Evening - Spelling, Punctuation And Grammar (Spag)

Parents, children and their wider families were invited to an information evening to learn more about the spelling, grammar and punctuation expectations for pupils in the national curriculum. Following a presentation, a mix of activities and information was available. This was a fun, informative event enjoyed by those who attended.

“Very informative, what a lot they have to remember!”

“Brilliant to see the SPAG work, I need to do some homework too!”

“Certainly got my brain going tonight.”

“A very enjoyable evening, helpful activities, well organised. I learned such a lot. Thank you and well done.”

“Great evening.”

“A very useful and interesting evening, thank you.”

“Very interesting and informative evening. Well done and thank you.”

Children’s University

West Heslerton CE Primary School is proud to be involved with an exciting initiative called The Children’s University.

Richard Adams from the Children's University talked the children through the scheme. Pupils from year 2 upwards will be rewarded for all the amazing activities they do beyond the school day.

The Children’s University (or CU for short) is a national charity which aims to raise children’s confidence and attainment by rewarding them for trying new experiences and gaining new skills.

CU does this by encouraging children to take part in learning activities outside of normal school hours.

In order to encourage children to take part in a range of activities the Children’s University have grouped activities into four categories:

- Sports & Outdoor
- Academic
- Arts and Cultural
- Social, community & Environment

Children should aim to collect stamps from each category.

The children have embraced this and are rapidly gaining signatures in their own “Passport to Learning.”



Parent Evening

A parent evening was held for parents to meet with their child’s class teacher.

Parental Forums

We have held a parental forum this term, a useful ways of keeping in touch with school and other parents.

Pancake Day Lunch

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes for pudding.

Mother’s Day Lunch

Parents, grandparents and family members were invited to join us for a Mothers’ Day lunch on Friday, March 4th. We had a lovely meal of pizza, chips, beans and bread followed by yoghurt and custard cookie with tea or coffee to end the meal. It was lovely for the children to help with teas and coffee and parents enjoyed sitting together and chatting. Friends of School sold lucky squares and Mrs Jarmany won the prize of a plant and chocolates.

Assembly

Rev'd Kinsella led a morning assembly at West Heslerton church to which parents were invited.

British Heart Foundation (Bhf)

Thank you to everyone who donated to Aleesha's British Heart foundation collection.

Twitter

Are you on Twitter?

School has a Twitter feed which you may wish to follow. We are @HeslertonCE. This feed shows just a few of the things that occur at school as they happen. We will continue to produce all the usual newsletters and keep the website updated so please don't worry if you don't 'Tweet'!

Friends of School

Friends of School organised the purchase of ECO-BAGS with the children's hand prints on. These proved to be very popular and £55 was raised for funds.

There was a disco after school at the end of half term, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Friends for organising this.

We are grateful to the Friends of School for all their fundraising efforts. The money raised by these events enables the children to enhance their school experiences with extra visits and fun, eg. Christmas party, gifts and panto visit,

Year 5

The children in year 5 visited Norton College to get a feel of life at secondary school.

World Book Day

To celebrate the value of books at bedtime World Book Day was marked with a pyjama day. Children and staff wore their pyjamas, nightshirts, onesies etc. to school. They brought a favourite bedtime story to share. The whole school heard stories and drank hot chocolate together! World book day took on the very real science theme of life cycles and food chains through the use of the Eric Carle book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

All children received a voucher for discount on a book of their choice to celebrate World Book Day.

Fairtrade Fortnight

To mark Fairtrade fortnight Malton and Norton Fairtrade Group came into school for a Fairtrade Assembly. A Fairtrade Stall was available each day to give pupils the opportunity to purchase Mother's Day gifts, Easter gifts or a treat for themselves. Thank you to all who bought items from the Fair Trade stall, school has raised £144, £14 for further school events!

Global Workshop

Mireille came to talk to us about her experience as a migrant. She explained that her Mum was from the Congo and her Dad was from France. We found Congo in an atlas and saw photos of her at school there. Mireille lived in Egypt, Ivory Coast and Tunisia. We heard about her travels around the UK and what it is like to have to resettle in many new places.

Badger Wood found out that different places have different languages, different people and different ways of life. People live in different ways around the world.

Keeper Wood were able to describe what it is like to go to different places. They often felt anxious at going to unknown places with new weather, languages, meeting new people etc.

We were able to define migrants (people who choose to move for work) and refugees (people who are often forced from their lands).

We were able to ask lots of questions about all of the places Mireille had lived and worked and understand more about our world.

Sport Relief

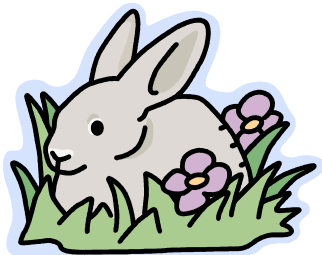
School held a Skipping Workshops for all as part of Sport Relief, £62.65 was raised.

EASTER

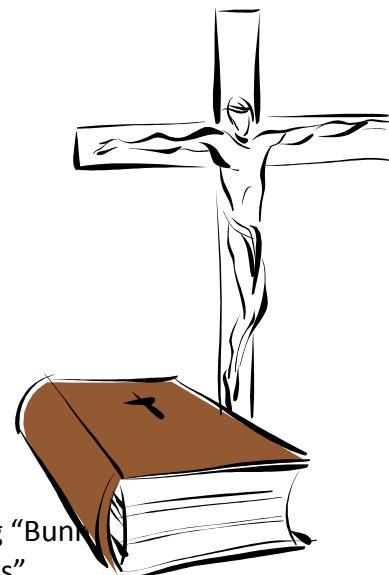
An Easter lunch was held for parents, prior to the school Easter Service at West Heslerton church.

Parents and friends were welcomed by Poppy and William P. Keeper Wood children read "The Easter Story" through the service.

The children sang "The Easter Song" and "Springtime". Mrs. Benthall's hard work teaching recorders could be heard as the year 6 children played Hot Cross Buns, with years 2-5 joining in the chorus.



Reception and Year1 children sang "Bunni" and year 2 children recited "Easter Eggs".



The congregation joined in singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and the service ended with prayers led by Rev'd Kinsella.



Friends of School organised a colouring competition for Easter. Prizes were awarded in church.

We wish you all a Happy Easter – enjoy the holiday.