

## Headteacher comments

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Form

Students in 16 – 19 provision have had a jam packed term developing independence skills, gardening, learning about jobs on a farm and exploring local forest adventure courses. We are learning about different outdoor jobs as well as how to become more independent as we approach adulthood. We also working hard and making great progress in communication and self regulation, developing skills to stay calm. We are continuing with core skills in maths and English such as telling the time and using money in between all our exciting coursework such as baking Divali pitta breads on an open fire.



### S2

This term we have loved learning about how to apply for jobs /college and what to do /wear in an interview. We have been reading and writing job applications and college prospectus'.

We have enjoyed our PE lessons and worked hard on our fitness.

Michael has visited to teach us lots about how to use different programmes on the laptops. We are getting better at using Word, Publisher and Power Point. We made posters for the Christmas fair and have made photo collages of our outdoor education sessions for our books. In DT, Phil came in and taught us about designing and engineers. We used the computers to design a car.

He then printed it on a 3D printer. We added wheels and raced them, to see which car was the most aerodynamic.



We have also been canoeing, indoor climbing and orienteering for our outdoor education. It has been great fun and have learnt lots about team work and being brave.

We learnt all about first aid and how to help people if they were really poorly. We practised putting people in the recovery position, how to bandage them if they had cut themselves and also how to help someone if they were choking.

We have painted some pictures of the River

Derwent in the same style as Peter Hemming, a local artist from Durham, and we've enjoyed learning how to use different paint techniques and mixing colours to make paintings look more realistic.





**P2CE**

We had a fantastic half term with lots of trips and fun. P2CE had three Outdoor Education Session with Wings. We've been very lucky to go canoeing on the sunniest autumn day. We were all sweating as we paddled up and down the River Tyne.

However, the students' favourite activity was the adapted bike when they could try various bikes.



Our class also spent a day in Tesco to support our Signing Choir and help fundraising and we went around the supermarket to learn about jobs and interviewed some workers. It was a great day.

The crown on the events was the Orchestra of the Age of

Enlightenment visiting our class to practice our performance The Fairy Queen. The production will take place in January at Trinity School.



**P3A**



## S1CE

Senior 1 CE had a wonderful visit from Westway Vets. They brought scout the dog with them and all the pupils listened to his heartbeat using the stethoscope.

We also looked at different x-ray pictures and used our picture prompt sheet to find which animal it was, we were all very good at guessing.



## S1A

The students went canoeing at Hexham Green Northumberland. We all had a great day rowing down the River Tyne.



We visited Broom House Farm as part of a careers project. Students explored the farm and found out about various job roles within a working farm. We also went orienteering at Plessy Woods in Northumberland. Students practiced their map reading skills, team building and den building.



## F1A

F1A children have all settled in well to our class and made great progress. Our topic this half term is Woodland animals. We have made marks in shaving foam with small world animals and made some fantastic art work; squirrels and hedgehogs.



We continue to build up our literacy skills, independent choosing of books, reading books together and for some reading of simple words. We also had a visit from our 'Seven Stories Resident Reader – Elena'. Elena led a fantastic interactive story about a wolf and bear. The children really enjoyed all the props that brought it to life; scrunching material for snow, torches on snowflakes and smelling wood to name a few.



A highlight of this term was definitely our visit to Hamsterley Forest. We enjoyed walking through the woods and looking at trees, leaves and even sheep. We also enjoyed climbing, running and swinging in the play park.



## P1CE

This term P1CE have had some very exciting experiences with WINGS, climbing and biking was enjoyed by all. But we don't just have fun in P1CE, Niamh and Isobel have worked very hard in Maths with Big and Small, while Ava and Paige have worked very hard in ICT exploring and activating images and sounds



Of course at this time of year we have all enjoyed some festive fun through arts and crafts, helping out at the school fair, rocking our Christmas jumpers and going on a trip to see the Christmas lights and a visit to see Santa at the Metrocentre.



Also a huge thank you to Ava's mam for walking up Ben Nevis to raise funds towards a new loo seat and Kathryn for donating proceeds of her party towards the sensory garden.



## P2A

We have had a fantastic Autumn term in P2A. Everyone has settled well into the new classroom and new routine.

We made a new friend from Seven Stories called Eleana. She came into our class to do some story telling sessions which we all loved! Our favourite was called 'Lifesize' which was all about different animals – we loved going under the sea and having bubbles blown at us! One of the highlights of the term was our visit to Blyth beach. We collected different types of rocks and sorted them into categories. We even had some time to put our artistic talents to good use – don't we take a good class picture.



## PE

Primary Pupils have enjoyed a Christmas Sports Day, competing between classes in games of Santa Boccia and Snowman Skittles.



Our three new Senior Sports Leaders completed their first training day at Spennymoor Leisure Centre in November, learning the skills required to become a good leader. They planned and led games of Boccia and they have since returned to the Leisure Centre to help organise and to lead a School Games Primary Boccia Competition.



## P1

In P1 we have been getting ready for Christmas. We decorated the class tree with lots of hand-made decorations; some we even sold some at the school fair

In science we have been exploring our senses. We talked about what smells, tastes and textures we liked and didn't like. We loved getting messy!



## P1A

Primary 1A enjoyed seven stories. They loved interacting with all the props and joined in. We have enjoyed exploring books this term and mark making has been a favourite .



## P2

What a super time we've had this term in Primary 2. As we head towards the Christmas festivities it's great to look back at some of the great achievements we have celebrated. We've visited the local library, been canoeing on the Tyne and have learned about rivers and Ancient Egypt. Each week our swimming skills improve and we also have represented the school at different sporting events. A great first term together- we wish you a merry Christmas and that 2019 brings us more happy memories with our friends at Villa Real.



## Governor's News

*Elizabeth Bailey* Chair of Governors



### Meet Caroline Givens parent governor

I became a Parent Governor in November 2018. I am a mum of 3 girls and my youngest, Tara, joined the school in September 2018 aged 4. I have joined the Personnel Committee and, with my background in HR and Training in the NHS, I believe I have a lot to offer in this area. I feel honoured to have become a member of the governing body and am passionate about ensuring that we continue to strive for the very best for our children in all we do.



Hi All,

We would like to send a massive thank you to all of our Parents, Carers, Staff and pupils for making this year's Christmas Fair so special! The final total of monies raised was £682 .

