

**WEST HESLERTON C. E.PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
SPRING TERM 2018**

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

We hope you enjoy your time at our school



Mr. Walker

Jacob

Freddie

Ziva

Lucy

Taylor

Adele



BEST EFFORTS

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

Ziva	Lucy	Freddie	Jacob
Taylor	Thomas	Jake	Louie
Dexter	Jessica	Isaac	Isabelle
Holly	Toby	Harry G	Owen
Tom	Charlotte	Alenka	Ben
Kiara	Reuben	Charlie	Matthew
Adele	Evie	Emma	Benjamin
William P	George M	Poppy	George S
India	Maisie	Tallulah	Maddie M
Henry	Rowan	Niamh	Maddie P
Max	Harry R	Luke	Abigail Ba
Skyla	Aimee	Abigail Bu	Sarah-Leigh
Oliver	Rory	Finley	George H
Tilly	Tallulah	Molly	Jamie
Will N	Scarlet	Daniel	Chloe
Reggie	Jasmine	Rosie	Sammy
Harriet	Tia-May	Lexi	Ty
Theo			

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!



“Read All About It”



Whitby Visit

Children in both Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood enjoyed a visit to Whitby where they visited the Captain Cook Museum.

Farthing Wood have read a class novel called ‘The Whitby Witches’. They took the opportunity to explore the places that the book uses as its setting, visiting Whitby Abbey, the whalebone arch, 199 steps and the Captain Cook Museum. They searched for possible buildings that could have been Aunt Alice’s house and the nearby post office.

Keeper Wood had a super time looking at all the boats in the harbour and visiting the RNLI. Fortunately the rain held off for us. They have been learning about letter writing and wrote thanks to the organisations that really made the trip special.



Pirate Day

The children in Badger Wood had a fantastic pirate day. They danced like pirates and ate like pirates in the afternoon before testing their boats to make sure they were sea worthy.



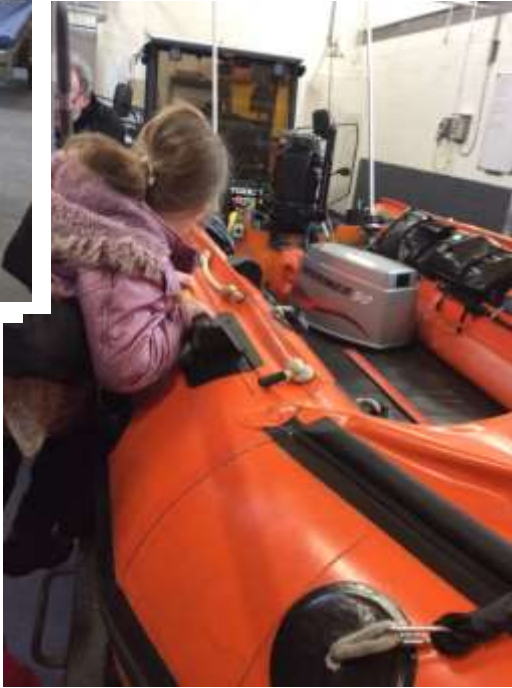
Keeper Wood have been reading 'Float', an adventure story of a little boy and his origami boat. The children made an origami boat which proved to be quite a challenge!

Badger Wood looked at different religions and their holy buildings. They looked at all 6 main religions, their holy books and building and noticed a few things were the same but also spotted some differences. They walked down to church to look at the stained glass windows and loved the way the light came through them. Back at school they designed and made their own stained glass windows.

Beach Day

The children in Badger Wood enjoyed a lovely day out to Scarborough South Bay. They visited the harbour, spotting the different boats then went to the Harbour Bar to learn how ice cream is made. The children then visited the RNLI to learn about boats and safety. The day ended with time on the beach for beach school activities. A great day out!





Music and Mocktails Evening

The topic came to an end with a wonderful celebratory night of “Music and Mocktails” to which parents were invited. The children had been having dance lessons during the term in preparation for this event and they did not disappoint! £328 was raised for the RNLI.







Forest Schools

We are really pleased to have had Rich McGuinn, Hidden Horizons ecologist, continuing to support our weekly Forest School activities.

Other schools have visited to experience our forest school activities.

Farthing Wood have taken part in slacklining and made carrot and elder recorders! They had great fun in the snow and of course a wonderful week at Bewerley Park.

Keeper Wood have spent time learning knots, including den building, team work with knots and measuring outdoors with trundle wheels.

Badger Wood have visited the dips and spent time in the wildlife area.

School Clubs

There have been clubs held after school this term:

Gymnastics Club paid by PE Funding– Monday

Relax Kids Club paid by PE Funding – Tuesday

Laser Shooting Club paid by PE funding – Thursday

Clarinet Club – Thursday

The following lunch time clubs have taken place:

Monday – Sports club

Tuesday – Book club

Wednesday – Craft club

Thursday – Lego/games club

Friday – Homework club

These are all popular clubs which the children enjoy. All clubs can be counted towards learning units for the Children's University. Please ask at school for details if your child is in years 1-6.

Bags2school

Friends of School held a clothing collection which raised £124 for school.

Parent Evening

A parent evening was held for all families.

Fair trade stall

Thank you for your support for the Fairtrade stall. A total of £107.41 was taken of which £10.74 was kept for our Fairtrade activities.

Friends Bingo Event

Many thanks to all who provided prizes and cakes for this event and to those who supported school on the night. Huge thanks to Sarah and Nina for all their hard work arranging and preparing for this event. £363 was raised for funds which will be used for extras for the children at school.

Music

Keeper Wood continue to have weekly lessons developing their musical knowledge using a range of percussion instruments. Farthing Wood are learning to play a stringed instrument. The music ability of the children was in evidence at our "Music and Mocktails" evening.

Book Fair

We hosted a Book Fair in school which took £388, enabling us to have £40 of books for the library plus two book collections for holding an event. Many thanks to all who bought books.

World Book Day

What an amazing array of costumes we had in school, well done everyone, staff included!





African Visit

Thank you to all those families who sent toys to school for Africa. Mrs Benthall was able to deliver them all to Mukka pre-school this term. Some photos show the school experiences of these pupils.



Generation Tea

Monthly generation teas have continued for residents in the village hall with Key Stage 2 pupils playing games with those attending, such as dominoes, snakes and ladders and a variety of card games. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all age groups. The children have also talked with the group about Fair Trade and charity work.

Bewerley Park

Children in years 5 and 6 spent a fabulous week at Bewerley Park in the Yorkshire Dales. Many thanks to Mrs. Benthall and Mrs. Woodward for giving up their time to accompany them.







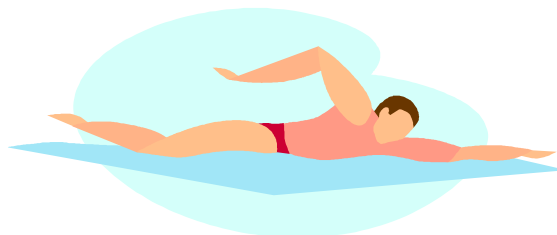


Swimming Gala

Well done for a great effort at the inter school swimming gala:

Holly, Rowan, Maddie P., Niamh, Max, Jake, Harry, Charlie and Matthew. Max was 1st in breaststroke and Rowan was 3rd in her breaststroke race.

Thank you to Mrs. Vipas and Mrs. Petty for accompanying the children.



Football

All children in key stages 1 and 2 had the opportunity to take part in football festivals with other schools.

Netball

Farthing Wood took a team to the local primary school netball competition at Malton Community Sports Centre. There were 8 teams in total, which made for a great competition with some high standard opponents. During the matches the team played well and showed lots of positivity. They won all the matches that they played and arrived back in school with a medal each, which I am sure they have shown off proudly...Well done team.

The team and staff would also like to thank Mrs Maud and Mrs Heron (and Jacob), who volunteered to help with transport for the event.



Cross Country Running

William P. and Charlie who are represented school at the Dalby Forest cross country run against many other schools and acquitted themselves really well in very muddy conditions!

Gymnastics

All children in years 1 and 2 took part in gymnastics festival at Malton Community Sports Centre which they all enjoyed.

West Heslerton entered a team of gymnasts in a Gymnastics competition in Driffield which was open to clubs and school. They came 2nd overall which was an amazing achievement against many other school and gymnastic clubs. Well done to Poppy, Maisie, Rowan and Thomas.

4/2/18.

Dear Mrs Wells,

I just wanted to write a quick note to tell you how well Poppy, Maisie, Rowan and Thomas did on Friday at the gymnastics competition.

We arrived to a very busy venue with a lot of parent spectators, and some very serious looking gymnastic teams!

It was clear that many of the children were club gymnasts, and many wore matching leotards and team hoodies. There were also quite a few teachers and coaches around.

I think at first the West Heslerton team felt a little intimidated and there were nerves (and tears for Thomas) but they handled it all so brilliantly. I felt so proud of all of them and we thought they were very brave! They were the last school to perform and they did so well despite nerves, and I think in the end really enjoyed themselves.

At the end of the tournament the judges counted up scores and medals were awarded to individual performances and lastly the top 3 team performances with the highest points. I don't think the children could believe it when

West Heslerton came overall 2nd! Their reactions and faces were wonderful - so unexpected but very proud of themselves. They represented West Heslerton beautifully.

I just wanted to let you know how exemplary their behaviour was and how well they performed in intimidating circumstances. Harry was giving them lots of encouragement which I think helped too!

I am sure you will hear from Harry but I thought you would like to hear that they came 2nd. There was a photographer there from a newspaper and they had their photos taken - but I am not sure which paper it was.

I enclose a few photos.

Kind regards

Anne Roger.

Ps - We went out for a celebratory pizza tea afterwards!

Easter

The term ended on Maundy Thursday with a celebration of Easter. Parents joined staff and children for an Easter lunch.

Parents and family were invited to gather at school before a walk to church, guided by Rev'd Kinsella, telling the Easter Story. At church the school sang "Springtime", there were prayers and the congregation joined in the singing of "Lord of the Dance".



The church was decorated with school's Easter Colouring Competition and prizes were awarded before everyone left for the Easter holidays.

