



TEES VALLEY EDUCATION

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SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR WE HAVE HAD HERE AT TEES VALLEY EDUCATION!
HERE ARE SOME OF THE YEARS HIGHLIGHTS FROM ALL OF OUR ACADEMIES...





BRAMBLES PRIMARY ACADEMY

Beamish Year 6

This term, with a subsidy from the Rotary Club, the Year 6 had the opportunity to visit Beamish which is a world-famous open air museum that brings the history of the North East England to life. The children discovered what life was like in the 1900s and visited the dentist, the school and the mines. Also, they had the opportunity to take a trip on a tram and an open-top bus. Great fun was had by all!



60 Second Updates

One of the things that we have implemented throughout this academic year for parental engagement has been the 60 Second Update Videos. These are published on both social media and the website and highlight the key events that take place in the academy across a month. They include pictures, videos and explanations to show off what the children have been doing and enjoying and have landed well amongst the wider community at Brambles.



BRAMBLES PRIMARY ACADEMY



Y3 Viking trip

Year 3 children travelled to Murton, York to find out in more detail; how the Vikings lived. We gathered in a great hall and learnt five key facts about the Vikings. They were known for: being sailors, farmers, travellers, crafters, and raiders. We studied artefacts from Viking times and learnt about their uses. After a little break, we proceeded to visit a Viking village, dressed in the finest of clothes, thinking about what lay ahead... We met the lady (Milady) and her helpers of the village. Milady invited us to take part in village activities, which involved: crafting tea light holders from clay, keeping guard with spears and shields, baking bread, and collecting only the best firewood. Milady was very strict as she wanted to impress her guests that evening: for a Viking feast. We used Brambles' core values: resilience, kindness, teamwork, and respect to complete all the chores; of which Milady was very impressed by. Later in the day, the village bell sounded unexpectedly, and we all went to fight the Saxons (English folk). Some of us charged whilst others shouted for them to go away... Luckily, Milady had trained us all well and we defeated the awful Saxons! We celebrated by going into the village hall and spoke about it around a real wood burning fire. We said our thankyou's and goodbyes to the three amazing ladies, and went on our way, back to 2023 AD. What an exhilarating day we had!



Saltburn trip

On Wednesday 29th June Reception children had their Summer trip to Saltburn. We travelled by coach to Saltburn, when we arrived we took a walk through the Valley Gardens. We saw lots of squirrels and listened to the birds. When we arrived at the bottom of the gardens, there was a train waiting to take us to the beach. We had so much fun on the beach, building sandcastles and jumping the waves. The children enjoyed their packed lunches – even the sandy sandwiches!



We had a lovely walk along the pier and watched the surfers in the sea. To end our fantastic day, we took a ride on the Cliff lift and enjoyed ice creams at the top whilst watching the waves crash in the sea! We had the most amazing day making memories that will last a long time!



DISCOVERY SPECIAL ACADEMY

Careers Enterprise Week

Year 7 took part in the TVCA SEND Enterprise Challenge Week. We engaged in lots of challenges that allowed us to practice and show our teamwork skills, creative skills and enterprise skills. We were challenged to make a vehicle using recycled materials and produce a presentation about the importance of sustainability. We also had the opportunity to meet lots of different people who do different careers via Teams meetings and we had a virtual tour of some further education providers. We attended a celebration event at The Arc and all our efforts were recognised – we were awarded The Most Enthusiastic Group award!



Educational Visits

We have been on some fantastic visits this term and the pupils involved have all experienced a world outside the classroom. Places we have visited include: the Newham Grange Leisure Farm, where pupils had the opportunity to explore life on a farm; The Transporter Bridge, where pupils learned about the River Tees and some of the industrial history of Middlesbrough; Nature's World, where pupils explored the environment and looked at different plants and insects, while also being active and promoting walking; and My Voice Matters, including a conference, where pupils were encouraged to take a role in community and social action, sharing their voice and understanding their rights.

We are really looking forward to getting out even more and finding out about the world around us.



DISCOVERY SPECIAL ACADEMY



World Environment Day

On Monday 5th June Discovery celebrated World Environment Day. The theme was #BeatPlasticPollution and was a reminder that people's action on plastic pollution matters. To join in World Environment Day, Discovery were set a challenge! Each class was asked to re-use a single-use plastic bottle in a new way that would be useful to them and their class. Competition entries included a hanging basket, bird feeder, bug hotel, watering can, sun catcher and vase.



Curriculum Success

At Discovery we have had a fantastic year, learning all sorts of new and exciting things.

As always, we have embraced our love of reading and have enjoyed looking at all sorts of books and different texts. We have worked hard with our writing and with our mathematics and have learned lots of new things.

In the wider curriculum we have found out about all sorts of exciting and interesting subjects from mini-beasts to the Romans and from James Cook to photography. All the way, we have engaged with our learning and we have lived up to our motto that through discovery, we grow.



Carlton Adventure

In May, our Year 6s and Year 7s had the chance to take part in Discovery Special Academy's first residential. We visited Carlton Adventure and spent three days away from home!

A fantastic time was had by everyone and the pupils experienced a range of amazing activities that tested their resilience, bravery, teamwork skills, fitness, strength and coordination. These included rock climbing and the high wire activity, gully walking, den building, night-line walking and archery.

While away, the pupils took responsibility for keeping their dormitories clean and tidy, making their packed lunches and ensuring they kept on top of their own personal hygiene. Everyone rose to the challenge and showed just how mature they could be.

We can't wait to go again next year.





DORMANSTOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY

Introduction

We have had an amazing term at Dormanstown, and wanted to share with you some of the amazing experiences our children have had. We have had trips, sports events, animal visits and parental engagement sessions, and we are incredibly proud of all our children and staff for their hard work throughout the summer term!

EYFS

Reception class have really enjoyed their learning about the seaside this term. They started their learning by visiting the beach at Saltburn, playing on the sand, riding on the miniature railway, eating our picnics in the Italian Gardens and ending the day having fun at the park. They have done lots of learning through stories and have read many seaside books including; 'The Rainbow Fish', 'Who Sank the Boat' and 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. Reception have had so many practical real life experiences and have enjoyed playing and learning in the lovely summer sunshine with their friends.



KS1

In Art this term, Year 2 have been learning about the artwork of Alberto Giacometti and how he represents figures in his work. They spent time looking at position and proportion and understood that Giacometti used his sculptures to display different poses in an imaginative way. They were inspired by the tall and slender sculptures of Giacometti which they then practised applying by manipulating and bending wire and foil to create our their sculptures. They also taught their parents how to create a Giacometti-style figure. The results are amazing!



Lower Key Stage 2

5H enjoyed researching the artist Joe Cornish who is a successful nature photographer, mainly based in the North East. He is skilled in using perspective and the contrast between light and dark to create mood in photographs. After our research, it was time for 5H to create their own photographs in nature that were inspired by his work. To do this we spent an afternoon in Fox Rush Woods. We did get rained on – but this just made our photos better! The children fully enjoyed this experience and have been asking when they can next do photography again.



DORMANSTOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY



Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5 have really enjoyed visiting Outwood Academy Redcar in the Summer term to take part in some taster sessions for what life will be like when they move into secondary school. They have taken part in Science, Design & Technology, P.E. and Drama. The children really enjoyed earning their Bunsen burner licence in Science and creating some detailed badges and delicious rocky road in Design & Technology. They also enjoyed P.E. where they got to take part in some rounds and finally they loved Drama where they learnt how to have an American accent and acted out scenes from Bugsy Malone.



Base Classes

B3G took part in the Athletic Festivals which was held at Middlesbrough Village Hall this term. Our children showed off various skills from running, throwing to jumping. They cheered each other on and celebrated the effort given. What a day fantastic day and achievements. The perseverance and effort was marvellous. Well done B3G!

B2S and Y1 have been learning about classifying animals as part of their Science topic. They learned how some animals are vertebrates and invertebrates. To help us with our learning, Zoolab visited us. They came into the school and brought in lots of different types of animals. Zoolab introduced the children to rats, spiders, snails, snakes and millipedes and gave us lots of information about them. They were able to stroke some of these amazing animals and watch them play. It was fantastic!





PENNYMAN PRIMARY ACADEMY

Turning the academy yellow

On Friday 16th June, we celebrated Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day. The children all made their own ribbon awareness badges and learned about what Cystic Fibrosis is and how it affects children. They found a number of ways to share their new-found knowledge with their peers. Once again Pennyman children showed great empathy towards others.



Summer dance fever

Pennyman SEND unit had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Summer Solstice dance workshop. We explored some of our favourite summer activities such as going to the beach, swimming in the sea and having an ice cream through the medium of dance. We loved using the scarves, ribbon sticks and exploring how they move too! We definitely have some future dancers in the academy!



Howzat!!!

On Thursday 15th June, Mr Leonard and Mr Forster took a small group of girls from Year 5 and 6 to Marton Cricket Club for their annual cricket competition. Everyone performed superbly as a team, representing our academy proudly at all times, winning two games by a landslide! Well done to everyone involved on what we all agreed was a fabulous day out in the sunshine!



PENNYMAN PRIMARY ACADEMY

Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside!

On Friday 10th June Year 2 and Donaldson class visited Saltburn. First, we explored the Valley Gardens then we strolled along the stream and spotted many unusual flowers – they were beautiful! We ended this part of our visit with some bird spotting at the nature hut. After that, we called at the ice cream shop for a delicious vanilla ice cream followed by chips from the chip shop! For some children this was the favourite part of their day! "This is the best school day ever!" Spencer Year 2. Once we had finished our lunch, we played in the sand, collected shells and paddled in the icy water. We even had a surprise visit from Miss Morley on our trip! To end the day, we used the cliff lift to take us back to the top before returning to school. We have since used our trip to write a fantastic recount and support us in comparing our local area to Sydney, Australia. We had a fantastic day and were all exhausted.



We're all going on a summer holiday

Reception children have been learning all about summer! They have learnt how seasons change and what sorts of things you can do and wear when the weather is warm. Whilst outside, the children decided to put good use to our new reception crates. They used the tyres and crates to create their own train! When asked where they were going, they were off on holiday to the beach for an ice cream. They talked about their favourite thing to do at the beach and their favourite flavour ice cream. It was lovely to see them laughing together and having so much fun!

Putting our own stamp on William Morris

This term we have learnt all about William Morris. We have explored the way he used repeating patterns and nature to influence his artwork. We specifically focused on his floral patterns and the way he used seasonal flowers to create his artwork. We explored our surrounding areas, chose seasonal flowers or leaves and twigs to create a small design on a piece of A5 paper. The children then began designing their stamp by positioning what they had collected onto their piece of paper, drawing it in their sketchbooks and then making minor adjustments to improve it and to finalise their design. Once they were happy with their design, they drew it on a sponge and then cut it out. They then painted specific parts of their stamp to create their colour pattern and repeatedly printed this in their sketchbook. The children loved creating their prints and showed lots of creativity throughout the whole process. Well done everyone!





WILTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Renowned photographer Joe Cornish

Mrs Harding's class have been looking carefully at Joe Cornish, a renowned photographer, whose specialty is using light and shade to capture the beauty of the Yorkshire Landscape. After developing their skills of editing around the academy, the children visited Redcar Beach on a very cold, drizzly Friday afternoon and took some photos. They had planned their compositions around shadows and sunshine, so it was a bit of a challenge. Once back in the academy, they used their skills to add contrast and shading and we think you'll agree, the results are stunning!



Dorman Museum

Miss Norton's class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Egyptians this term. They went to visit the Dorman Museum and learned all about the mummification process. They then recreated this back in the academy for their families in assembly. In art, they have been studying William Morris. They looked at how he used repeating patterns to create wallpaper and how this was remarkable for houses during his era. They then practiced engraving in polystyrene and repeating a pattern. After that, they extended their skills, by engraving, cutting and repeating patterns using tiles and cutters. This was a tricky job and Miss Norton had rather a few plasters to hand out!

History

Miss Bass's class loved their visit to The Ironstone Museum at Skinningrove to support their history topic. They learned what life was like for people when the Transporter Bridge was built. They loved dressing up and having time pretending to be in school understanding what it would have been like back then. In Geography, the children have been learning about the different climate zones around the world. They used their own maps to record what the weather was like in different regions. To share their knowledge with the families, they then invited them in for an assembly so they could show off their learning.



WILTON PRIMARY ACADEMY



Finding The Gruffalo

Mrs Wardle's class have been extremely busy. They started by learning about the woodland and read some woodland stories, including the Gruffalo. The Gruffalo then went missing in the academy and after a few days of writing letters and making posters, he was eventually found under Mrs Hood's desk! Next a fairy door appeared by one of trees outside with a note left from a fairy! She had a broken wing so after lots of notes being written between Ziggy and the class, they made a magic potion to help repair her wing. The children then began learning about the seaside and had a lovely trip to Saltburn, where they explored the Valley Gardens, went on the miniature train and played on the beach. As it was such a lovely day, they also had a paddle in the sea. To link with the work about the seaside, the children made their own boats and then tested them to see which ones floated.



Pastoral and mental health support

The Year 5 and 6 children have been very lucky to have so many opportunities to help them understand how they can be resilient and determined, which will particularly support the Year 6 children in their transition to secondary school. The Year 6 girls have had weekly sessions with Rubies- a charity designed to support engagement and resilience in girls. The boys also had some focus sessions just for them, run by Tuff Tees as part of the HeadStart project. The boys focussed on their emotions and learning how important it is to share their feelings and worries with others. We also have an increasing number of children and parents accessing support through the Getting Help project, which is designed to support with behaviour, anxiety and bereavement at a low level to hopefully give early intervention so the issues do not develop further.



WE WILL ROCK YOU



This term has culminated in a production of the West End Musical 'We Will Rock You'. A fabulous opportunity to get our five academies working together on an exciting musical project that involved singing, acting and dancing. Children from each of the academies auditioned for parts and the cast was selected from these auditions. Lead actors came from across the trust.

The acting was complemented with singing from each of our academy choirs who worked tirelessly to learn the 22 different songs. Children from each school had the chance to sing solos as well - these were beautiful and showed off some of the talent we have.

Doing such a project like this that landed on World music day reinforced our trust beliefs in the arts, music especially, and allowed staff and pupils from across the trust to develop new bonds and teamwork.

A special thanks must go to all who helped to stage the production and also to our parents, carers and extended families who came to watch and support our children. Thank you.





Things to do in the local area

Captain Cook Birthplace Museum (Stewart Park)

Discover the story of one of the world's greatest navigators and mariners, Captain James Cook. Bringing to life his story through 6 themed permanent displays with original artefacts. It is conveniently located in Stewart's Park so you can make a day of it in the playground, visiting the animals, having a picnic or enjoying the café. Admission to the museum is £4 for adults, £3 for children and over 60s, and free for under 3s.



Dorman Museum

Dorman Museum welcomes a new exhibition that offers an incredible insight into life aboard the Titanic. It's the first time the collection has been displayed in the North East and some of the objects on show have never previously been viewed by the public. The exhibition is open until September 3rd. Entry to the museum is free however, special exhibitions like the Titanic have tickets to be purchased. Advance tickets to the Titanic exhibition are £5, and can be bought online, free for under 5s or £16 for a group of 4. Tickets are £6 if bought in person on the day, free for under 5s or £20 for a group of 4.



Newham Grange Farm

Feed the animals and enjoy the playground at Newham Grange Farm. They have everything from pigs to wallabies. There is a great playground and plenty of picnic benches or, if you prefer, a lovely little café. Adult tickets are £5.30, Children under 2 Free, Children 2-16 £4.50, Senior citizens £4.50 or you can get a family ticket for £17.90.



Kirkleatham Museum & Owl Centre

Kirkleatham has much to offer with a museum, a playground, a café and a walled garden and of course the Kirkleatham Owl centre. Despite the name, Kirkleatham have more than just owls. They also have Meerkats, Vultures, Emu, Porcupine, Kookaburra and much more. Admission to Kirkleatham Museum is free. Occasionally there are charges for some of the touring exhibitions and events held at the site. The Owl Centre is £3.50 for adults, £2.00 for children under 16 and £3.00 or senior citizens.



12 Ways to Save Money on School Uniforms for September:

- 1. Buy second-hand:** Check local second-hand selling groups or use online platforms like Facebook Marketplace, Freecycle, Olio, Vinted, or eBay to find pre-loved uniform items.
- 2. Avoid multipacks:** Calculate the price per item and consider if you really need multiple sets of certain items before buying multipacks.
- 3. Buddy up:** Share multipack purchases with other parents or pass around clothes between families with children of different ages.
- 4. Size up:** Consider purchasing uniform items in a larger size to accommodate growth or look for "grow-proof" options with adjustable features.
- 5. Check for grants:** See if you qualify for school uniform grants available in your region, which can provide financial assistance.
- 6. Review the uniform policy:** Understand the school's uniform requirements before making any purchases to avoid unnecessary expenses.
- 7. Explore outlet stores:** Look for discounted school shoes and other items in online outlet stores of major retailers.
- 8. Make the uniform last longer:** Use a debobber to refresh worn wool jumpers and maintain the appearance of school shoes.
- 9. Label everything:** Reduce the chances of losing items by labelling them with your child's name using iron-on or sew-on labels or personalised name stamps.
- 10. Search for deals:** Take advantage of seasonal deals and discounts offered by retailers on school uniforms.
- 11. Use discount codes and loyalty apps:** Utilise shopping tools like Coupert and Pouch to find discount codes, and consider signing up for loyalty programs to access special offers.
- 12. Monitor sales:** Keep an eye out for seasonal sales to save on more expensive items like winter coats or purchase out-of-season items for future use.

EATING OUT

OVER SUMMER

(Discounts, deals and kids eat free!)

ASDA

Asda cafes

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day at Asda cafes with no adult spend required. This offer is on until September!

TESCO

Tesco cafes

Kids Eat Free with any purchase of 60p or more by an adult. A Clubcard is required. This offer lasts 24th July – 1st September.

Sainsbury's

Sainsburys cafes

Every child can get one hot meal or a packed lunch for £1 with every adult meal bought over £5.20. This offer is on daily from 11:30am.

Morrisons

Morrisons cafes

Kids eat free all day, everyday with every adult meal over £4.49.



TVED Book Awards 2023

This year was the third hosting of our annual book awards: a celebration of all things reading, where children from all ages in all of our academies come together to read, review and vote for their favourite contemporary literature.

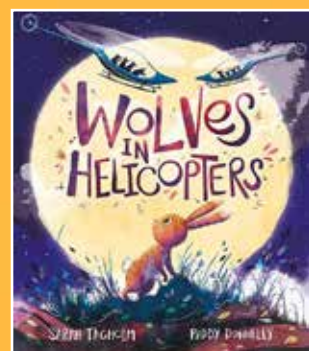
We had two categories this year, picture and chapter books, which meant that every pupil was able to enjoy some or all of the fantastic texts on our shortlist. We had books about a whole range of characters, and dealing with a huge scope of emotion – giving diverse, exciting and at times heartfelt messages which we hope will remain with the children.

We as a trust believe that reading is at the very heart of all we do, and understand the importance of reading for pleasure as a life skill, as well as a means to research, relax or escape to another world. We strive to find the perfect book for all our children, and the book awards is an amazing opportunity to bring engaging new authors into our classrooms.

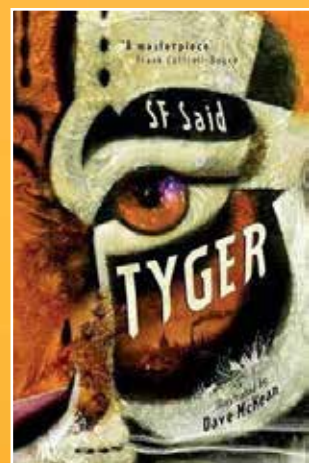
This year's awards were held at Middlesbrough Football Club, and gave the chance to reward our very best readers with a morning of reading including: video sessions with each author; interactive quizzes; children's

prizes and ultimately the unveiling of our winning texts for 2023: *Tyger* by SF Said and *Wolves in Helicopters* by Sarah Tagholm – both worthy winners after over 1200 votes from across our five schools.

A huge thank you to our whole trust community for the support you give to reading, and we are even more excited to see what next year holds, and to bring even more fantastic books into our academies!



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Diamond Standard Awards 2023

'Shine bright like a diamond'

The Trust Diamond Standards are something we are all immensely proud about.

It was a privilege to witness so many children, colleagues and families recognised across each of the Diamond Standards as part of our recent summer awards ceremony.

We were delighted to make the event extra special this year with the help of Professor Dorothy Newbury-Birch.

Professor Newbury-Birch, Professor of Alcohol and Public Health Research at Teesside University, said, **"It was such a privilege speaking at the Diamond Awards and hearing of the achievements of both children and staff across the academies. They are a great inspiration to their communities"**

Children, staff, parents, carers and community representatives being amazing in any of the four areas deserve the public recognition for making our academies, the Trust and our wider communities a better place.

We are all diamonds: none of us start off polished, but with the right environment, time, support and development we become brilliant.

A deserved congratulations to all of the finalists including the overall winners who have been recognised for their additional dedication in the academic year 2022-23.

It was very difficult to choose winners this year due to there being so many prospective award winners. This truly is a hall of fame of our winners. Our winners, alongside all of those individuals that have been nominated, are shining diamonds across our communities.



Jax Royer
Curiosity
Winner



Lynne Wood
Care
Winner



Lexi Robinson
Courage
Winner



Gideon Aje
Commitment
Winner



Ismail Gulnawaz
Overall Child
Winner



Becky Hill
Overall Adult
Winner



Thomas Tufnell
Karen Gleave Legacy Award
Winner



Activities for children

Summer word search

Search for the summer words hidden in the puzzle.

SEA
SWIM
BEACH
SUNGLASSES
ICE CREAM
SUNSHINE
HOLIDAY
SWIMSUIT
SUMMER
WAVES
TRAVEL
HOT



Spot the difference

There are **6 differences** in the two pictures below. Can you find them all?

