

Outdoor Learning

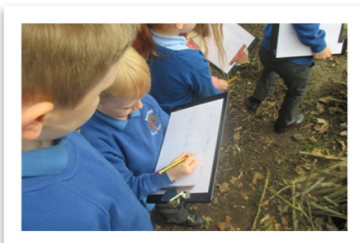
Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed an outdoor experience with staff from Derwent Hill. They participated in a School Challenge Day where they completed different activities and tasks testing their teamwork, organisation and resilience.



Year 4 have been learning about plotting co-ordinates on a grid this week and describing what they find at the correct grid point. Children worked outside to write a set of instructions for other children to follow. We also incorporated the use of clockwise and anti-clockwise turns by one quarter, one half and three quarters to help our understanding of position and direction.



Year 2 have been exploring our local habitats (a field and a woodland area) to see what living, once living and never living things we could find. We considered how the living things we found were suited to those habitats.



In Science, Year 1 have been learning about parts of the human body. To help us with this, we went outside onto the yard and drew around a child's body in chalk. We sat in a circle, and one by one, we identified a part of the human body and Miss Henderson labelled in. We added sound buttons to each of the words to help with our phonics and spellings of some of this tricky scientific vocabulary!



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Headteacher's Update

It is fantastic to have all of the children back in school and settled into their routines. They are all clearly enjoying their learning. Summer **Curriculum Overviews** will be sent home early next week so that you all have a clear understanding of what your child will be learning and consolidating this term.

This week is **National Outdoor Learning Week**. All classes have been using the outdoors to support their learning. Please take a look at our school website and your child's class page 2020/21 under '**summer class images**' to see what they have been up to. This page will be regularly updated. In addition, some of the activities the children have been up to can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Year 3 **school council** have been very busy and we all can't wait to see their improvements and gardening skills in our school playground. Raffle tickets are still available to purchase. Contact the school office for further details.

As the government's roadmap continues to be implemented, we hope that we will be able to further develop opportunities for our children across school. After school activity **bubble clubs** start next week. We hope to offer more clubs and provision later this term.

As the warmer weather is here, please ensure that you apply suntan lotion before school and provide your child with a hat/cap and a named water bottle to keep them hydrated. We want all of the children to be **safe in the sun**. We do have some suntan lotion available for those children that have been given consent.

Let's hope that the sun continues to shine for the rest of the term.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Headteacher

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will start for Year 4 children on Wednesday 9th June. The time allocated will be 11am until 12 noon. Children will walk to Washington Leisure Centre accompanied by members of staff. Further details for parent/carers will soon follow.

Transition Day

Secondary schools across Sunderland have agreed that transition days for Year 6 children will be Tuesday 29th June, Wednesday 30th June and Thursday 1st July. Once we have further information from your child's choice of school, we will inform you of the arrangements.

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Birthday shout outs for April

Nursery - Theo
 Reception - Matilda
 Year 1 - Pippa, James, Leo
 Year 2 - Kaci-Leigh, Ayaan, Phoebe, Ella, James
 Year 3 - Matilda, Rhiannon, Ethan, Harry, Ella-Grace
 Year 4 - Mason, Ollie, Farida
 Year 5 - Imogen, Jack, Olivia



Sunderland Toothbrushing Programme

School have been selected to deliver a supervised tooth brushing programme for Nursery (30hrs) and Reception children.

The purpose of the programme is to improve the oral health of children by increasing their exposure to fluoride through daily tooth brushing whilst in school and improving behavioural and self-care skills at home.

Children who participate will be provided with a toothbrush and toothpaste throughout the programme. Parents must give their consent for their child to be part of this programme. Please return the consent forms by 30th April.



Children are encouraged to come to school on their bikes/scooters. Please ensure they wear a helmet if they choose to ride a bike. There are secure bike racks and scooter pods within the school grounds.



Family Learning

There is another exciting opportunity for families to join up to Family Learning . Since 2020, Apextra have worked with 250 families across Sunderland. Each week the household receives a different pack for 10 weeks. The programme is called Let's Get Through This Together 4. If you sign up to the programme, you will receive an activity box full of essential stationery, a scrapbook to keep a record of your work, as well as different activities, resources and worksheets delivered to your door each week. If you would like more information or to join the programme please email dhepplewhite@apextra.co.uk or call 07747832225.

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School Council Update

Year 3 School Council have been super busy. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, they have been writing letters to local businesses asking for donations and prizes. We have received some fantastic prizes so far: The prizes are:

£20 Marks and Spencer Voucher

Hamper from GeGes

£20 Wilko Voucher

House of Commons Chocolates

Giant Teddy

Smiggle Pencil Case

Signed Everton Football

Candles

Winnie the Poo Drinks Dispenser and Cup

And many more

£10 Marks and Spencer Voucher

£10 Love to Shop Voucher

House of Lords bottle of wine

Bottles of Prosecco

Slime Making Kit

Frozen Jewellery Box

Air Hockey Table

Bubble Bath

Scented Candles



The raffle will be drawn in school on Friday 30th of April so please have all tickets back into school by **Wednesday 28th April**. If you require any more tickets please let Year 3 know by emailing : SBFYear3@blackfell.org.uk and the tickets will be sent home with your child. We have raised £200 so far from parent/carers and had numerous donations of pots/plants/seeds etc - thank you for your kindness. Gentoo have kindly agreed to clear the area that we require so the children can soon start planting in the area.