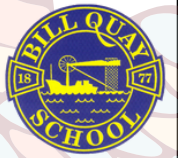




# Spring Newsletter



## Bill Quay Primary School

### SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Our Y5/6 football team is currently playing the last few games in the Angel View League. They have shown excellent teamwork and resilience during this competition. During one game, they managed to score 6 goals!



The girls in Year 2 went to Gateshead Stadium and participated in a football festival. A special well done to Violet and Andie, who won a pin badge for designing a football and strip.



### DANCE FESTIVAL

In March, our students performed at The Glass House in Gateshead. They performed a routine to Barbie and they were absolutely fantastic! A big thank you to Mrs Lennon and Miss Scott for teaching dance.



### STEM WEEK

Pupils across school enjoyed participating in a range of different activities to mark STEM Week, which had a theme of 'Change and Adapt' this year. In addition to live lessons and interactive workshops, pupils carried out some practical investigations. Year 4 looked at which items we could flush and which we should bin. Wet wipes should definitely be binned!



## MUSIC ACROSS SCHOOL

It's been another packed term music-wise! All our classes have done lots of singing, and Reception Class has been investigating the sounds of different kinds of drums, while Year 1 have been learning about the C Scale, counting carefully and making music on the theme of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Year 2 have learnt how to play Djembe drums this term, while Year 3 have had their first taste of playing penny whistles. Year 4 have continued to learn to play the recorder and Years 5 and 6 have both continued to play the ukulele. All of our classes have used their instruments to improvise and compose as well. Outside of lessons, our school choir rehearsed and recorded a song as part of a virtual choir. Our video contribution was edited into the final mix which was then shown at the beginning of the MOBO Awards at Newcastle Arena in February. You can watch the finished video [here](#). Year 5 learnt how to write a rap, and wrote their own on the theme of 'Friendship and Sport'. This was part of a Gateshead School Sports Partnership Project which was also a competition, and we found out at the beginning of April that we have won! We've been invited to perform the rap at an Awards Evening in July, which is very exciting.



In January, 12 pupils began learning to play brass instruments and have done amazingly well! After just eight lessons they were able to play together in an ensemble. Bill Quay Brass Band made its debut on 1st April in our Spring Music Showcase at Heworth Grange, where 66 pupils sang, played piano, guitar and brass instruments on the big stage in their theatre. It was an amazing performance by everyone involved, and all the staff who were there were incredibly proud of each child who took part. We are absolutely delighted that our school has been selected as the Lead Primary School for Music for the whole of Gateshead. Our pupils all work so hard at all aspects of their music-making and we're excited to be able to share some of our experiences with other schools over the next 18 months. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Kitson for all her hard work in teaching music throughout school and organising the showcase.

## OPAL PLAY

The children are continuing to enjoy our OPAL lunchtimes. This term we have started to open the loose parts zone. So far, we have baskets, tyres and wooden planks. The children have been very creative and have built a raft and a pirate ship. If you have anything you would like to donate to our loose parts zone, please send it in!



## RECEPTION

Reception enjoyed a visit to West Boldon Lodge. Despite the wet weather, the children participated in a minibeast hunt and pond dipping. In the afternoon, they worked as a team to build a den then planted some sunflower seeds.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 have had great fun this term creating a sliding book as part of DT. We then designed our own moving storybook of Humpty Dumpty.



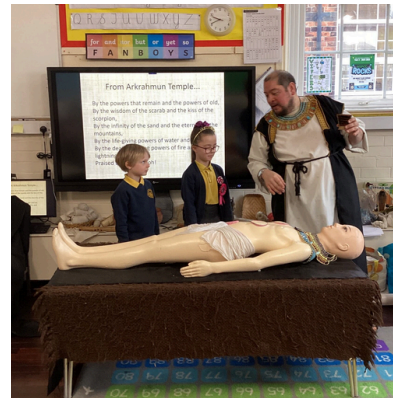
## YEAR 2

This term, Year 2 visited the Laing Art Gallery to take part in a workshop about line. We even had time to explore the gallery and look at some of the paintings. The children had a fab day!



## YEAR 3

The children had a great morning learning about all things Egyptian from 'That History Bloke'. We learnt about mummification, how to write our name in hieroglyphics and also learnt an Egyptian game, which we love to play during wet play.



## YEAR 4

Year 4 have enjoyed making poison dart frogs in their DT lessons. They used a template to cut out the fabric, sewed the sections together then filled them with lentils. They look fabulous!



## YEAR 5

This term Year 5 have worked with the local Bowling club and Pride Media centre to produce our own TikTok videos. We had to learn all of the different techniques of how to film and edit short videos. We had several visits to the club and met a variety of people who we had to get to know and film with.



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been developing their tennis skills through coaching sessions led by Boldon Tennis Club. In science, they went looking for invertebrates in the school garden to closely observe, draw and then classify. They had great fun in the process.



## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Pupils have had great fun in the approach to Easter! There were some wonderfully creative eggs on show during our egg decoration days. At our Easter Fun Day, pupils enjoyed a range of activities such as biscuit decorating, boules and an egg and spoon obstacle course.

