



Spring Newsletter



Bill Quay Primary School

VEX SUCCESS

For the second year running, our fantastic VEX iQ team, South Bank Tyners, have qualified for the VEX World Championships in Dallas, Texas! The team has worked tirelessly on their robot throughout the year and pupils were narrowly pipped for first place at the national championships a few weeks ago. We wish them every success in Dallas when they go in May. A big thank you to Mrs Dye for leading and coaching the team, and many congratulations on winning VEX UK Teacher of the Year!

If you would like to support their fundraising efforts, please check out their GoFundMe page.



DANCE FESTIVAL

Last week, our KS2 dance crew took to the stage at the Glasshouse International Centre for Music. The girls worked hard in our after school club to help choreograph and learn the routine. We were all very proud of them and their amazing performance, even though we did have to wait until the very end to perform! A big thank you to Mrs Lennon and Mrs Robinson for teaching dance.



SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Pupils have participated in a range of sporting activities over the term, including hockey for Years 3 and 4 and multi-skills for Year 2. Our football team is looking forward to the start of the Spring cup soon and they hope to continue their winning streak!

MUSIC ACROSS SCHOOL

It's been another full term of music at Bill Quay! Reception class has had fun using drums and chime bars to investigate rhythm, pulse and pitch, while Year 1 has been composing bird melodies inspired by 'The Lark Ascending'. Year 2 pupils have been learning about the 12-bar blues and writing some song words, and Year 3 children have been learning some Tyneside folk songs. Pupils in Year 4 have become even better at playing the recorder, while Year 5 have played ukuleles and djembe drums - not both at the same time! - and Year 6 have also played ukuleles and learnt about some Women in Music. Our term was capped off in wonderful style on Tuesday at Heworth Grange, where our choir, pianists, guitarists and recorder ensemble gave an absolutely fantastic performance in our Spring Music Showcase. We were incredibly proud of all those who took part. A huge well done to everyone! We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Kitson for all her hard work in teaching music throughout school and organising the showcase.



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We have sadly had to bid farewell to two longstanding members of the Bill Quay family this term. With 35 years of service between them, we are saying a fond farewell to our fantastic Higher Level Teaching Assistants, Mrs Adams and Mrs Burrell. Both have embraced a number of roles over their time with us including parents, governors and valued members of staff. We wish them both every success and happiness in the future.

RECEPTION

Reception class recently visited West Boldon Lodge, where they pond dipped, did a mini beast hunt and took part in den building. They even enjoyed toasting marshmallows around a camp fire!



YEAR 1

Year 1 has had lots of fun this term dressing up as book characters, visiting community farms and doing a tremendous amount of learning!



YEAR 2

Year 2 has had a fun packed spring term, during which they have all worked extremely hard. One of their highlights was World Book Day, where they explored lots of different authors and thought about who their favourite was. They also took part in live lessons and had lots of fun dressing up as their favourite characters!



YEAR 3

Year 3 had a fantastic morning learning about Egyptians with 'That History Bloke'. They learned about mummification and even had a go at mummifying their partner! They also learned how to write their name in hieroglyphics and played a popular Egyptian board game.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have been enjoying a range of STEM activities this term. They took part in the Primary Engineering project, where they had to build their own electric vehicles. They have also been busy building VEX GO robots too.



YEAR 5

This term, Year 5 have enjoyed developing their skills of team work planning and communication during Commando Joe's sessions. They also enjoyed their visit to the Hindu temple, where they learned about Hindu gods and how to pray.



YEAR 6

During science week, the theme of which was "Time", Year 6 measured their reaction times by catching a ruler released by a partner. They also created their own water clocks by timing the flow of water from a container and marking the water levels at one-minute intervals. They then used their water clocks to measure the passing of time.



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Pupils have had great fun in the approach to Easter! They unleashed their creative sides to make some truly wonderful eggs on our annual egg decoration days. At our Easter Fun Day, pupils enjoyed a range of activities such as an Easter assault course, biscuit decorating and even some boules.

