



NEWSLETTER

14th June 2019

World Environment Day

The children in Mr Guthrie's class have decided to create a video to promote the issues raised by World Environment Day following Mrs Roffe's assembly.

The children were shocked to find out 9/10 people worldwide breathe polluted air so have decided to make a pledge to change the way they live to help #beatairpollution.

This links to Article 24 of the UNCRC, which states children have the right to a clean and safe environment.

Will you take the challenge?#WorldEnvironmentDay



Being drastic on plastic

Last week, class 3AC took part in the school STEM week. We learned all about plastic pollution and how we can help save the environment. Did you know 80% of rubbish floating in the ocean is plastic? We can lower this percentage by recycling more plastic, finding ways to reuse plastic and avoiding single use plastics such as straws and take away cups. Class 3AC are looking forward to investigating what we can make from different plastics.

Beamish interrogation

This week 4LR had their final trip to Beamish.

During our visit to the museum we investigated whether moving to Beamish would have been the best idea for a family. We interrogated the mine manager, potential neighbours in the cottages and the school teacher to find out the pros and cons of living there. Next week, we will use this to help us with our persuasive writing.

'I liked visiting the school in Beamish and finding out about what school life would have been like for children 100 years ago.' - Rehana

Wise walking

In 3CT this half term we are learning about road safety. Walkwise are in school and they have been teaching us how to spot dangers when crossing the road. Unfortunately, because it was raining this week we weren't able to go and put what we have learned into practice. We are hoping that next week the sun

What is happening and when?

17 th June	Year 6 group trip to Nissan
18 th June	Year 5 planetarium visit
20 th June	Year 3 group trip to Broomhouse Farm
24 th June	Year 6 group trip to Nissan
26 th June	4DG trip to Beamish
26 th June	Transition meeting for year 2 parents (3:30pm)
27 th June	Uniform shop in school hall (2pm - 6pm)
10 th July	Year 3, 4 and 5 parents' evening
15 th July	School choir performing at The Sage, Gateshead
16 th July	Year 6 open evening
17 th July	Year 6 prom (6pm - 8pm)
19 th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly
19 th July	School closes for summer (3:15pm)

will shine and we can go out and show how we are good pedestrians.

'The 'Green Cross Code' is 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think' - London

A royal Tudor feast

As part of our topic this half term 'Off with Her Head', 5AF have taken part in a Tudor banquet to find out more about the class system in Tudor times and the food that would have been eaten. We learned lots of interesting facts about the Tudors during this banquet, including the food they ate and the way different people were treated, depending on how much money they had. Members of the royal family would have eaten foods including lots of meat, bread and ginger bread; the middle class would have eaten cheese, bread and pottidge if they could afford it and the lower class would have eaten whatever they could to survive. They even used hollowed out bread as a bowl because they didn't have plates or bowls.



Time to dissect

Like a bunch of mad scientists, 6DF spent Monday afternoon examining (and dissecting) pigs' eyes! We identified some of the different features, like the sclera, the iris and the pupil, then Mr. Forster made an incision with the scalpel and all of the jelly (vitreous humor) came oozing out!

'It was pretty disgusting when the lens popped out with the vitreous jelly!' - Mahmudul

Tag rugby success

Just before half term, 11 Year 6 children attended a tag rugby competition at Farringdon Academy. Four matches were played in total and although we didn't win, the children's enthusiasm didn't falter. One member of the team was even spotted by a rugby coach who praised their abilities on the pitch and suggested they join a rugby team. Throughout the afternoon, the children continued to support

each other and showed great sportsmanship.



Key information

Drop Box

For your convenience, there is now a 'Drop Box' in reception. You can use this for leaving letters, dinner money, visitor passes etc. We hope you find this particularly useful during busy periods.

School Car Park

For Health and Safety reasons, can we please remind parents not to pull into the car park at any time as this is for staff use only.

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My Money Week



This week, Diamond Hall Junior Academy have been taking part in 'My Money Week', which is a national activity week for primary and secondary schools that provides a fantastic opportunity for young people to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence in money matters to thrive in society.

This week the children in years 3, 4 and 5 have explored their feelings and attitudes towards spending and saving by working individually, in pairs and small groups to make decisions about how money should be spent on behalf of fictional people. Year 6 have considered key concepts including borrowing, peer pressure and value for money.

The children have had some great discussions and have made some very sensible and informed choices on behalf of other people. It has been a