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Dear Parents and Carers,

One of our key priorities in school is to prepare our pupils for life in modern Britain by creating more curriculum opportunities that develop an awareness and understanding of diversity within our society. It is important that all pupils develop their understanding of the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and those of no faith. As a small rural school, it is key that pupils understand and celebrate difference and have a balanced understanding of diversity. As well as opportunities to reflect on diversity within lessons, playtimes, assemblies and even during our Beach School days, we have once again united the school in a whole school project.



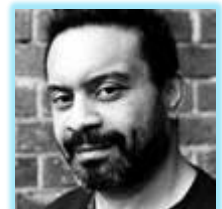
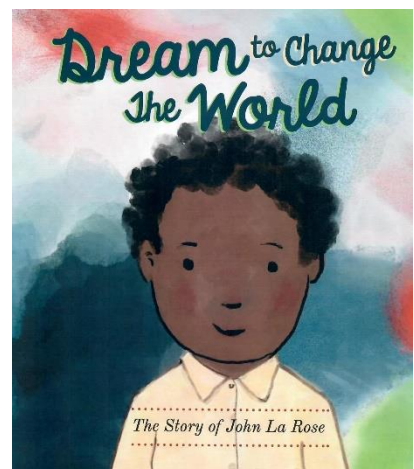
We have used the book "Dream to Change the World" across the whole school. It is the story of John La Rose's early life in Trinidad, written by Ken Wilson-Max. He was a child that wanted to learn everything, go everywhere - and always asked loads of questions. He also loved to dance! Little John started to keep his dreams and ideas in notebooks, and it was those notebooks that have helped to form the story in this book. It is a beautiful book to make us all think about how all great people start life as little children, and therefore all little children can become great people whatever their backgrounds. This book has been our inspiration and a starting point on another journey of exploration within our school. We would like to showcase our work on this by inviting you into the school hall on Monday 26th June, immediately following our sports afternoon, to see all the amazing work the children have produced.

Once again, I am so impressed by the standards of work and it will be wonderful to welcome you into school to see their work for yourselves. Whilst this whole school project has a different tone and feel to "The Dam" project from last year, we have had another unique opportunity to develop our awareness of the world beyond the school gates.

This last half term of the academic year is very busy - we have 2 residentials, more beach days and various transition events to look forward to. There's so much going on that we've had to give more space to our 'upcoming events' section, which you'll now find on the next page. Please remember to also keep an eye on the school website calendar as we do our very best to keep it as up to date as possible.

Have a great half term!

Kevin Moloney, Headteacher



Ken Wilson-Max

Ken Wilson-Max was born in Zimbabwe and now lives in London. He has written and illustrated over 50 books for children. Since 2014 he's also been publishing the *Chicken Newspaper* for children all over the world.



In March, we took part in Read for Good's sponsored readathon where we raised an astonishing £396.67 which will help to bring the magic of books and stories to children in hospitals across the country. An enormous thank you to our incredible school community for sponsoring our pupils and helping to raise such an amazing amount of money!

As a result of taking part in the readathon and raising this impressive total, we have received £80 to spend on books so I will be working closely with our year 6 junior librarians to make some exciting updates to our school library!

Mrs Atkinson

ParentPay

If your child is taking part in after school clubs, then payment is now due. We appreciate you keeping on top of payments as they become active. If you are falling behind with payments, please don't be offended if we contact you for settlement. If you are having difficulties paying, please speak to us - we are very understanding! Thankyou.

A reminder that we have a small number of pupils in school with severe nut allergies. Exposure to nuts and nut products can cause a rapid and serious reaction for these individuals. We ask for your co-operation in not sending any nut product in to school either as a snack or in packed lunches. Thank you.



Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Clubs this half term:
Mondays, Trident Soccer, All
Breakfast Club, Every Day, All
Tues/Weds Homework, All
Tuesdays, Coding, Years 5-6
Weds, Guitar, Years 3-6
Thursdays, Golf, Years 5-6
Thursdays, Choir, Years 1-4
Fridays, Lego, All
- ◆ London Trip Year 6
Wednesday 14th June to Friday
16th June
- ◆ Dunstanburgh Beach Day
Monday 19th June
- ◆ Preschool Stay & Play
Tuesday 20th June, 9.00-
10.30am
- ◆ Dukeshouse Wood
Residential Year 5
Wednesday 21st June to Friday
23rd June
- ◆ Preschool Sports Day
Monday 26th June, 10-
11.30am
- ◆ School Sports Day
Monday 26th June, 1.30-3pm

- ◆ Whole School Project
Monday 26th June. 3.00-
4.30pm, all welcome
- ◆ Y6 Transition Beach Day
Tuesday 28th June
- ◆ Bamburgh Beach Day
Thursday 29th June
- ◆ Ford Beach Day
Friday 30th June
- ◆ Reserve Sports Days
Monday 3rd July
- ◆ Etal STEMfest
Tuesday 4th July
- ◆ Alnwick Beach Day with
preschool
Tuesday 4th July
- ◆ Yr 6 Transition Day to
DCHS
Wednesday 5th July
- ◆ Transition Day All Classes,
Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 5th July
- ◆ Beamish Trip, Bamburgh &
Etal, Friday 7th July
- ◆ Dunstanburgh Beach Day
Monday 10th July

- ◆ New Starters Meeting
Monday 10th July, 4.30-
5.30pm
- ◆ Year 6 Leavers Dinner &
Disco at The Plough
Wednesday 12th July, 5.30-
9.00pm
- ◆ Alnwick Beach Day
Thursday 13th July
- ◆ Etal Beach Day
Monday 17th July
- ◆ Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 19th July, 2.00-
3.00pm
- ◆ Break up for the summer
Friday 21st July at 3.15pm
- ◆ Teacher Training Day
Monday 4th September
- ◆ Back to school for pupils
Tuesday 5th September

Please keep checking the calendar on the school website for more events

Fit for a king...



The whole school enjoyed celebrating the King's coronation last half term. Here's a flavour of what the pupils got up to...



Bamburgh Class had great fun learning what a coronation is, what happens when a King or Queen is crowned and how some people have celebrated the King's coronation.

Our class has been full of lots of Kings and Queens as children designed their own crowns and imagined what it might be like to be King or Queen for a day.

We made cucumber and marmalade sandwiches for our mini celebration and wrote instructions on how to make a sandwich. Cucumber was very popular and marmalade a close second. Mr Moloney chose Marmalade as the winning sandwich!



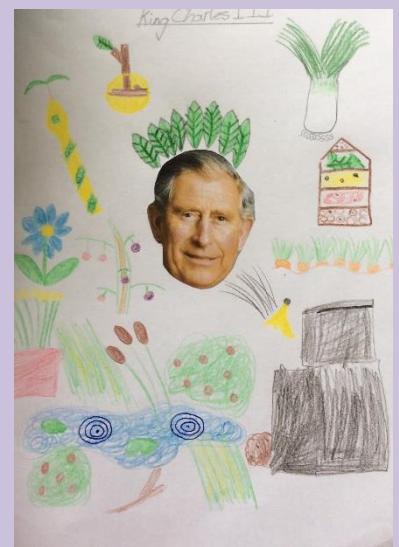
Early Years had a fantastic time celebrating the coronation of King Charles!



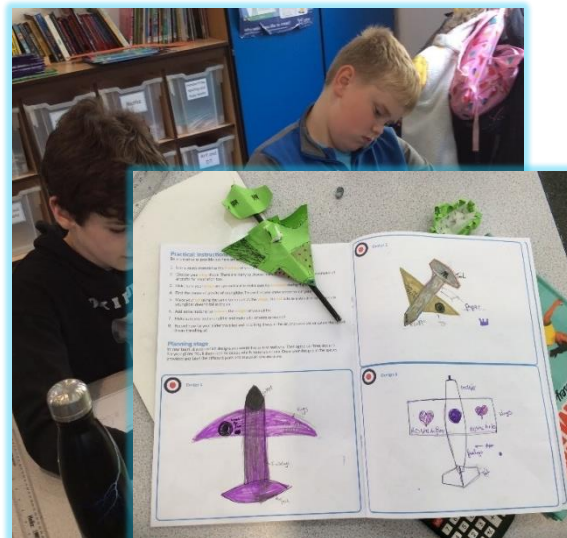
We took on the responsibility of planning our own party - this meant lots of collaboration and preparation. All of the children created their own crowns and made some decorations too. Alnwick Castle Class wrote invitations to invite Mr Moloney to our party as the special guest and carried out a survey to find out what our favourite party foods are. On the day of our party we carefully prepared the fruit and made the sandwiches. I'm sure you'll agree our afternoon tea looked fantastic, we think even the King himself would be impressed!



Dunstanburgh Class drew images surrounding the symbolism of the coronation and of King Charles III based on his interests, passions and traditions



Gliding to victory...



Following the success of our rocket design workshop, Year 5 and 6 have taken on another **RAF STEM challenge** - this time to design and build their own gliders! The virtual session, led by RAF engineers, supported the children to develop their understanding of what a career in engineering can look like within the real-life world of STEM.

They were tasked with working in groups to design three different gliders and testing them to determine which design would travel the furthest distance. They identified the different forces that would be acting on the glider - lift, thrust, weight and drag - and then considered how to create a design that would increase the balance, stability and speed of their prototype. With a winning distance of 7.8 metres, we certainly have some impressive engineers!



The children then worked on a national competition entry to design a sustainable aircraft for the future and we are very proud to announce that Jack and Charlie (year 6) are the **regional winners for North East 2023 in the Road to RIAT Sustainability of Aerospace competition!**

The boys worked extremely hard on their design and they have been invited to the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at RAF Fairford where they will join all the other winners to take part in a special Road to RIAT STEM competition and be awarded with their certificate.

An incredible accomplishment!



RAF Boulmer's 70th...



Both Mr Moloney and the Chair of Governors received personal invitations from Wing Commander Charlotte Best, Station Commander at RAF Boulmer, inviting them to join in their recent 70th birthday celebrations.

Unfortunately, our Chair, Allison, was unable to attend so Claire, our vice chair, stepped in at the last moment. It was a very pleasant occasion meeting officers from the RAF base as well as representatives from the wider community. We were given quite a few compliments about the school which were good to hear! Refreshments were served including canapes that would have competed with the Great British Menu programme!

It was a really great evening and we enjoyed representing our school at this special occasion.



Sun, sea and sand...

Year 6 were very lucky to have a glorious, sunny day for our 'Dream to change the world' themed beach day. Taking inspiration from our whole-school project learning about the pioneering John La Rose, our day was focused around diversity. In the morning, we took a long walk towards Foxtan and enjoyed a quiet moment- with beautiful views- to journal and then considered places that are special to us and built sand sculptures to represent these. After group discussions, everyone came up with ideas about how- as a class- we could make positive changes to our local area. In the afternoon, we wrote poems and then worked in groups to perform dramas about the change we want to see in the world.



Ford had a fabulous Dream to Change the World beach school day. The children thought about what they could do to change our world, considering social and environmental change. They thought about what is important to them in this world and what we'd like to see in our dream worlds. We listened to different poems written by Caribbean and other poets from around the world.



A reminder that you can drop off donations for the Alnwick District Food Bank at any time. Simply pop items into the box in the front entrance porch at school. As we approach the long summer break, we know that the food bank will be especially grateful for anything you can spare.

Thank you so much.





Our first challenge was to see if we could make a positive change by planting a tree. We worked together to each plant a hawthorn tree and can now proudly keep checking on them as they grow through time.

Next we headed to the beach. We know that John carefully observed, drew and wrote about the world he saw around him in Trinidad. In groups we created all the places and things that are important to us. There was great team work and some super explanations about why we liked our favourite things.

After a well deserved lunch and stories about Carnivals and a bit of the diverse culture in Trinidad we headed back out to the beach. Our afternoon



challenge was to work in our groups to make a better world, use our imaginations and think about fun things that we could have. There were lots of different and varied ideas...perhaps you could think at home how to make the world a better place?

As a treat to finish we put our teamwork and caring skills into practise by having a lovely play at the park. A great end to our beach day



Have your say on our school! We are keen to hear your thoughts on how we are doing and how your child is getting on at Hipsburn Primary School. Please spare a few minutes to complete our parent survey (link below). All responses are anonymous - please submit the form by Monday 26th June.

Thank you!

[Parent Survey 2023](#)

What a great photo of Harriet in year 5 in her county cricket gear! Harriet has been selected for the county squad and she has a few fixtures over the summer months. It was a lovely day down at Washington Cricket Club, but Northumberland faced some tough competition from Durham and lost both matches. It was great experience and lots of learning from the team against an older and more experienced U11 side. All played in the spirit of cricket!

Well done Harriet - a great achievement!

