

**WEST HESLERTON C. E.PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
SPRING TERM 2017**

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

We hope you enjoy your time at our school



Chloe

Harry

Jasmine

Toby

Abigail

Owen

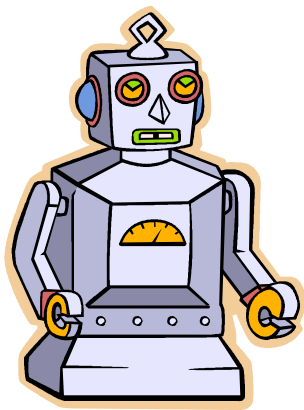


BEST EFFORTS

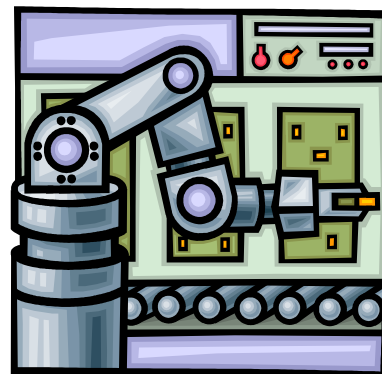
The following children have been praised for Best Efforts this term:

Chloe	Harry G	Abigail
Jasmine	Toby	Henry
Lexi	Dexter	Harriet
Louie	Taylor	Tilly
Ty	Tia-May	George
Isaac	Skyla	Sarah-Leigh
Poppy	Holly	Charlie
India	Alfie	Harry R
Maia D	Monty	Thomas T
Aimee	Charlotte	Summer
Kiara	Maisie	Maddie
Josh	Matthew	Jake
Sam	Ellie	Isabel
Noah	Niamh	Thomas R
Rowan	Tallulah	Theo
Will N	Jessica	Max
Isabelle	Reggie	Ayla
Rosie	Luke	William P
Maia J	Owen	Rory
Ben	Sammy	Jamie
Evie	Alenka	Scarlet
Reuben	Molly	Oliver

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!



“Robotics”



The topic launched with an Alien Landing on the school field!

Over the course of a weekend a UFO crash landed on the school field. As the school were all in lessons on Monday morning, a van came beeping across the field. A person got out of the van and took soil samples, tested metals and put out signs to keep us away from the site. We even saw smoke coming out of the tent. Mrs Wells then came out to tell us our school was on the news! It was all very exciting. Badger Wood took this back into lessons and wrote a newspaper article all about the landing as well as using pictures of the crash site to label and caption.

Keeper Wood wrote a letter to the UK Space Agency to inform them about the crash site and to gain any more information about the landing from them. Lots of questions are in the letters to make sure we are safe!

Farthing Wood thought this would be a good opportunity to write a letter about this extraordinary event to send in to 'The Week Junior' magazine as they have a section called 'over to you' where we can send in our news.

On Tuesday the school received a letter from the UK Space Agency to inform us there was no radioactivity from the crash site and we were safe to go back on to the field.





Robot Trail

All the children took part in making and preparing a Robot Treasure Hunt in the school grounds and around the village. Badger Wood were in the wildlife area, Keeper Wood in the school grounds and Farthing Wood in the village. The robotic sculptures were inspired by Clayton Bailey and the artwork by Eric Joyner.

Parents were invited to follow the trail one Friday afternoon and all enjoyed this. Thank you to Friends for providing refreshments. The trail remained in the village for visitors to follow until the Easter holidays.





Film Event

We welcomed parents into school to view the animation films the children have been working upon. These were so creative and everyone enjoyed sharing their work.

Debate

Keeper Wood have been learning the art of debating. It all started with Mrs Triffitt deciding that we should not have playtimes any longer!! There were some super reasons why playtime is needed and her mind was changed! There was also a debate about whether or not The Iron Man should be allowed to stay in the town. Some of us were for, and some were against! We had a very passionate debate, as you can see from the photos.



York Minster

All children in KS2 visited York Minster for a Diocese Day. They were able to learn about many aspects of its life and had a very detailed and informative guided tour.








Badger Wood Poetry

The children in Badger Wood entered the Sealife poetry competition, here is their poem.


Under the sea




Under the deep rich blue sea,
a world for me to see.
Lots of creatures to meet,
a brand new world at my feet.
The sun dances on top of each wave,
covering lots of secret caves.
The beautiful life of the great reef
the colours shimmer giving us hope and belief.





Octopuses have 3 hearts,
but they have lots of different parts.
They are very smart with 9 brains,
they use them again and again!
They swim through the sea with ease and grace,
wondering around the vast oceans with pace.



They swim and squeeze into lots of different spaces,
having no bones helps to win the races.
Don't blink as they can camouflage,
just like an ocean mirage.



Now to the Sea Life Centre,
you have to enter
To meet the star of the show Babs,
she's just fab!
Just like her friends the colour changing cuttlefish,
we won't put them in a dish!
We're ready to be grabbed 8 times
and be covered in lots of slime!



By Badger Wood
(Pre-reception, Reception,
Year 1 & Year 2)

Forest Schools

We have once again been visited by other school who like to take part in our Forest School activities. The children have visited Devil's Hill, Badger Wood and Keeper Wood. They have also been able to make use of the new clay oven in the wildlife area, some lovely cooking smells!

Pupils in Keepers and Farthing Wood were able to tick 'rolling down a hill' off their National Trust '50 things to do before you're 11 and three quarters' list.



Scampston - planting perennials & building homes for bees!

A number of beds within the Walled Garden were set aside especially so local children could be involved in their planting. The children learnt all about planting, and the benefits that plants bring to other creatures - especially birds, bees and butterflies. This project forms part of Capability Brown's 300th anniversary celebrations. The team at Scampston were eager to show children and adults alike the importance of biodiversity and habitats. This is something that Capability Brown achieved with the varied landscapes he created - with his use of trees and lakes. The beds were planted with six hardy perennials, which will provide homes and food for insects and birds throughout the year. We were able to take away some of the plants, along with a bee house and a bird box to use at school to monitor the activity around the plants, and watch as they grow and bloom. We will return at a later date to Scampston to see how our hard work has paid off.

Thank you very much to all the volunteers and teachers that made today possible. Great fun was had by all!





School Clubs

There have been free of charge clubs held after school this term:

Gymnastics Club

Relax Kids Club

Multi-Skills Club

Staff also run lunchtimes clubs which are open to all children:

Monday Sports Club

Tuesday Lego/games

Wednesday Craft

Thursday Music/drama/dance

Friday Homework Club



There has been a Musical Instrument Club for clarinets, led by Ralph Alder .

These are all popular clubs which the children enjoy.

Bags2school clothing collection

Friends of School held a clothing collection which raised £220 for Friends of School

Parent Evening

A parent evening was held for all parents.

Disco

Friends of School held a disco for all children.

Fairtrade Stall

The Fair trade stall was in school for Mother's Day and Easter. Thank you for your magnificent support, £217.40 was raised by school. £21.74 will be kept by school for community projects later this year.

Stay and Play

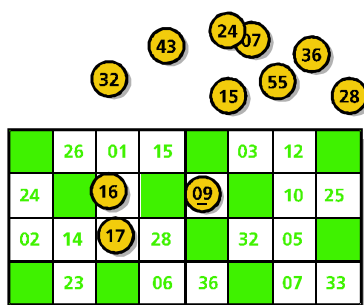
Badger Wood Hosted a Stay and Play afternoon for parents of children in Badger Wood.

Mother's Day

All children had the opportunity to design their own Mother's Day card and order other gifts. This raised £118.04 for Friends of School.

Friends of School Bingo Night

Friends of School held a Bingo night at the Railway Club, Norton. This was a great evening and £317 was raised for funds.



Over 55s meet the children

The older children in school are working towards the Archbishop of York Young Leader Award. They have been meeting with the over 55s in the villages to talk about improving the local area, environmental, social, charitable issues etc.



SPORT

Basketball Tournament

All Key Stage 2 children took part in the small schools basketball tournament at Malton Sports Centre. Everyone worked so hard, communicated well and smiled lots! Great sportsmanship was shown to each other and to other teams. Heslerton won the trophy, well done!



Swimming Gala

Well done to Niamh, Maia D, Izzy, Alfie, Ellie, Holly, Sam, Harry, Noah and Matthew for representing our school at the Swimming Gala held at Norton Pool.

Our school team showed great effort and superb behaviour. We were very proud of them all.

Many thanks to Julie Richardson and Lynn Dent for supporting us with transport to and from the venue and for cheering us on!

Football

Children in years 1 and 2 represented the school at Malton Sports Centre football festival. Both teams played fantastically and we even brought home some medals. Well done to everyone!



Cross Country

On Wednesday, 28th September 2016, Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood took part in the inter-school cross country run. William P and Charlie made it through to the Area Final at Dalby. William came 26th out of 73 and Charlie came 40th out of 67 – well done!



Netball

Children in years 5 and 6 played really well in the netball tournament.

Skiping Day

Children in years 3,4 and 5 had a fabulous day at Lady Lumley's School taking part in skipping activities.



EASTER

Hope Central

Children in years 2-6 visited Hope Central to follow the Easter Story. They had the opportunity to learn interactively and to think deeply about the Easter Story.



Easter Service

The term ended with a traditional Easter service at All Saints Church West Heslerton for all family and friends.

Sarah-Leigh and Maddie welcomed everyone to this special event. The children sang, "When Jesus Walked in Galilee", "Springtime" and "Easter Song".



Readings were read by Maia D, Alfie, Harry R, Maia J, Tallulah, Max, Niamh, Sam, Noah, Josh, Matthew, Jake, Charlie, Isabel, India and Ellie.

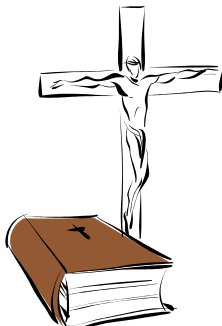
The congregation joined in the singing of "There is a Green Hill".



Children in Pre-reception and Reception performed "Bunny Pokey" and years 1 and 2 recited the poem, "The Easter Egg Hunt".



Children in Keeper Wood read Cinquain Poems they had written. Reverend Kinsella led the prayers.



Following the service school closed for the Easter holiday.

We wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to the Summer Term.