

## CE1

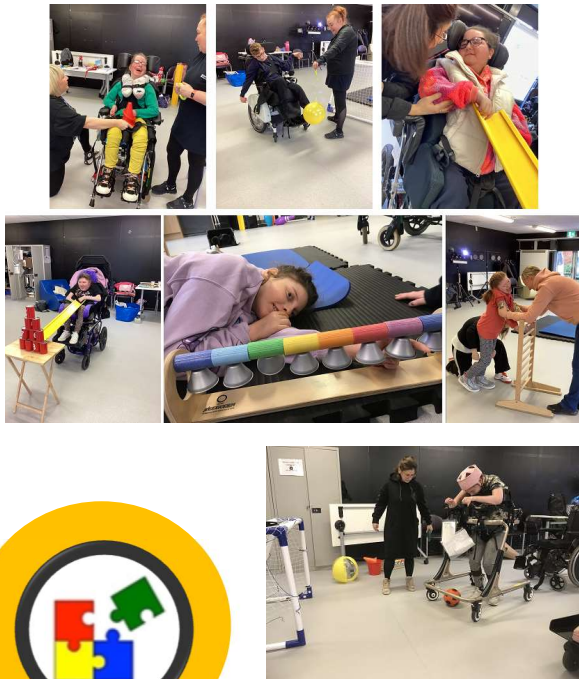
CE1 have all thoroughly enjoyed their weekly visits from Bruno the therapy dog. In Science the pupils are learning all about Pets and the Vets. Bruno and his owner have kindly allowed all the pupils to help to look after him. The pupils have had opportunities to brush, pat and feed Bruno. They have also held his leader and listened to his owner explain what Bruno needs to stay a healthy dog. Thank you, Bruno, for helping us learn how to look after and care for dogs during this half term.



## CE3

CE3 are taking part in a 12-week motor activity training program at Marquis Way in Gateshead. This includes learning wheelchair dancing and preparing for a special Olympics event.

Our pupils really enjoy our sessions each week especially being out in the community, making new friends and growing in confidence. We can't wait to show case our hard work for parents and friends.



## CE2

This term CE2 have worked hard as well as enjoying a visit from Bruno the therapy dog, everyone was very gentle with him! We have seen great team work in mobility group and in creating a fridge for our café corner. There's been lots of super hard work in CE programmes, practicing body movements essential to life skills as well as putting our skills to practice to make our own breakfast! HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



## S3A

S3A have had a lovely half term taking advantage of the sunshine. This term we have looked at the story of "The Colour Monster". We designed and created our own individual monsters using big and little chalks with a variety of colours. We drew around ourselves and we used the sun to help us draw around our shadows, we even attempted to draw the different emotion monsters. In S3A we love to work together as a team and that has clearly shown from the vast variety of different monsters that have been created. Well done S3A. We can't wait to see you after the Easter holidays for more teamwork fun.



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## HEADTEACHER COMMENTS

This term there have been a lot of exciting experiences for pupils to enjoy inside and outside of school. Duke of Edinburgh is going very well with one group already a Silver and two more working to Bronze. We also have Bruno, the assistance dog coming in weekly.

Conductive Education also celebrated 20 years at Villa Real last month, it was lovely to celebrate with families, as well as staff and students past and present.

Have a lovely holiday and see you after Easter.

*S. Bae*



## GOVERNING BODY NEWS

It seems a long time since Christmas! We have used this term to ensure our two new governors have undergone their induction. Rev David Lees and Pam Monaghan have been learning the workings of Villa Real, and with other governors, we have been reviewing pupils' progress and activities through our monitoring and meeting with staff.

We hope you are looking forward to the Easter celebrations, and thank the staff and pupils for their hard work preparing for them.

*Suzanne Bailey*

*Chair of Governors*

## EYFSA

We are non-stop in EYFSA! Now, celebrating the good weather and the start of Spring.

With our topics, we have been learning about the different farm animals, the sounds that they make, how they walk and what they look like. One of our stories is 'The Enormous Turnip'. We have planted some seeds to see how they grow and what we need to do to look after them. In Music, we have been exploring different sounds, including Folk and Jazz music. We have listened to a huge range of music and language linked to our world celebrations but our favourite one has been Pancake Day! We made our hats to be chefs before we made our own messy pancakes outside, but we did the yummy pancakes in the classroom. We flipped them in the air and some of them were super high! And maybe some landed on the floor, oops! At the end, we all had a tasting session and we added our favourite toppings: cream and sprinkles. We are now learning all about our pets and how to look after them. We were so lucky that we have met Bruno, the therapy dog and Nala the tortoise! I wonder what other animals we could meet this year...wait and see!!



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Beamish Museum Evening

A group of pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit Beamish Museum for an after-school visit. Simon Wooley and his team planned a fun-packed evening for our pupils to experience within the 1950s and 1900s towns.

The evening started with a delicious fish and chip supper from 1950s Middleton's fish shop. Pupils then split into 3 groups to enjoy a carousel of activities including vintage toys and games, 1900s scavenger hunt and having photographs taken 1900s style! Our evening ended with a firepit sing-a-long and hot chocolates in the 1900 tea rooms. The evening was full of wonderful moments which I am sure both pupils and staff will cherish for a lifetime.

Once again we would like to thank Simon and his amazing staff at Beamish Museum for working with us to enrich our young people's experiences of History. And to all the school staff who gave up their time to make this evening happen. And, of course, our young people for being such outstanding representatives for Villa Real School.





P1A

P1A pupils have embraced our imaginative sides this term in the form of dressing up! Pupils have fully engaged with World Book day and Red Nose day to join in with fancy dress and playing the parts of different characters. From cowboys to Prince Charmings to Mad Hatters, we have seen all sorts of characters come to life. The smiles on our pupils' faces says it all - P1A is full of young actors in the making! Watch this space!



P2

In P2 we have had a fun filled half term! We've had some celebrations such as World Book day, pancake day and Red Nose day, with our favourite definitely being Red Nose day. We did a lot of different activities to 'be funny for money'. We had a visit from a giant 7ft dinosaur and enjoyed visiting our photo booth, where each student got dressed up. We have also been on a number of educational trips, and have focused on looking at sculptures, along with spotting wild flowers. Finally, we've also been visited by our new therapy dog, Bruno. The children have loved having him in class. We look forward to the summer term, and hope you all enjoy the Easter holidays.



P3

During this Spring term in P3, students have diligently worked across all areas of the curriculum. In Numeracy, we have explored topics such as time, measurement, and fractions. In Literacy, we have focused on alliteration, rhyming words and sound recognition. In PSHCE, pupils have been actively enhancing their self-esteem. In Set Text we have been reading and answering questions about the story 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Super Hero'. We had a delightful visit from the Easter Bunny! It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holiday and create joyful memories. We had a wonderful opportunity to welcome Bruno, the therapy dog, for a visit. We would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils for working so hard this term, and we would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break!



S2A

This term S2A have been working at improving their gymnastic skills and have been carrying out sessions weekly with Alex the gymnastics coach. We have been practicing positions, balancing and learning how to carry out forward rolls, backward rolls and cartwheels. While doing this we are improving our fitness and stamina and loving every minute!! Well, done to all of S2A who have taken on all of the physical challenges in their stride and built resilience and fluidity in many elements of the gymnastic skills.



P2A

We have had lots of fun in P2A this term! In English, we've thoroughly enjoyed some wonderful Set Text stories, such as "Shark in the Park" by Nick Sharratt and "The Scarecrow's Wedding" by Julia Donaldson. The pupils have enjoyed exploring the vocabulary and themes of these stories through the use of AAC and sensory props. In Maths, we've explored weight and measurement with engaging, hands-on activities that made the concepts come alive. Some of us have even begun to look at capacities such as litres and millilitres. Our outdoor education sessions have also been a highlight! We visited local sculptures, including the Tommy statue in Seaham, and had a fantastic day at the beach. We are looking forward to more exciting experiences in the next term!



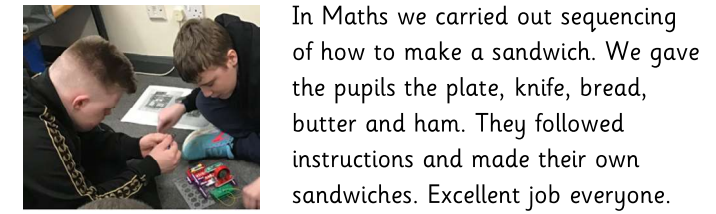
P3A

Our P3A students made a splash last term with their incredible progress in swimming! From mastering new strokes to boosting their endurance, everyone did a fantastic job. Kudos to all our little swimmers! We had a delightful sewing session in class where students crafted beautiful Mother's Day gifts. They also learned the valuable skill of reusing and mending items, turning old into new. It was a heart-warming and creative experience for everyone involved. Bruno, the therapy dog, paid us a wonderful visit recently. The students learned about pet care and enjoyed spending time with Bruno, who brought smiles and comfort to all. It was a paws-itively amazing day! We were thrilled to welcome Shakith, our new P3A student, to our class. Let's continue to make Shakith feel at home and show them the warm, friendly spirit of our class. Looking forward to more exciting adventures ahead!



S3

It was a fantastic day when S3 learners got to grips with their new electronics kit. Learners were able to decipher complex diagrams and turn these into real working projects. Here you can see that team work is what is required to problem solve. This FM / AM radio did not work on the first build but a misprint in the plan (on purpose) gave the boys a real challenge. Not too long and it's working, a real feeling of achievement and pride. Learners were surprised to see that there are lots of careers linked to these skills. What's not to like about £45K as a repair electronics engineer!



S4

S4 have had a jam-packed Spring term, with everyone working hard on ASDAN, NOCN and AQA accreditations and being very respectful of each other when assessments have been taking place. There's been great work experience opportunities with the Just Love Project and The Bread and Butter Thing, as well as taster sessions at Reeds Rains, JCS Security Systems and Tiffany Rose. Our Enterprise Café has gone from strength to strength and we've particularly enjoyed product testing and hosting the World Health Day Café. Some of our students have been taking part in Duke of Edinburgh Award activities which have helped build confidence, resilience and cooperation skills. We're also continuing to enjoy our sessions with DAAC and have been building independent travel skills. Another highlight has been enjoying spending time in our new common room area; chatting with our friends, listening to music and playing games.

