



Summer Newsletter 2019



Welcome to the final newsletter for this year, where we bid a fond farewell to some of our Wingrove family, whilst welcoming new members. We say goodbye to Mrs Rafiq, Mrs Hussain, Miss Pemberton and Miss Hassan and we welcome Miss Witherspoon (Y4) and Miss Rutherford (Y6) to the teaching team for September. The children and staff have worked exceptionally hard this year and our results have shown improvements in reading, writing and maths at greater depth standard across KS1 and KS2. Our early years outcome is also good and year one phonics, whilst being lower than last year, shows really good progress for all the children. The fact that we have the biggest number of children achieving greater depth standard would reflect our continued focus on the mastery curriculum. The table below has these results in more detail:

Early Years—end of reception 72% achieved a good level of development	KS1	Reading	73% @expected with 22% @ greater depth
		Writing	64% @expected with 15% @ greater depth
		Mathematics	69% @expected with 23% @ greater depth
Year One Phonics 61% passed the test	KS2	R	67% @expected with 30% @ greater depth
		W	75% @expected with 30% @ greater depth
		Grammar, punct. & spelling	65% @expected with 39% @ greater depth
		Ma	72% @expected with 37% @ greater depth
		RW&M	61% @expected with 19% @ greater depth

We say thank you and goodbye to two of our teaching team: Miss Hassan and Miss Pemberton who are leaving at the end of this week. We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Rafiq and Mrs Hussain from our support team. We would like to thank them for their support throughout their years with the Wingrove team and we wish them well in the future. Miss Pemberton leaves us too as she is moving back to her home town after securing a post in Y6 at a school in Leeds. We know she will keep in touch and we hope to work with her school in the future. Miss Hassan is also leaving us as she is setting up as an independent maths consultant. She will be a huge miss to our school, but we will not be saying good bye as she will be supporting us with maths training at Wingrove and across the Trust.

We also say goodbye to all our sixty wonderful year six children, who have worked incredibly hard this year. We are sending them off to eleven different secondary schools, with nearly half of the cohort joining Heaton Manor and Kenton from September. We wish them all the very best as they continue their learning journey and we ask them to work hard and be kind to people, whilst carrying Wingrove in their hearts. We look forward to hearing about their future successes next year and beyond. Thank you again for your continuing support and I wish you all a lovely summer holiday.

Mrs. Mullarkey

HEALTHY SCHOOLS PLUS AWARD

Mrs Jones and Mrs Reynolds have been working hard this year on trying to improve the oral hygiene of our children. One particular project has been to ensure children brush their teeth twice a day, using their own toothbrush and for at least two minutes. As a result, this has helped us in being awarded a 'Healthy Schools Plus' award by the city for all the hard work that has been done to improve the health of our children in school. "We went to the Grand Hotel with Mrs Jones and Mrs Reynolds to pick up the award. There were lots of schools there and we really enjoyed the different presentations. Our favourites were the boxing, dancing and the boy who hula hooped using his neck. These were some of the ways our local schools try to stay healthy. Our school was also mentioned for the work we do in Forest School. We had to walk up to the stage to have our photo taken and then pick up the award. We are really proud of our school and liked being picked to go. If you would like some more information on keeping your child's teeth clean, please speak to Mrs Jones." – Gurnihal and Saja, Y2.



Visits and Visitors

"In the penultimate week of term, Year 3 visited Newcastle University for a Music workshop. We met Simon and his team off the coach and walked through the beautiful campus to a grand hall. First of all, we listened to a piece of music called *The Carnival of the Animals* and we had to guess which animal it represented. My favourite part was about a lion. After that, we looked at dynamics and had to match the names to the different types. Then, we looked at pulse and rhythm and practised this through a series of clapping tasks. In groups of 4, each person took a different rhythm and played it to make a tune, before performing it to everybody. To end, we learnt to read music and we played a piece of music by Beethoven using a boomwhacker. The boomwhackers were different lengths and colours and because of their different lengths, it meant that they could play different notes. Playing the boomwhackers was definitely the best bit of the workshop!" – Alae, Y3.



"One of our final trips in Year 4 is also one of my favourites and I am sure all of the children will agree too. As a culmination to our topic about rivers, we visited Gibside (National Trust) to explore the magnificent estate and identify some of the key features of the River Derwent, which runs through the estate.

While we were at Gibside, the children showed great resilience and determination as we hiked around the estate, which has some very challenging hills to conquer. We also investigated some of the old buildings there like the orangery and the stables. The children also had the opportunity to investigate the meadows, take part in an assault and a low ropes adventure course.

Joining the National Trust is very easy to do online and, for a very reasonable price, you can have unlimited family access to hundreds of sites across the UK. Please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk for further information." – Mr Henderson.

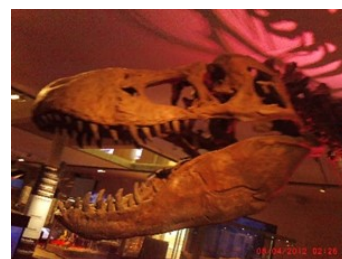
As part of Year 3's topic about 'Where Will the Time Machine Take You?' they visited The Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda near Bardon Mill in the second part of the term, to further their learning about The Romans. "First of all, we went to the museum and when we got there, we all had a turn of the bow and arrow game to see if we would meet the standards of the Roman army. One of our arrows hit the target perfectly; it was 240 metres away! We then looked at the different weapons the Romans used and the types of scutum (shields) that they used to defend themselves with. Following this, we were ushered into a Roman classroom. Velius, our new holographic teacher, taught us about the Roman alphabet and Roman numerals. Before lunch, we went into the small cinema area and got to experience a 3D movie about the Edge of the Roman Empire, along Hadrian's Wall. After lunch, we went to Vindolanda and listened to one of the archaeologists at the site, Lauren. She informed us about their recent finds and we were able to see some old animal skulls and shoes that had belonged to children. It was amazing to see them when you consider how old they were. Also at Vindolanda, we looked around the site and spotted where the old headquarters would have been, as well as their old roundhouses. It was a great trip and it helped us learn so much more about the Romans." – Areeb and Ibrahim, Y3.



The children in Reception went to Wallington Hall this half term to go on a summer nature adventure. They really enjoyed the experience and were fascinated by the walled garden display of flowers and trees. They were also able to view beautiful birds feeding on seeds and nuts from the bird viewing hut. The boys and girls all got the chance to play in the adventure playground and have a picnic for their lunch. "I really enjoyed the trip. My favourite part was playing on the adventure playground." – Umar.



Year 1 enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Great North Museum where they explored dinosaur fossils and learnt more about the role of a palaeontologist. "We saw a Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton and many other interesting fossils from pre-historic times. We then came back to school and made our own dinosaur fossils using salt dough and papier-mâché. It was quite messy, but really fun to make. Our trip helped me to learn more about dinosaurs and it has been an exciting topic." – Maya, Y1.



Year 1 welcomed Anne Porter, a from the RNLI, into school this term as part of their seaside topic. "She came in to talk to us about the importance of the RNLI and water safety. Did you know that the RNLI are volunteers, which means they don't get paid for their work? She also told us that there are nearly 250 lifeboat stations around Great Britain. We also enjoyed trying on life jackets and talking about how to keep safe in the water whilst visiting the beach. I hope to test out my new knowledge during the holidays!" – Alaa, Y1.



The CTRL Pad

"This term, six lucky pupils from Year 3 were selected to go to The CTRL Pad in The Gate on a Tuesday morning to work with Jim and Ramsay. The aim of our sessions was to create an app to use on a phone or iPad. We decided to make an app about The Solar System. First of all, we had to draw each planet on a piece of paper and then Jim showed us how the app would connect the different parts to the home screen using string, although a computer would do it automatically. When we had a completed set of planets and a few extra pictures, such as an astronaut, we scanned them in to the computer system. Jim then showed us how to edit them before we transferred them to the next computer program we needed to make the app. We then ordered them and made the links between each page to complete our app. After we had completed our work each week, we were allowed to play on the games in The CTRL Pad. We all really enjoyed going to the sessions and it was very interesting finding out how an app is made." - Fahima and Jafaar, Y3.



Gymnastics

"This term, Year 6 took part in a gymnastic competition; it was lots of fun. There were so many different activities and skills that this involved: vault, trampolining, the bars and we even got the opportunity to race through the foam pits! Some of these activities were incredibly challenging, but we definitely tried our best! After we had performed our routine, the judges awarded us some impressive scores which we were extremely proud of. We loved having the chance to partake in something different and fun!" – Fatimah and Hannah, Y6.

Salma

In recent weeks, pupils from across the school have been putting the finishing touches to our elephant, Salma, ready for her appearance in Elmer's Great North Parade. After school-wide design and name competitions that involved over half of our pupils, a selection of around 30 pupils from Years 1 to 6 got to work painting the winning design which was an amalgamation of Harcharndee and Zeynab's ideas. A selection of paints, tools and techniques were used by students under the supervision of Ms McCarthy and Mr MacLeod, who are both extremely proud of what the children have achieved. The finished piece is stunning and wowed all that have seen her, but unfortunately we are under strict instructions not to reveal her until the parade starts in the August.

The trail, in aid of St. Oswald's Hospice, will feature our Salma alongside over 150 other elephant sculptures based on the beloved and iconic children's character; Elmer Elephant. The sculptures, together with an app or map, will take visitors on a tour of the region from beaches to city centres via forests, parks and attractions and is free to take part in. It runs from 21st August until the end of October, which makes the summer holiday and October half term ideal opportunities for pupils and their families to join the other 700,000 visitors expected on the trail. Keep an eye on the Wingrove website and Twitter account where we will be posting teasers of Salma, like the ones below, and as the event nears, details of where she will appear and how you can get involved. Zeynab, Y6, said, "I was one of the lucky pupils that got to paint Salma and I used skills like cutting in and building up layers of paint. She looks amazing so I recommend you go and see her." Kulsuma, Y6, added, "Unfortunately, when Salma returns from her adventure we will not be here to see her as we will have left but I will certainly look out for her wherever she may be and I hope that pupils and their parents will do the same."



Garden Party

We hope that everyone who attended our garden party had lots of fun. It was wonderful to see such a variety of stalls set up and managed by both the children and teaching staff. We had bouncy castles, face painting, ice cream and a plant sale, which were all home grown! We hope that next year will be even bigger and better! We managed to raise over £600 on the day, so a huge thank you for your support of this event. The money raised will go towards St Oswald's Hospice and also be used by the 'Friends of Wingrove' to run future events. Mrs Jones and the rest of the school would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 'Friends of Wingrove' for all of their support throughout the year. We couldn't produce such wonderful events without you. If you would like to get involved with events like this and help support your child's school, please speak to Mrs Jones or Mr Henderson.

Hawkirst

"Year 6 visited Hawkirst and had an amazing time. On the first day, we started with a water activity. We were split into two teams and the first team did paddle boarding, whilst the other team tried belboating. On our second day, the teams swapped and had a go at the other team's activity – some people even decided to jump into the water because it was so hot! In the afternoon, we did zip lining and abseiling, which was so much fun as everyone was nervous but everyone still had a go. On the third and final day, it was a very busy. We started our day with crate-stacking and archery. We learnt so much, like how to hold a bow and how to balance on 15 crates! After that, we visited the Bird of Prey Centre, where we saw baby owls and even got to stroke them. Overall, it was an exciting trip and an amazing experience! We all had the best time." – Muhammad and Samia.

