



Another exceptionally busy term throughout the whole school!

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The whole school marked the **Coronation of King Charles III** and **Westfield Day** as a joint event.

Mr Walker delivered his assembly and we paid special tribute to the school's 63rd birthday and King Charles' Coronation with a celebratory cake cut by Nyasha, our Head Girl and one of our oldest pupils in the school and Ella, one of our youngest pupils.

After a lovely BBQ lunch in our grounds, Junior House pupils enjoyed a Coronation - themed afternoon of crafts, games and quizzes.



Nyasha and Ella cut the cake with Headmaster Mr. Walker.



Introducing our new Head Girl and Deputy



After an official process of application, interview and presentation to the whole school, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Georgia as Head Girl and Olivia as Deputy Head Girl. They take over from Nyasha and Siel who will soon be heading off on the next exciting stage of their lives.

"I was so pleased to become Head Girl and take on the responsibility of such a significant role in Westfield's community. I can't wait to prove myself as a role model to the younger pupils and I look forward to fully embracing my new role in September."

Georgia.



and Westfield Day



Teddy Bears' Picnic

We were delighted to welcome our visitors (new pupils, parents and family members) to our Teddy Bears' Picnic, when new girls joining BrightStart in September, met and played with our current pupils. The sun was shining and the atmosphere in our grounds was absolutely amazing.

Mrs Pocock, Early Years Teacher





Life cycles

This term, we have been learning about life cycles and it has been so exciting to have baby chicks join us. They arrived in an incubator and we spent time listening and watching the eggs hatch, to help welcome the chicks arrival. The girls named them Natasha, Richard, Bluey, Bingo, Spot and Tofu. The chicks gave us a great project to focus on in literacy and numeracy, eg weighing and measuring the chicks and comparing them to everyday objects such as pebbles and beads. Some of the girls even predicted that Bluey would grow to weigh the same as twenty pebbles!

The girls have really impressed us by writing their own chick-hatching diaries and drawing matching diagrams with simple labels and captions.

We also enjoyed looking after some baby caterpillars and watching them transform into beautiful butterflies! It was very exciting when we released our butterflies into the wild during one of our weekly Forest School sessions.

Tyne and Wear Fire Rescue Service

This term we have been lucky enough to enjoy two separate visits from the Fire Service! Firefighter Nicola came to teach us all about how to 'Stop, drop and roll' and also about the role of fire-rescue dogs. Later in the term, the team from Gosforth Fire Station arrived in style in one of their fire engines! The girls were able to spray water from the hose, try on the firefighters' kit - including a real-life oxygen mask! and even sit in the front of the fire engine, just like the driver!



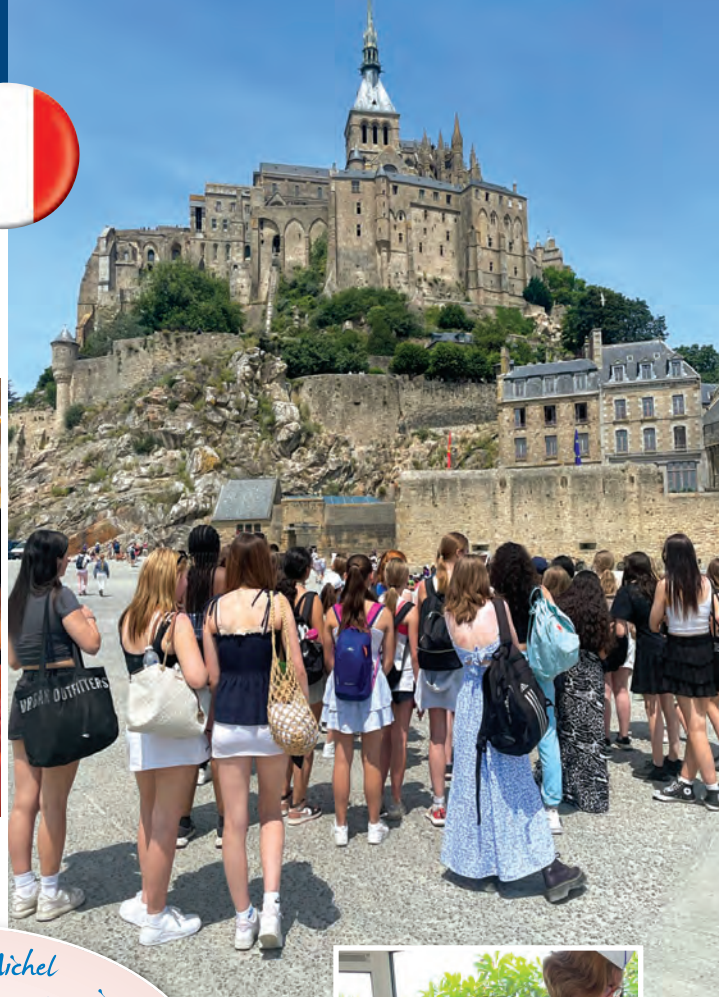
Normandy



Over 30 girls from Lower 4 to Lower 5 set off for a cultural trip to **Château de la Baudonnière** in Normandy, France.

This was a fantastic opportunity for anyone already studying or thinking of studying GCSE French, as they not only immersed themselves in the language but they learned a lot about the history and traditions of the local area.

The following is a summary of quotes provided by Billie, Gracie and Emily M.



I absolutely loved the food there! There was a huge variety of fresh produce like fish, chicken and vegetables and it was all delicious; we also got to have a go at baking. There was always lots of fresh baguettes, croissants, tarts, madeleines and donuts

Mont Saint-Michel was beautiful. It has an amazing church in the middle of the town on a tiny island just off the Normandy coast. We had to be very quiet in the church and make sure we listened to the history lesson (translated by Madame Harty and Madame Boyce)

I loved the market! It had a lovely atmosphere and all the local produce looked amazing. I just wanted to challenge myself by asking for and ordering what I wanted in French. I was very impressed with how much I could actually say when I was put in that situation

I tried the snails which I actually quite enjoyed. They were garlicky and herby and I really didn't mind the texture.



Parlez vous Français?

STEM NEWS

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths



Investigating the colours in fireworks

KS3 Science Club

The KS3 Science Club got off to a great start this term! Hend and I now have a few girls who attend each week and they genuinely look forward to it. I believe that the main reason for this is that we centre the club around making it a calm and fun place to learn. Whatever the girls want to do, we'll do. Recently they expressed an interest in Psychology so we created sessions based around this, mimicking being in a classroom taught by an actual teacher, except it's much more relaxed and fun! It's a really nice environment where we get to know the girls properly. Hurray to ending this year off with a bang!!

Asiya, STEM Prefect



Amber talks about her role at Sterling Pharma Solutions

Outreach Day

Our second out of three outreach days took place on Tuesday 6th June and we welcomed girls from 4 local primary schools: Westerhope, St Aidan's Catholic, Ponteland and Simonside Primary Schools.

The girls took part in a carousel of activities ranging from firework making, engineering and psychology tasks.

They also received talks from Amber, a scientist from local pharmaceutical company, Sterling Pharma Solutions, as well as a talk from Mr Brend, a real life Marine Biologist who is heading up an ocean conservation project called 'The Wild Oyster' project.

We will be welcoming girls from Lemington Riverside, St Cuthbert's and Beech Hill Primary school on the

4th July for our third and final STEM day of the year.

Our partnership and outreach programme has been reaching new heights recently, particularly with the 'Further Maths' classes which have attracted over ten local secondary schools enabling them to access a subject that is not offered to them at their own schools.

Food and Nutrition

The food room is always bright and colourful but in the summer term it is exceptionally vibrant.

Upper 3 are now confident enough to follow a recipe independently to make a full meal; Lower 4 embraced the 5 a day challenge using complex knife skills to create colourful summer fruit tarts; and Upper 4, preparing for GCSE, made some zesty jaffa cakes! Lower 5 completed their mock exam by producing a two course meal in two hours. Upper 5 and Lower 6 all achieved grade 7 to 9 in their final practical exams this year and I am so proud of the dishes they produced, from homemade cheese in a ravioli dish, Mille Feuille and vegan meringues to deboning chickens for Mexican flatbreads.



Tilly prepared a fruit tart.



Lexie enjoys her homemade smoothie.



Lower 5 Food Challenge

As part of our Stretch and Challenge, Lower 5 were challenged to design, create and advertise a new vegan recipe box. Dr Corbin and I were extremely impressed with the management, organisation, cooking, graphic design, budgeting and marketing that was involved with this task. The girls worked together to produce some very professional results. One group created an impressive 'child friendly' box and another an environment focused box.



Eve and Lydia preparing their recipe.

Healthy Eating Week

Volunteers across the school helped to organise and run Healthy Eating week, a national initiative to improve and encourage Healthy Eating in schools. They did a superb job of this and presented an assembly to the school. Each day had a different theme and we ran a high fibre bake sale, smoothie making to encourage 5 a day, chickpea snacks to try plant-based proteins, hydration stations with fruit infused water to encourage drinking 6-8 glasses of water per day and, finally, a food waste cooking competition to highlight the issue of food waste.



Agnes and Laura are the 'Recipe Box' finance team.



Raise awareness for Refugee Week

On Monday 19th June, our UNESCO ambassadors delivered an emotional assembly to explain and celebrate the meaning of 'Compassion' as part of Refugee Week's 25th anniversary.

It highlighted a need for the earth's people to be compassionate, not just to ourselves and those in our immediate circle, but to all our neighbours and to everyone in our one shared home, planet Earth.

On Thursday of the same week, everyone proudly wore a 'Refugee Week' sticker and wore something bright and colourful for a non-uniform fundraising day in aid of Refugee Week.



Lower 5 joined BrightStart in Forest School.

The whole school marked Refugee Week by wearing bright colours



Polly the colourful parrot



Round Square Adventure Race



On the weekend starting Friday 28th of April we took part in lots of team activities against other Round Square schools. The activities included: bike riding, orienteering, running and swimming. We all got on really well and supported each other in every event 'The lake was really, really cold so we had to get our bodies acclimatized to the water before we could actually swim'

'We were laughing when this picture was taken as we were the only ones ready to go with our swim caps on'.

Kate H and Charlotte, Lower 5.



Music through summer



This term, pupils have been trying out a range of different instruments and performing as ensembles. A firm favourite instrument has been the Ukulele in Lower 4 and the Boomwhacker in Year 3.

Pupils from the Senior Choir and a few of our Year 6 students joined with the boys from NSB in a joint Choral Day led by Len Young, a talented composer and conductor. The pupils sang in a four part harmony, learning four songs from scratch in one day! The Summer Soirée was also a great success when pupils from across the school stood up and performed for parents and special guests.

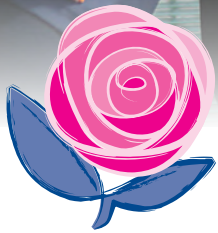
Finally, our Junior House choir learnt a number of songs representing their Round Square Discovery Heroes. They researched and wrote paragraphs about their favourite hero and explained their reasons for choosing them. This was a lovely morning and Junior House students really excelled, learning five songs and performing them beautifully in front of their mums, dads and grandparents.

Miss Masters





A summer of Sport



Senior House Sports Day 2023

It has truly been a busy term of sport; we are so proud of everyone's achievements inside and outside of school.

See our social media pages for up to date news on all our sporting achievements as and when it happens.

For all up to date news on individual sporting achievements head to our social media channels on



3 legs are better than 2



Heeeave ho!



It's in the bag!

Hawkhirst

Other Sporting achievements



Rugby



Our Y9 girls made it to the final at Sixways Stadium in Worcester for the final of the Touch 2 Twickenham mixed touch tournament.



Rowing

Isabel competed in the Die Ellis Trophy in Henley.



Riding

Darcy in Reception had a successful weekend in her pony trials.

Junior House (KS2) residential in beautiful Kielder where girls set off for an outdoor adventure full of fun challenges and new experiences.



"One of my favourite activities was the one when we used the bell boats; I thought we looked like hockey players by the time we had put on our buoyancy aids and helmets. Paddling was a bit tricky as the water kept pushing against my paddle but I really enjoyed it, especially when we finally arrived at the island and played hide and seek. I loved singing around the campfire on the first night; there were some weird songs like 'I have a mango' but I had so much fun singing with my friends. The whole trip was amazing." **Anna**

"I just loved the zip wire! I've done something like that before but I just loved the speed at which I moved. It was so exciting!" **Islay**

"I loved Jacob's Ladder; it was such fun hanging off it." **Molly**

"I just love water, so my favourite was running and jumping off the pier; the water was freezing but I really enjoyed the whole experience." **Lily**



Duke of Edinburgh **BRONZE** award



I am currently doing my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. I think Duke of Edinburgh is a great opportunity which helps build teamwork, problem solving skills, leadership and lots more. Recently, we completed our practice expedition out near Alnwick,

Northumberland. This involved six hours of walking on the Saturday, a night camping and six hours of walking on the Sunday. Although the practice expedition was challenging at times (walking in the heat and trying to scramble over some tricky fences),

it was lots of fun and we managed to achieve the goals we set. The assessed expedition is just around the corner and I'm really looking forward to it!
Lydia, Lower 5.



And finally... *Farewell* to our Upper 5 and Upper 6 leavers

Upper 5



Upper 6



Mocktails and afternoon tea



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