



NEWSLETTER

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A message from our Headteacher...

I am very proud of all the children who have continued to work hard throughout the term, especially Year 6 in preparation for their SATs in the Summer Term. They are all a credit to themselves and their families.

Spring is finally in the air, which means Easter is just around the corner and many of our children are also observing Ramadan and will soon be celebrating Eid.

I wish you all a restful break, and will see you after the holidays for our final term of the year.

On behalf of myself and the staff we would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

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Fiona Hoare
Headteacher

In this issue...



Team Diamond Robotics

Meet our Year 5 robotics team, Team Diamond, and their robot D2H2 who recently took part in a competition.



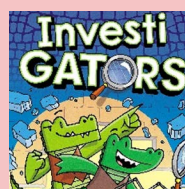
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Major Jay stops by

Major Jay Bartlett told children about his expeditions to different mountains to help with their topic misty mountains.



Book reviews

See what titles our children have chosen to liven up the Easter break...



Team Diamond robotics



Our Year 5 robotics team, Team Diamond, and their robot D2H2 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the VEX IQ REC Foundation Competition at Nissan at the beginning of this term.

The team showed great resilience and teamwork after an accident with the robot, which meant they had to rebuild it from scratch!

Team Diamond had to work quickly and cooperatively to ensure they could take part in the teamwork challenges.

Teamwork makes the dream work - great job!

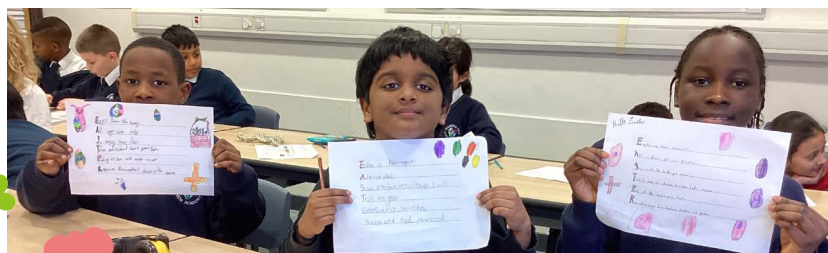
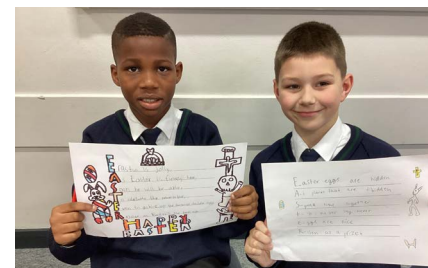


Year 4 poetry

Year 4 created an acrostic poem to celebrate Easter and Springtime. The children were very creative, linking their poem to Christianity, Easter hunts, chocolate eggs and spending time with their family and loved ones.

Take a look at one below...

Everyone plays, laughs
And talks. They like
Spending time together and
Telling lots of stories.
Easter stories.
Remember to be happy.



Netball debut

Our Year 6 pupils took part in their first competitive netball match at the Beacon of Light this term. The team worked tirelessly to take the lead in the first match as Eva set up Anton perfectly to take the lead.

Netting our first point of the day, Anton said "I really enjoyed playing against the other schools. I can't wait to come back and play again!"



Flowers in bloom

Year 5 have been exploring shading recently and created some lovely pencil sketches of daffodils and tulips after being inspired by the blooming spring flowers.



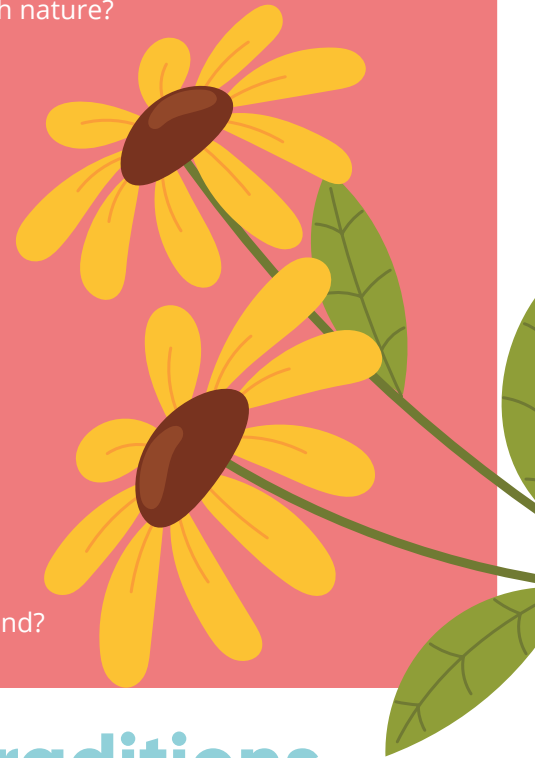
Spring challenge

The weather is getting warmer and the days are getting brighter, so why not head out into the fresh air with a grown up to explore nature.

How many things on our spring checklist will you see on your walk through nature?

- Daffodils
- Blossom
- Birds
- Trees
- Clouds
- A rabbit
- Insects
- A snail
- A worm

How many did you find?



High5 success

This term our Diamond Hall netball players continued their success at Sunderland's Beacon of Light. Within seconds of the opening whistle, we had taken the lead with a superb team effort. After the opposition brought the game level, we soon ran rampant and won the match 12-1, with all points scored by our star shooter, Eva.

A tighter game followed but we still managed to come out on top as 4-3 winners. What a fantastic set of results for our High 5ers!

Easter traditions around the world

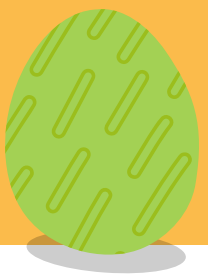
In the UK, hot crossed buns are eaten to represent the crucifixion of Jesus. We also see supermarkets packed with Easter eggs - did you know in 2021, we spend a whopping £299 million on them!?

Some North Western European communities kick off Easter celebrations by enjoying a bonfire while Italian people often gather for firework displays which dates back over 350 years!

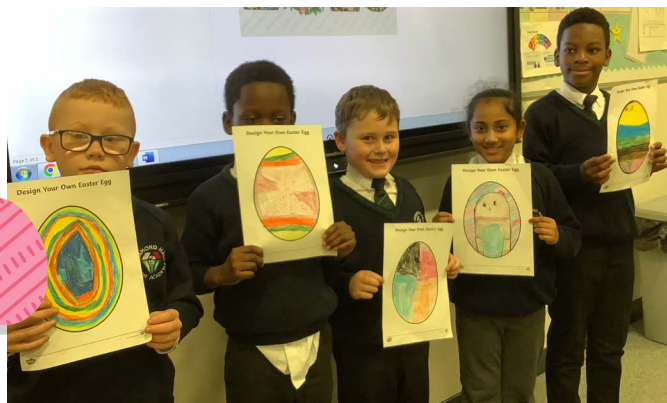
People from Antigua Guatemala mark Easter by creating colourful carpets where locals cover the streets to prepare for the Good Friday procession through the city.

Which is your favourite Easter tradition?

Year 3's Easter eggs



Our Year 3 pupils have been putting their creativity to the test by colouring Easter eggs. Check them out below!



Easter jokes

What's an Easter bunny's favourite sport?

Basketball

Why don't rabbits get hot in the summer?

They have hare conditioning.

What do you call a transformer bunny?

Hop-timus Prime

Why does the rabbit bring toilet paper to the Easter party?

Because he is a party pooper

What happens if you get married on Easter?

Live hoppily ever after

What is Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music?

Hip-hop!

DATES

for your diary

31 MAR - Break up for Easter

17 APR - Back to school

01 MAY - Bank holiday

08 MAY - Bank holiday



Misty mountains

Year 4 welcomed Major Jay Bartlett into the classroom to hear all about his expeditions to different mountains to help with their topic misty mountains and winding rivers this term.

Major Bartlett explained what a mountain range is and discussed Mount Blanc, Mount Toubkal, Ben Nevis, Kilimanjaro and Snowdonia. The class were very inquisitive about Major Bartlett's climbs, how he planned for each trip, who he was with and how he felt during each climb.



World Book Day

We had an absolutely fantastic day celebrating World Book Day 2023! Our pupils looked fantastic in their costumes of characters from some of their favourite stories.

Check out some of them below!



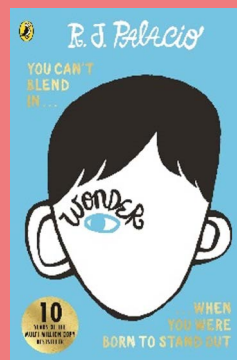
Year 6 book reviews

Our Year 6 pupils love to read and have some recommendations for you! Check out their latest book reviews below. Why not pick up one of their suggestions? You might just find your new favourite read...



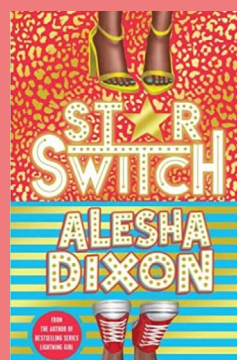
Investigators - John Patrick Green by Lily

The Investigators series is an amazing collection of funny, action-packed scenarios. There are many books in this collection, however they all follow a similar story: the adventures of Brash and Mango. Brash and Mango are members of S.U.I.T- an agency that focuses on stopping crime. In the first book, arguably one of the best, the investigators must catch their arch enemy in a storyline full of puns, jokes, action and everything inbetween. I would strongly recommend reading Investigators as it is an amazing book! After reading Investigators, you can move onto the other books in the series.



Wonder - RJ Palacio by Adam

A boy with a different body compared to other children tries school for the first time. August (also known as Auggie) has been home-schooled for his whole life but his mum suggests that he tries school. August says yes but doubts his decision. When he arrives at Beecher Prep Middle School, he gets a tour around the school by three children. August arrives at schools and meets many new people and even makes friends. At lunch, he makes a table called the summer table. Trying school will have its difficulties. Although he will have some fun times, something happens between August and his friend, which makes August sad. Many things make August sad but at some points in the book bad things reverse and school becomes good again for him.



Star Switch by Alesha Dixon by Aaliyah

Star Switch is an interesting book, which talks about two girls. One of them is a regular girl and the other is a star that wishes for freedom from her worried mother. These two characters read a magical book that makes their personalities clash and them to see their lives from a whole new perspective. In my opinion, I would suggest reading the book because if I was to rate this book I would give it 5 out of 5. It has given me inspiration for my writing my next book, which I hope can be as good as this. Alesha Dixon has also written other books like The lightning Girl series.



WHAT WOULD DAVID DO?

Is your child an eco champion? We're launching a new eco-campaign in school to encourage all students to join our exclusive What Would David Do? (WWDD) club, where membership is reserved for our most eager energy experts, resolute recyclers and superior species savers.



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MERCH!

Your child is in with a chance of bagging this year's must-have uniform embellishment if they can prove that they have worked hard to save energy, reduce waste and improve the environment around school and at home.

Students (even sixth formers!) across the North East Learning Trust will be sent one of our limited edition pins and certificates at the end of each term if they can prove that they are an eco champion.

Is there anything you can do at home to help them bag one of our recycled wooden David Attenborough pins?

HOW TO WIN A BADGE:

START AN ECO INITIATIVE

SHOW PROOF OF YOUR ENERGY SAVING

SHARE ECO IDEAS OR PROJECTS + MORE

How to apply:

Your child will need to download an application form and fill it in (including a signature from their teacher) before sending it to NELT Head Office. At the end of term our eco champions will be decided and their place in the WWDD club confirmed with the delivery of their certificate and pin.

Visit: nelt.co.uk/WWDD



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