

Principal: Ms. M Elliott

Dear Families

As we come to the end of the Spring term, I just want to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work, energy and support shown by our children, staff and families.

It's been a busy term, and we're so proud of how much progress everyone has made. The children have worked incredibly hard, taken on new challenges, and shown real determination in everything they've done. We're really pleased to share some great successes that show just how hard our children have been working and how creative they've been:

Firstly, some of our Year 5 students participated in the annual UL event "StorySLAM" at Hunningley Primary Academy in Barnsley. This storytelling competition, designed for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, encourages children to write and perform their own original stories. The aim is to foster creativity, confidence, and strong presentation skills. The event featured a special guest performance from Dan Freedman author of the Jamie Johnson series. A big congratulations to our three participants who represented our school so well!

We'd also like to congratulate our Eco Team, who completed a student leadership programme at Oxford University. During their visit, they explored the historic campus and shared their impressive sustainability presentation with several United Learning schools. Well done, Eco Team!

Closer to home, our Year 4 team showed great skill by reaching the quarter-finals of the annual Times Tables Competition at Prince Edwards school. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects all the hard work they've put into mastering this important mathematical skill.

We look forward to more achievements next term and want to thank everyone for their continued support.

As we wrap up the Spring term, it's time to reflect on the fantastic work our children have accomplished. They have worked so hard, made great progress in their learning and have engaged in lots of fantastic experiences that have brought the curriculum to life!

EYFS

In Nursery, our little ones have been busy learning so many new things, they have been fully immersed in farm life, learning about farmyard animals, milking our cardboard cow, and even been planting potatoes! Reception have been so busy looking after chicks,

planting seeds and watching caterpillars grow! They have also enjoyed a medieval banquet, giving them a fun and memorable taste of life in the past. The children have made so much progress with their talking and phonics; we are very proud of them!

Y1/Y2

Year 1 made the most of the sunshine with their bike ability sessions, learning important cycling skills while having lots of fun. Year 2 welcomed a special visitor, Francesca the Ecologist, who inspired the children with fascinating facts about different species, their habitats, and their unique features. A big thank you to Francesca for sharing her expertise with us! We were delighted to welcome Miss Tasnim to Year 2, in the last five weeks she has already made a wonderful impact by bringing fresh energy, clear routines, and excellent support that has helped the class thrive.

Y3/Y4

In Year 3, our young scientists have been investigating how light affects plant growth; the children have enjoyed the hands-on activities throughout the term. Year 4 had a wonderful outing to the Halle Concert, where the children were captivated by the live orchestra. It was a truly memorable experience. Year 4 are also looking forward to their exciting residential trip to Derbyshire, which will take place just after the holidays.

Y5/Y6

Year 5 spent an exciting day as "Entrepreneurs for the Day" with the fantastic support of Matt Stewart. The children showed brilliant teamwork, creativity, problem-solving and resilience as they tackled a range of challenges. Finally, Year 6 hosted a brilliant sewing showcase afternoon, it was wonderful to see so many parents join their children in sewing hats together. A huge well done to all the children who are dedicating their time to SATs Easter School and thank you to staff who are delivering sessions throughout the break. Your hard work and commitment are truly impressive; we wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck!

Wishing everyone a joyful and relaxing holiday. To all our families observing Lent, we wish you a happy Easter. The children will return to school on Tuesday, 14th April ready for a fun-filled summer term. Enjoy the holidays, and we can't wait to see everyone back soon!



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