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# Bernard Gilpin Primary School

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Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of Bernard Gilpin Primary School's newsletter

## **CELEBRATION OF SILVERWARE SUCCESS**



### **The school A, B and Girls Football Teams sitting proudly with all of their trophies from this season**

**The school A, B and Girls' football teams have recently been celebrating this season's fantastic success and have been proudly displaying the many football trophies that they have won this year.**

The A Team won the Lambton and Hetton league, the nine-a-side Watson Cup, the Robinson Family Shield and the Alan Grimes Memorial Trophy, which is more commonly known as the County Cup. This is the first time in its history that the County Cup has been won by a school in Houghton. In addition to this, the A Team were also crowned Sunderland seven-a-side league champions.

The B Team also won the Lambton and Hetton League and Cup and the girls team made this a double – also winning the Hetton and Lambton League and Cup. Mr Winter commented on the success of the teams: "All children participate in sport from Reception to Year 6 and practise skills on a weekly basis. "Over the weeks and months, this leads to sporting excellence so the teams' achievements are very much attributed to the active participation of the children over many years." The children also take part in Futsal lessons each week and after school clubs are overwhelmingly popular.

School also has a master trainer for SAQ (Speed, Agility, Quickness) in house ensuring the children's movement and fitness are highly effective for game time.

Mr Bainbridge, Headteacher, said: "I am very grateful for all the efforts that many staff put into this area of our school and I am very proud of the children's positive attitude towards sport and of course, their recent achievements which are well deserved. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their great support."

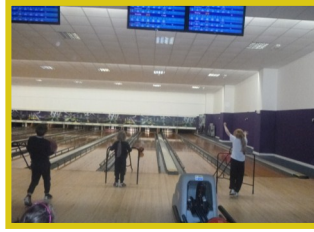
Outside of school, many of the children are involved in local grassroots teams, while others are enjoying further success. Lewis plays for Hartlepool Academy while Rosa and Amelia play for Durham Regional Talent Centre for girls. Lewis, Rosa and Amelia have also all represented Sunderland District Schools this year with the girls making it to the national finals at Liverpool's Academy last month. The team also played on the pitch at St James' Park and Ash Randall, the freestyle football world record holder, visited school to showcase his skills and teach the children, as well as making a film with them to show off their talents. A huge well done to everyone involved for such an amazing season.



# SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK: A HUGE SUCCESS



**Foundation Stage at Houghton Sports Centre**



**Year 1 at Riverside Ten-Pin Bowling**



**Year 2 at Sunderland Climbing Wall**

During Sports Week, all year groups were taken on an off-site visit to a sporting venue to take part in different activities. The visits were thoroughly enjoyed by all and the children displayed great resilience.

**Foundation Stage** children visited the outdoor 3G pitch at Houghton Sports & Wellness Centre. They received specialist football coaching and learnt many new skills including how to pass and dribble the ball with improved accuracy.

**Year 1** visited Riverside Bowling, a tenpin bowling alley, in Sunderland. The children quickly mastered techniques to knock down as many skittles as they could, with a few strikes being scored towards the end of the game!

**Year 2 and 5** visited a climbing wall in Sunderland. The children were shown by instructors how to use the different hand and foot holes before going on to reaching new heights. Many children were able to climb higher than 3 metres and some even made it to the top!

**Year 3** went skiing at Silksworth Snow Sports Centre in Sunderland where they developed their stopping and turning skills. The more confident skiers braved the higher slopes to master their technique.

**Year 4** visited FlowRider, an indoor surfing machine, at Heworth Leisure Centre. The children spent the morning learning how to surf and body board, while improving their balance. There was lots of fun and laughter as the children experienced the thrill of catching (or not catching) a wave!

**Year 6** visited Infinite Air in Durham. The trampoline park has over 80 trampolines, a battle beam, foam pits and even a giant airbag! The children thoroughly enjoyed developing their trampolining skills and there were some impressive gymnastics tricks displayed!

There were many other sporting activities at school for the children to try including archery, judo, kick boxing, futsal, tennis, rugby and many more. Well done to everyone involved for a fantastic week.



**Year 3 at Silksworth Ski Slope**



**Year 4 surfing at FlowRider**



**Year 5 at Sunderland Climbing**



**Year 6 at Infinite Air**

## FINAL FOOTBALL UPDATE

The school A Team had another excellent half-term in which they were able to wrap up their season by adding two more trophies to the cabinet. First, they overcame tough opposition in the Watson Cup final where they produced a stunning 6-2 performance to take home one of the region's oldest trophies.

Alongside the school's strong cup runs, their league form has remained imperious. The A Team ended as runners up where they qualified for the Robinson Shield final. Another impressive performance meant that they were able to add the shield to an amazing years work coming from behind to win 6-1.

Two year 5/6 teams represented the school at the Premier League Primary Stars 5 a-side World Cup event at the impressive Beacon of Light. Both teams qualified from their groups with one eventually progressing to the final in which they ended as runners up. The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and even managed to get their hands on the Premier League trophy, for the first time.

## ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Six children from Year 4 participated in the Pantathlon event at Silksworth Tennis Centre and due to their excellent performance came first place. The team participated in a range of athletic events and each member of the team was delighted with their gold medal performance and represented their school with immense pride.

The Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Athletics teams represented Sunderland at the Level 3 final of the Quad Athletics event at Silksworth Athletics track. All competitors performed excellently at the event with a number of the children winning their particular events. Well done to all of the athletes.

## SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Sports Week ended in style with Sports Day, which took place on a gloriously sunny afternoon. All children competed in a wide variety of events including long distance, sprint, relay, sack, egg and spoon and obstacle races. Thank you to the many families who supported the children in huge numbers. It was a brilliant afternoon with fantastic team spirit amongst the children.

## SUNDERLAND DANCE FESTIVAL

A group of children took part in the annual Sunderland Schools Dance Festival at The Sunderland Empire. This year's theme was 'Games and Gaming' and the children performed an excellent routine with a Kung Fu twist wearing karate suits. Everyone was very proud of the level of effort that was put into the rehearsals and everyone's hard effort definitely paid off in the final show.



**The Quad Athletics event**



**Pantathlon Athletics**



**Archery during Sports Week**



**The Dance Festival troupe**



# THIS IS THE GREATEST SHOW!



**PT Barnum and his theatrical troupe wowing the packed out theatre**

Key Stage 2 recently performed their very own version of The Greatest Showman - what a show it was! For the production, the children were extremely fortunate to be given the use of the fantastic theatre facilities at Hetton School and everyone made the most of this in front of a packed out audience. The lead roles were played wonderfully on the night by children from Year 6, with Bobby wowing the packed house as circus master, PT Barnum. His business partner, Phillip Carlyle, was played superbly by Kieron. Charlotte and Amelia, playing Charity Barnum and Jenny Lind, performed wonderfully and brought a tear to everyone's eyes with their unaccompanied solo songs. Almost fifty other children from Year 5 and 6 took on the other acting and dancing roles throughout the night and they were backed up fantastically by a large singing chorus of children in their Victorian costumes. Thank you to Hetton School for the use of their facilities and a huge well done to all of the children involved and to all of the staff for their hard work and efforts in bringing the show together.



## MARVELLOUS MULTICULTURAL WEEK

This year, Multi-Cultural Week was a whole school celebration of cultural differences helping to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the cultural diversity in Britain today and in the North East. There was a wide range of exciting learning activities taking place throughout the school such as cooking and tasting different foods; exploring music, dance and traditional dress; studying symbolism and creating cultural inspired art. There were also many books and artefacts delivered to school by the library service, which were displayed and used in all classrooms throughout the week to enhance learning.

Hazel, an artist from Hatton Art Gallery, came in to teach the children about Hindu art. She brought in a range of artefacts, including traditional paintings, which inspired the children to create their own piece of Hindu art. Phil Andre, an equality and diversity teacher and trainer, brought a variety of artefacts into school to show the children. He talked about symbolism, traditions and customs in different religions, which helped to develop the children's understanding of Britain's diversity.



**Foundation Stage at Sunderland**



**Year 1 at the Hindu Temple**



**Year 3 at the Gurdwara**



**Year 4 at Hartlepool Mosque**

Throughout the week a great deal of learning also took place outside of the classroom. Children across the school went on multicultural inspired educational visits to a number of places of worship. The children in the Reception classes visited Sunderland Minster to help develop their understanding of Christian places of worship. The Year 1 children were fascinated on their visit to the Hindu Temple in Middlesbrough and in doing so, brought their studied theme of Hinduism to life. The children in Year 3 and Year 6 studied Sikhism and to enhance their understanding, they visited the Sunderland Gurdwara where they enjoyed experiencing Sikh customs and traditions. In relation to their theme of Islam, Year 4 visited Hartlepool Mosque where they were warmly welcomed and enhanced their knowledge of Muslim worship. The children of Year 5 were fascinated when they visited the Reform Synagogue in Newcastle to further develop their understanding of Judaism. All children thoroughly embraced Multicultural Week with a great respect for cultural differences. A huge well done to everyone involved in the organisation of the week.



**Year 5 at the Reform Synagogue**



**Year 6 at Sunderland Gurdwara**



**Multicultural Drumming**



**Multicultural Artefacts**

## STAFFING CHANGES

Everyone at school would like to congratulate Mrs Jenkins on her recent promotion to Head of Standards. We are also happy to announce the appointment of three new members of teaching staff: Miss Cawthorne, Mr Warren and Miss Ray.

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mr Berry, who is one of our most valued and longest serving members of staff. Mr Berry has been at the school for sixteen years and in that time he has made a wonderful contribution to the education of hundreds of children. He will be joining his wife in the United Arab Emirates where he will be continuing his teaching career. He will be sadly missed by all but everyone would like to wish him the very best of luck in the coming years. We would also like to wish Mr Wilkinson good luck as he will be moving on to a new challenge in his teaching career.

## CLUBS ARE BOOMING

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| <b>Monday</b>    | Lego - Mrs Russell, Mr Pitt                        | Drills for skills - Mr Winter,            | Martial Arts - Steve Ritson          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Ballet - SAFC dance teacher                        | Brazilian Futsal - Mr Burton & Mr Surrey  | Movie Night - Mrs Archibald          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Let's Cook! - Mr Pitt, Miss Craggs & Mrs Stevenson | Dance - Miss Soden & Miss Huitson         | Football - Mr Bainbridge & Mr Winter |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Brazilian Football skills - Mr Burton & Mr Surrey  | Gymnastics - Miss Smith & Miss Milne      | ICT - Mr Berry & Miss Bridle         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Judo/Martial Arts - Kevin Pattinson & Steve Ritson | School of Rock - Mr Nichol & Mr Wilkinson | Shooting for hoops - Miss Soden      |

## GROUNDWORK NORTH EAST

Volunteers from the environmental charity Groundwork North East came into school to deliver some eco-friendly workshops to different year groups. The charity showed the children how to respect the local and global environment to make a more sustainable future through a range of activities which included making wormeries to show how worms can assist with the composting of organic wastes, choosing items in shops that are more environmentally friendly and the best for recycling and some classes even went on an educational visit to a recycling plant where the children turned old newspaper into new paper. The children thoroughly enjoyed the different sessions they were involved in and now have a deeper understanding of looking after the environment.

## BERNARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

It's been another really busy half term for the group who have been making lots of seaside and beach crafts, decorating sunglasses and placemats for the end of year picnic. They also tried African drumming with Fanuel as part of the school's Multicultural Week. The children played different beats and were experts by the end of the session! For Sports Week, the group enjoyed their own Sports Day taking part in sprints, the egg and spoon race and some even tried some golf. The toddlers also had a teddy bears picnic, making their own ice-creams with toppings. Many of the toddlers are starting in Reception class in September, so we look forward to seeing them there. The group will meet every Monday at 9:00am from 10th September. Details of weekly events will be on the school website.

## DEMENTIA FRIENDS

The dementia group continued to meet every Tuesday afternoon and enjoyed taking part in a range of activities including, bingo and singing. During Sport's Week, the group used a parachute to provide some gentle exercise. The final session was full of fun in the sun with a beach party. Everyone joined in and the ice creams were a big hit! The group will continue to meet in September, every Tuesday from 1 - 2.45p.m. with vocalist Greg Ross, The Greatest Showman sing-a-long and Houghton Feast funfair games to look forward to. Please check the school website for further details and thank you for your continued support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Summer Holidays** - School closes Friday 20th July

**INSET Days** - Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September

**School re-opens for Autumn Term** - Wednesday 5th September

**Half Term** - School closes Friday 20th October

**School re-opens** - Monday 30th October

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

Reading - [www.lexialearning.com](http://www.lexialearning.com)

(username is the one your child uses in school)

Maths - [www.interactive-resources.co.uk](http://www.interactive-resources.co.uk)

(username: bernard password: Gilpin)

Maths - <http://nrich.maths.org/public/>

Maths - [sumdog.com](http://sumdog.com) [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/)

## SUMMER FAYRE AND DISCO

The annual Summer Fayre was a great success. A huge thank you to Friends of Bernard Gilpin who helped to organise the fayre and thank you to parents/carers for your generous contributions. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into the organisation and all money raised will be used to support activities in school. Thank you also to our friends for organising the summer disco and to our excellent school council DJs for providing the music. The children really enjoyed the beach party theme and many prizes were won for the best dance moves!



Soak the Teacher at the Fayre



Fun in the Sun at Toddler Group

## YES I CAN!

This half term, American actor and West End performer, Brandon Lee Sears, was welcomed into school to deliver a series of empowering workshops. Brandon, who is also a motivational speaker, demonstrated through dance, drama and voice, how we can all develop our potential for success. He showed the children a range of fun techniques to encourage self-belief and self-mastery, which all the staff and the children thoroughly enjoyed. Brandon really understood our vision that if you can dream and believe in yourself, you will certainly achieve!



'Yes I Can!' Motivational Session



Year 5 at Groundworks recycling

## FAREWELL TO YEAR 6

Congratulations to Year 6 on their fantastic SAT's results; it's great to see all of the hard work and effort has paid off. Everyone at the school would like to wish all of Year 6 well as they move on to the next stage of their education.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

After another busy and very successful term, we would like to wish you all a safe and restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you back in school in September.