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Online with St George's College in Peru

Spanish speaking students, Eva and Aminah, joined a wonderful online session with students from St George's College in Lima, Peru.

"I really enjoyed meeting the students; it was a bit strange at first but after a little while we managed to get some good dialogue going"

Aminah, Upper 4



Upper 5 explore Newcastle

As a post exam wind-down activity together, Upper 5 spent the morning exploring a 'Discovery trail' of Newcastle City Centre.

The girls had to follow clues to find and take photos of certain parts of the city which are of cultural and historical interest. The girls were fantastic in reaching each target point and it was a lovely way to end the academic year before they break up for the summer.

Big Sister Little Sister



After an overnight camp in school, Upper 3 girls joined their Lower 6 Big Sisters for a fun trip up to Northumberlandia.

It was a nice change of scenery to do some Forest School activities outside Westfield and explore the landscape of The Lady of the North.

The girls built shelters, constructed Elder bead bracelets, played Ghosts in the Graveyard and Capture the Flag.





UNESCO

World Water Day 22nd March



The March lockdown meant the original event of World Water Day had to be postponed but our UNESCO team representatives were keen to mark the day so 23rd June became Westfield World Water Day. Each class has been growing cress in a little cup with varying amounts of water and it has been very interesting to see the difference in 'growth' rate between 1ml of water compared to 20ml. Everyone was asked to wear something blue and the girls took part in a water race at lunchtime. The race involved girls and staff having to negotiate an obstacle course whilst carrying cups of water and trying not to spill any. The winner was the team which managed to spill the least!

Primary Leaders Award

There have been some amazing inventions submitted from our Junior House girls for this annual competition that normally culminates in a display at The Discovery Museum. Due to Covid restrictions, this year's exhibition will be done via a virtual display

Well done to Olivia and Meg who were awarded Distinctions and shortlisted for the final round. Look out on Westfield Facebook for details on how to see the virtual display.

'My invention is called 'Dentifier'. It's a special toothbrush which has a built-in sensor; the sensor picks up lots of information about my teeth and sends it directly to the dentist. This means that if you have a problem with your teeth, you could get it seen to quicker.' Olivia

'Mine is called Duck Detector'. It's a special floating duck that can detect oil and pollutants in lakes and ponds. It's got a vibrant colour across the top, just so that duck shooters don't shoot mine!' Meg



Happy Birthday Westfield



Westfield
CELEBRATE
60
YEARS

On Friday 14th May, we celebrated our 60th birthday.

It was a really special day for us and it was nice to come together and remind ourselves about the school's ethos and how we are all members of the Westfield family who we look out for and care for each other. We bid farewell to our Upper 5 and Upper 6 who were about to go on study leave. We also introduced our new Head Girl, Katie Collyer and Deputy, Sophie Dryden, to the whole school.

Assemblies took place in separate bubbles and we all enjoyed a slice of cake and BBQ lunch in our lovely grounds.

As part of the celebration, Mrs Locks organised for a series of 'Classic tunes from the Sixties' to be filmed and rolled out on social media. If you missed them, they are still available to view and enjoy on Westfield FB and Twitter.

Niamh accompanied 'Songs of the 60s'.



Celebrations included lunch on the lawn



Early Years

Early Years have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the natural world this term.

We collected tadpoles from our school pond and watched them grow and change into froglets then tiny frogs.

For the first time we were lucky enough to watch one of our Painted Lady Butterflies hatch from its cocoon. It was very exciting but the most exciting event was setting our butterflies free in the garden! The girls were amazed at how high butterflies can fly. Our reception girls recorded the life cycle of butterflies in a non-fiction book and made wonderful observational drawings for the front cover.

Our vegetable patch is growing well and we should soon be able to harvest baby carrots, potatoes and strawberries.

We all had a wonderful time at the Early Years Teddy Bears' Picnic too. The weather was wonderful and our outdoor area looked amazing.

We still have lots of exciting events to look forward to including our EY and KS1 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse during enrichment week.

Mrs Alexanders



Beau-Florence taking care of Freddie



Freddie the froglet



Rosie tending to her carrots



Perfect potatoes

Teddy Bears' Picnic





The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

QUALIFYING

The girls in Lower 5 completed their qualifying expedition during the weekend of 19th June. Here they are at the finishing point in the beautiful village of Romaldkirk in Teesdale.

The girls impressed the assessor with their resilience and determination; given that their training programme had been reduced due to Covid, they should all be proud of what they have achieved.

Mrs Harris

The practice walks took place along the Northumberland coast in Craster and Shaftoe Crag back in April and May. Huge congratulations to them all and a big thank you to Mrs Carton, Miss Graham and Mrs Harris for giving up their time to accompany the girls on their expedition.

Romaldkirk

Adventures in Teesdale and on the Northumberland Coast.

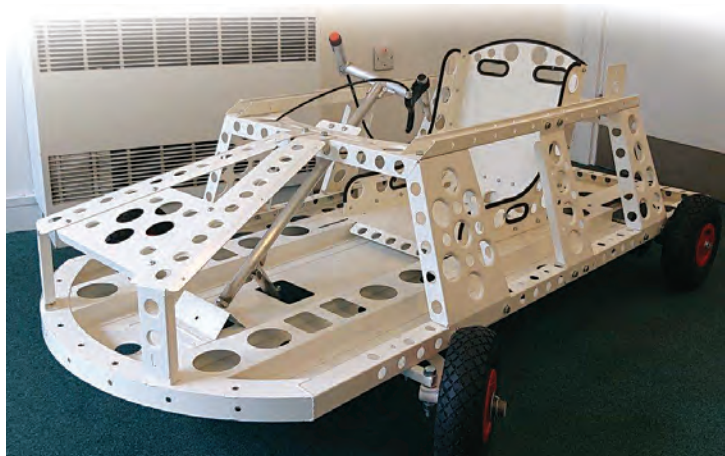


'The Westfield Whizzer' AKA 'Billie'

Can you guess the driver?

Junior House girls have been meeting every Wednesday after school to build from scratch their own Green Power Energy car. The kit was won by Billie (in Upper 3) who, last year, entered and won The Green Power Car Challenge with her fantastic entry on, her vision of, how we will travel in 2050. The competition was run by the Engineering Department at Newcastle University.

The finishing touches are being made now to the Westfield Whizzer and the girls will be travelling down to Sunderland Greyhound Stadium for the race against other competitors from the North East. Look out on the school's Facebook page for updates.



Les Olympiques des Animaux

Girls from Transition to Upper 3 were delighted to welcome Théâtre sans Frontières back to Westfield on the 21st June in order to celebrate the Tokyo Olympics with their production, 'Les Olympiques des Animaux'.

Lower 3 and Upper 2 participated in workshops with the actors prior to the performance, creating two scenes that were incorporated into the final production for the rest of the audience to watch.

Through live action, comedy, puppets and catchy songs, Lion, Rabbit, Horse, Whale and Elephant, from five different French speaking countries, participated in an exciting pentathlon, consisting of: running; cycling; swimming; rowing and long jump.

Madame Collier



**Théâtre
sans
Frontières**



Extra-Curricular Clubs



Gardening Club

Gardening Club is comprised of KS2 girls who gather each Thursday after school to help look after our school grounds. Activities this term have included: emptying and cleaning the greenhouse, weeding and tidying different areas around school and caring for our raised beds. The girls have planted wild flower seeds, tomatoes, cucumbers and a variety of beans. Many of the wild flowers are now in bud and we can't wait to see the variety of plants which will add a wonderful splash of colour to our beautiful school grounds.

Mrs Alexanders



After School Football

The girls have learnt how to play a small sided (like 5-a-side) game and they have all improved their skills and knowledge of the game. Special shout out to Natasha who has demonstrated some amazing game play just with her attitude and perseverance.

Mr Drake



Fun Games Club with Early Years and Transition.

We have had such fun this term exploring some new games in the warmer weather.

The girls have been so enthusiastic in their approach and enjoyed competing against their peers in traditional team games, adhering to the rules and showing a superb team spirit.

We have invented our own team games and used a variety of equipment. Different forms of "Tag" have proved extremely popular, with some excellent dodging and speedy running to avoid being caught. Circle games, to further develop spatial awareness, have been popular and using the teddies made it all the more fun! Lots of shrieks, screams and laughter could be heard as the girls showed their excitement and enjoyment!

Mrs McKeating



Sports 'Fun Day'

In a nice change from the usual Sports Day that would have normally have taken place at Monkton stadium, Miss B organised a Sports "Fun Day" in the school grounds. Everyone got behind their house, with activities ranging from goal kicking to wheelbarrow, sack and balloon racing. The sun shone and everyone was in great spirits; even Mr Russell and Mr Dunn had a go at the water balloons [at each other!]



Sports Day

House Captains' report

Whilst slightly different, sports day this year was still fun packed and competitive as ever. As Wansbeck House Captain I was very impressed with the effort all the girls in our House put into all the activities. Unfortunately, due to bubbles I could not be there to see and support the girls as I would have wished, but it was clear not only from the results, but from the larger activities that could be viewed by the whole school – such as the water challenge and the tug-of-war, that Wansbeck really tried their hardest and the efforts paid off with our House coming a respectable second place.

I have very much enjoyed being House Captain for Wansbeck this year, and hope all the hard work and effort carries on into next year when, hopefully, we can get back to some sort of normality and have an equally enjoyable sports day.

Safia - Wansbeck



This year it has been a pleasure to be House Captains of Tweed House. We've taken part in several events, the one Katie and I are most proud of is Tweed winning sports day with 863 points reflecting the girls' enthusiasm to partake. We had several girls from Tweed House take part in the UNESCO water race, educating the girls on the difficulties of collecting water in areas such as Africa and presenting to them how fortunate they are. This went with their participation in inter-house sports tournaments, with us once again winning several events. We've had several meetings over the terms coming up with some good ideas for activities in activities week.

*Abbey and Katie –
Tweed*



This year I have thoroughly enjoyed being House Captain of Coquet and I have loved how my House has always been so keen to put ideas forward and get involved and this was shown on sports day. Sports day was very beneficial for us as a school as it brought us back together and it allowed us to all work as a team. It was amazing to see how enthusiastic everyone was and how we all got involved in all the activities. I also really loved how this year, there were more fun races and activities involved like the football goals in a minute activity.

Overall, I believe everyone's highlight of the day was seeing the water fight between Mr Russell and Mr Dunn!

Emily - Coquet



Food and Nutrition

This term, the girls have been getting back into the routine of regular cooking and also developing a wide range of skills.

Key Stage 3 have been focusing on food hygiene and safety, including how to avoid food poisoning during storage, and the preparation and cooking of food. Upper 4 have also been developing their knowledge of food provenance and we have had some lively debates around the ethical and moral issues of how we source our food.

The girls have enjoyed creating some delicious dishes and hopefully the skills they have learned and the recipes they have followed can be used and adapted throughout their life.

The GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition girls have had an equally busy term; they have perfected the skills need to create and adapt menus for different dietary needs, focusing on nutrients and energy balance. They have mastered some high-level GCSE skills including making pasta dough, flaky and choux pastry, as well as some excellent presentation and finishing techniques.

Miss Graham



Perfect Pasta



&

Gorgeous Gateaux



Forest School Summer 2021

For their last Forest School session in Junior House, Lower 3 went to Northumberlandia. The girls ended the session by reflecting on their time at Forest School.



“
Forest School has got me out of my comfort zone, I got to experience things I am not used to. Isabelle

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I have truly loved the whole experience, it's been a great way for me to forget about anything bad in the world and just enjoy myself. I have also learnt NOT to hide too far inside a tree. Anna

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I've learnt lots like how to take risks and how to help people when they are hurt. Evie

“
Mrs Nicholson and Mrs McNaught have been so supportive throughout my whole Forest School journey and now I am not scared to try new things. Lily

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And finally...

Farewell! ...to our Upper 6th

On Friday 18th June,
we bid farewell to the Upper 6th class of 2021.



The girls enjoyed a lovely day together, sharing stories and memories of their time at Westfield. There was a friendly game of rounders against the staff and then afternoon tea in the grounds with specially prepared memorabilia bunting.

*We look forward
to seeing you all
again soon!*



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