



NEWSLETTER

JULY
2023



A message from our headteacher...

This term has been packed full of adventure for our pupils as all classes have ventured off site to enhance learning topics through educational trips. Younger pupils enjoyed visits to Northumberland Zoo whilst older pupils visited Vindolanda and Beamish Museum, enrichments that were much missed during due to Covid.

Sporting events have also been in full swing as pupils took part in cross county, The Durham Dash and many events during Healthy Week. Community events have been back with a bang this year too where it was lovely to see such a good turnout at sports days and our family brunches. More recently I've been astounded by pupils' singing and acting abilities as pupils took to the stage for a Magnificent choir performance at The Sage in Newcastle. I was immensely proud of our pupils who shone during our NELT shows.

As always, I'd like to thank families for their relentless support with your child's learning. To the staff for their continuous hard work and our wonderful pupils who make Browney Academy such a special school. Have a wonderful summer.

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Catherine Harris, Headteacher



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A night at the musicals

Our children wowed the audience of the Sage Gateshead in the NELT summer concert 2023!



What Would David Do?

This term we launched our new eco campaign and crowned our first winners!



Father's Day brunches

We marked Father's Day this year by inviting special visitors into school for fun and food!



Fabulous photography

Our pupils were in front and behind the camera this term!

Pupils sparkle at the Sage

WOW, what a night! We ended the term with a bang as our pupils came together with children from across the North East Learning Trust for the fantastic NELT annual summer concert at the Sage Gateshead where they blew the audience away!

The atmosphere was electric as our students performed hit songs, A Whole New World and Never Had a Friend Like Me, from much-loved musical Aladdin. Our superstars' talent and enthusiasm shone throughout the evening, resulting in a roaring applause and standing ovation as they took to the stage together for their finals bows.

A HUGE congratulations to everyone who performed and a massive thank you to all those who organised and supported the incredible evening.



Police visit

This term Reception were delighted to welcome back PC Claire Kerr and her police dogs, Jet and Ben.

PC Claire spoke to the group about road safety, stranger danger, and who to phone in an emergency.

The younger children in school even had the chance to meet Jet and Ben and try on all the different police hats.



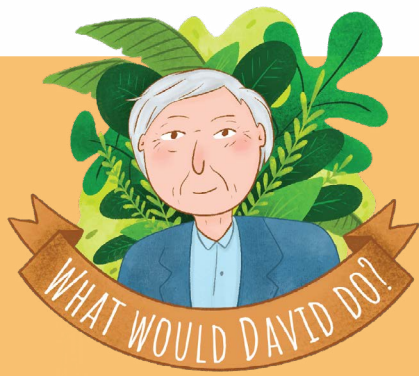
Year 5 mix it up

Year 5 mixed it up this term when they made some yummy soup to complete their design technology project.

Leading up to this, pupils explored seasonal fruits and vegetables and took part in a masterclass with our school catering service. In their lesson, everyone tasted some of the vegetables and herbs before mixing the ingredients together to make the soups.

Everyone really enjoyed cooking and adding herbs for the finishing touches to garnish.





What Would David Do?

After launching our new eco initiative this term, we were thrilled to announce our first winners at the beginning of July.

Archer and Alyssa are now proudly wearing their 'What Would David Do?' eco friendly pins! Here's what our Eco Champions have been up to...

Year 4 Archer and her family took part in 'No Mow May' this year, the initiative helps to create biodiversity right at home in the garden. It encourages the growth of plants which in turn welcomes and draws in a range of pollinators and bugs. Archer even made a sign saying 'Pardon the weeds, we are feeding the bees!'

Year 4 Alyssa has been helping our school environment by spending her break times picking up the litter that has blown onto our playground.

Well done to our winners and to everyone who applied this term - you're all fantastic and David would be very impressed with your passion for helping the planet!

If you'd like to get involved next term, find out more at: www.nelt.co.uk/wydd



Poems by Year 1

Written by Hunter

The summer is freedom

I love playing in the garden and eating snacks

I love splashing in the pools

I love family time

I love going on my video games

I love the hot sun on my skin

I love licking ice lollies

I love summer



Headteacher for the day

This term Lucy had a fantastic day enjoying her raffle prize 'to be Headteacher for the day!'

Not only did she come into school early so she could stand at the gate and greet everyone on their way into school, she looked amazing in her Elsa dress and sparkly light up shoes.

Lucy visited classes to make sure everyone was well behaved, presented certificates in celebration assembly, played 'Let it Go' for all the children to sing and had a meeting with her friends in the Headteacher's office. Lucy's favourite part of the day was 'blowing the whistle when it got too noisy'

She was a little super star all day!



First aid champs

Year 4 and Year 5 learned vital life-saving skills this term when two St John's Ambulance employees, Emily and Michelle, visited our school for a first aid training session.

Pupils learned how to react to an emergency, how to put a non-responsive patient in the recovery position, how to deal with a choking patient, what to do in the event of a nose bleed, and how to bandage a wound.

While we hope that none of these actions will be needed, our children are prepared to be able to put their knowledge into practice when necessary.

Ready, set, GO!

Year 6 pupils recently embarked on an unforgettable trip to Maiden Castle to participate in the annual Zambia Run.

This event provided an excellent opportunity for inter-school competition and allowed our pupils to showcase their athletic abilities on a grand scale.

The Zambia Run, which supports Durham University students' Sport in Action work in Zambia, took place on a challenging and engaging fun run 500 metre course. Our talented runners braved the fields and ran their socks off.

Everyone showed great determination and despite how tricky the course was, the group persevered with remarkable resilience.

Well done Year 6!



DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

21 JUL - Break up for summer

05 SEP - Back to school

27 OCT - Break up for half term

06 NOV - Back to school

Snap!

Year 5 practised their photography skills this term with some outstanding black and white photographs.

After learning about light and shadow in art, the class went outside to find areas of the playground that would show brilliant reflections or shadows, and got to work taking photos and editing them on iPads. We're sure you'll agree, the results are amazing.

Well done Year 5!



A trip back in time...



Earlier this term, Year 5 went back in time at Beamish Museum. The class learned about working conditions in the mines whilst and about 12 year old James White who worked at the pit in South Hetton Colliery in 1867.

The group spent the rest of the day exploring the grounds in the sun and, of course, paying a visit to the sweet shop.

Great work Year 5!



Father's Day fun

Father's Day was a family affair when we opened our school doors to some of the most important men in our lives. Hosting three mornings full of activities, we celebrated Father's Day with two amazing ingredients - fun and food!

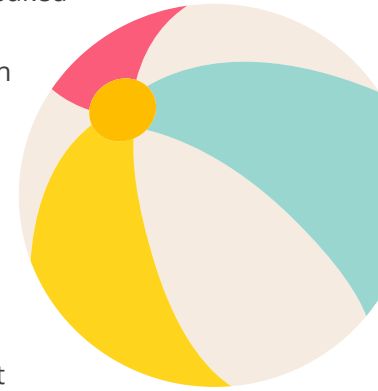
Our Father's Day brunches were an incredible success. The school grounds came alive with laughter and joy as fathers, grandfathers and other special people in our children's lives revelled in the sun-soaked games outside.

Whether it was a game of football on the yard, or crafting together in our classrooms, the children thoroughly enjoyed engaging with those special people in their lives, forming bonds that will be remembered fondly for years to come.

But what's a celebration without food? The games and crafts were followed by a scrumptious breakfast spread, prepared lovingly by our dedicated staff. From bagels and pastries to platters of fresh fruit, our guests relished the delicious fare.

None of this could have been possible without the work of our exceptional staff, who put in countless hours of preparation to ensure this week was nothing short of spectacular. A massive thank you to our brilliant team - your dedication and commitment to our school and students are truly remarkable.

We hope that everyone enjoyed a fantastic Father's Day filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.



Summer to do's

We've created a list of fun activities you can complete during the holidays with a friend or grown-up. How many can you complete?

- Bake a sweet treat
- Collect shells on the beach
- Do something kind for someone else
- Read a book
- Host a movie night
- Feed ducks (peas are the healthiest food for ducks - not bread!)
- Make a den
- Paint rocks
- Take a walk or ride a bike through nature
- Set up a treasure hunt

Strike a pose

As part of their art topic, Year 2 discussed how people of today share images of themselves compared to how they did in Tutor times.

Our children posed as though they were monarchs from the Tudor Age to show their wealth, status and power.

Our children made some very courageous poses before choosing their favourites to add to their art books.



Fit for a King



Everyone got into the royal spirit ready for the King's Coronation this term!

Dressed in red, white and blue, the children took part in various activities. From exploring the Royal family tree to creating a collage work of King Charles - what a fabulous day!



STEM success

You may remember that as part of our STEM work across school, a number of our children entered the national the competition 'If you were an engineer, what would you do?'

Well... We are very proud to announce that Ava in Year 5 was a winner and Iesha in Year 4 was highly commended for her design. The girls attended the University of Sunderland this week for a special awards ceremony to celebrate their amazing work.

A big well done to everyone who entered!

