

VILLA REAL SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2024

S2A

This term S2A have been on a very informative trip to the Hindu Temple in Newcastle. Kirtida carried out a fantastic session with some of our pupils, looking at the culture and traditions of the Hindu community. She used hands on activities to engage the children, allowing them to explore the artifacts and try out some of the pieces. Pupils especially enjoyed the 'tabla' (a large Hindu drum) which they played as Kirtida sang a traditional meditation song. Pupils also tried on traditional clothing and simple rituals, offering each other the greeting of 'Namaste' (a sign of respect to others).



S3A

Some of the boys in S3A had the opportunity to take part in the festival of fieldwork, which included taking part in the sensory story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', a top favourite story. We have continued to complete some great investigations during Science again this term, looking at different ways things move. All the boys in S3A have worked extremely hard this year. We have had a busy but very much fun year and we look forward to seeing all the boys after the summer holidays, hopefully with such great work ethic for another academic school year!



HEADTEACHER COMMENTS

Hi,
It has been a challenging term due to illnesses in school so we hope you have a lovely healthy summer. We would like to thank you for all your support and if you have any ideas of how we can help you and your child please to not hesitate in letting us know.

S. Bae

GOVERNOR COMMENTS

What a busy end of term everyone has had, governors included. We have been in school talking to your young people about their views on school, and all their different lessons and activities. It's our favourite thing to do, and I must say we do learn a lot. Thank you to all the governors for continuing to give their time to continue to ensure our school is the best it can be.

We wish all our school leavers very good luck and hope you all have a great summer break.

If you think you may be interested in becoming a governor, we have a vacancy coming up in the Autumn term, we will send a letter out in September, please have a think over the summer if it is something you would be interested in. There will be an opportunity to talk through everything it entails.

Suzanne Bailey Chair of Governors

SCHOOL NEWS

We are very pleased to announce that the school has received the Silver Award from SAPERE Philosophy for Children, as well as the School Games Gold Award for 2023/2024.

Students have also achieved the Diana award for wellbeing and an extra limited edition Free The Shoulders badge for championing of body confidence and challenging lookism.

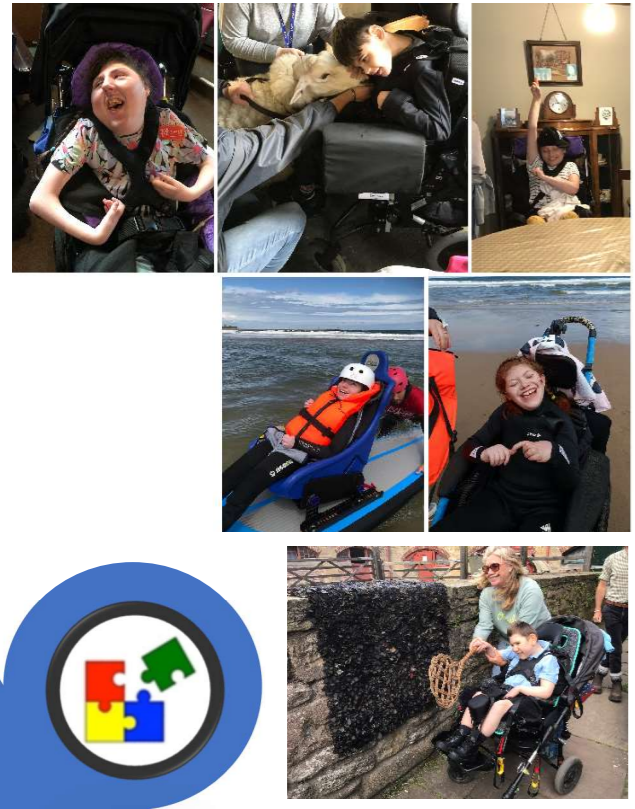
Congratulations to everyone involved for their hard work!

We would also like to thank everyone who attended our VRSA summer school fair, we raised a total of **£1445!** Well done to all!



CE2

We had a bustling Summer term with lots of trips and activities. We couldn't choose which one we enjoyed the most; the visit to Bowlees Farm, the Big Sing concert, the Beamish trip or our Adapted Surfing Session. All our students stepped up showing their anticipation and initiation that they wanted to take an active part in the activities. Every member of class staff is so proud of our students' achievements and can't wait to celebrate and show their success to the parents at the Record of Achievement Ceremony.



EYFSA

We have had an action packed half term in EYFSA! Our topic was Holidays; we have looked at holiday destinations and modes of transport to get there. We have enjoyed our sensory story, 'Ernie's Seaside Adventure'. We have explored sand and water, made our own beach and found objects that float and sink. We all took part in sports day showing off our skills especially with the big football, trying to score a goal. We, as always, enjoy our trips out, especially to The Tim Lamb Centre. We have had stay and play days with our parents, which has been lovely to let them see the progress their child has made this year. We have also transitioned with our new pupils along with their families, ready to start in September - we can't wait to welcome them to our EYFSA family! We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday, making lots of memories.



CE3



The highlight of CE3's summer term was completing our expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. Students had an amazing time and showed how resilient they are being away from home.

CE1

CE1 pupils planted seeds in their outdoor area in Spring time. The pupils have done a great job of taking care of their seeds by watering them regularly. The seeds have grown into beautiful wild flowers. The pupils have loved watching the flowers bloom. The pupils took their learning outside into the outdoor area to create wonderful sketches in their sketch books of the wild flowers they have grown. The pupils used oil pastels and chalks and they all created beautiful artwork.



P1A

In P1A we have been very busy over this summer term. In Music, we have been exploring a new genre of music...country music! We have been following along with Singing Hands and listened to classic songs, for example 'Country Roads'. We have looked at traditional instruments too, including harmonicas and the banjo! In Science, we have been looking at the seaside and especially water. We have been investigating and performing experiments to see which materials and foods float and sink. We added a different variable into one of our experiments...salt. The saltier the water was, the more objects floated. Finally, the Euros have been on and our country was Turkey. We explored what other sports Turkey are known for and discovered that the world champion for karate is from Turkey. We watched them perform different moves and even got to wear a gi.



P2A

P2A have had fun exploring our class text, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Pupils have enjoyed acting out the story using props - our favourite part is when the troll gets knocked into the river as we use a spray bottle to act out the splash! We have been working hard on identifying little, medium and big. We even designed and created our own troll by choosing words to describe the troll e.g. yellow teeth, patched clothes.



P3A

P3A have had a fun summer term going out on trips to support our education. We visited ISKON, the Hindu Temple in Newcastle, where we explored Hindu artifacts and experienced the smells and sounds of the temple. We enjoyed dressing up in traditional Hindu clothing and playing musical instruments associated to their worship. We visited Bowlees Farm which was a long journey up into the countryside. Here, we got hands on with a wide range of animals including puppies, lambs, rabbits, guinea pigs and kid goats. This was a great opportunity for some children to become more confident around animals they aren't familiar with. More recently we visited Beamish Museum where we baked carrot cookies, a delicacy from when families were on rations. We cooked them in an aga then had some free time to explore the museum - our favourite part was when we all travelled around on the top deck of a tram. To round up the summer term we will be visiting the Tim Lamb Centre to celebrate all of our hard work over the last year. We are so excited to explore the centre and enjoy all of the fun things available to us. We wish you all a lovely summer holiday, stay safe!



S2

S2 FINAL TERM HIGHLIGHTS! 🏠🎒🏡
 ✨ *What a fantastic final term!* ✨ S2 have made the most of the great outdoors with exhilarating adventures! From canoeing and kayaking to exploring Youth Village, farm visits to Bowlees, and trips to Beamish Museum - it's been unforgettable!
 🏠 **Outdoor Adventures:** 🏡 Our students embraced the thrill of canoeing and kayaking, developing teamwork and resilience while enjoying the beauty of nature.
 🏠 **Farm Visits:** 🐾 The visits to Bowlees farm were not only educational but also a chance to connect with animals and learn about sustainable farming practices.
 🏠 **Beamish Museum:** 🏠 Students had a blast at the Beamish Museum! From baking cookies to experiencing life in Victorian times, it was a day filled with fun and learning.
 🏠 **Special Guests:** ✨ Throughout the term, we were honoured to host visits from Olympic athletes, the Durham Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association, and many more inspiring guests who shared their stories and wisdom with us.
 Let's celebrate the incredible experiences and memories we've created together!



P2

This term pupils have been exploring the English Text 'The Colour Monster'. In this book, they have been learning about feelings and colours that represent each one. We have completed lots of bright activities around colours and feelings. Linking this to PSHCE, they have been demonstrating how feelings may display. As a class we adapted and sang along to the nursery rhymes; 'If You're Happy and You Know It'. "If you're happy and you know it, start to smile"! "If you're calm and you know it, lie and relax", then, discussing strategies to help us manage strong feelings with class peers with adult support. P2 have been mixing colours to find out what happens when colours are mixed together to help us make our own colour monsters.



P3

This has been a really busy and enjoyable term in Class P3. There have been some really exciting opportunities and lots of learning has taken place. For example, there have been projects around working with the local Police Team, Sports Day and also Musical Dance and Drama linked to RE. One of the really exciting topics the children have been learning about is how musical instruments and how they can either be tuned or un-tuned. This is something all of the children have enjoyed listening to and also playing a range of different tones and pitches. Also, the children have experienced Child Safety Week and really enjoyed learning about Road Safety and keeping safe around animals such as dogs. They have also really liked to experiment with lights and electricity in Science and also how germs can appear on your hands from a range of sources and these cannot be seen until they are looked at under an infra-ray light. There are some really nice pictures on Earwig and here is a sample of some of the experiences the children have had this term.



S3

S3 have enjoyed exploring a variety of topics during the Summer term. We have taken part in many exciting whole-school events including Child Safety Week, World Environment Day 2024, Mental Health Awareness Week and Make Music Day. The pupils have enjoyed learning about a variety of topics including; the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead, 3D art, light and sound waves, poetry and the festival of Passover. Some of our pupils enjoyed a visit to Safety Works, where we learnt about fire safety and safety on the Metro through immersive workshops with members of the fire and police service. Other highlights of our Summer term were participating in a religious studies storytelling workshop, attending the SEND Summer Sports Festival in Durham and learning about life in the past during workshops at Beamish Museum.



S4

S4 visited the Apple Store in the Metro Centre and were given a tutorial on how to use some of the software on the iPads. To help students navigate the software and create their own work they were also given an Apple pro pencil. Each student created their own unique emoji and learnt how to use the software as they went.

