



Hillcrest School

Summer Term Newsletter

A Year of Exploration and Adventure in Form NB !

It has been a fun year of exploring in Form NB this year. Experimenting with cooking on a fire pit and shelter building has definitely been one of the highlights of our year. The students learnt to use a flint and steel, build a key hole fire pit to understand air flow and made a mean full English breakfast (developing a taste for very cheesy beans!).

Shelter building involved great teamwork and developing communication skills. The students had the opportunity to develop survival strategies for extreme conditions and there was some great role play which involved Cameron as our very own Bear Grylls!



Class YS– End of Year Update

Wow! What a year we have had! The students have all worked so hard and we have seen them achieve so many of their goals it has been fantastic! And this term has been no different. We have witnessed a great improvement in our key areas of Maths, Literacy Including handwriting and science. They have greatly improved their independent skills and as a result two things happened...



Four days at Dalby House in Beadnell. A great experience for all and we had a lovely time all together, playing games, hunting for shells and other treasures on the beaches and observing the local wildlife on the Farne Islands.

The other was the addition to our class and school family of Bluebelle (Belle) the Rabbit. The children have all been very excited to have her here with us. They have learned what she needs and all had a part in helping to take care of her. We have even performed an in-class play. A big step for all involved!!



We have had a wonderful year with the pupils and can't wait to see them again next year when they take on their new challenges and achieve their new goals!



Sixth Form– End of Year Update

We have had a very exciting term in the 6th Form. We have started to run the school tuck shop which has been a great success. We have been developing our independence skills by cooking our own lunches. We enjoyed deciding what to eat, buying the ingredients, making the food and sitting down together to eat. We loved our visit to Flow where we took part in an art workshop using recycled materials. We are pleased to say that our café is doing well and we have had a number of very happy visitors.



Class SH– End of Year Update

The year 10s this year have developed their independent travel skills. We have visited Plessey Woods on two occasions where each pupil planned their route and paid for their own ticket. Pupils also cooked their own food on barbeques and cleared away the area- including safe disposal of the barbeque.

The class joined together to create a stall for Hillcrest, the pupils split up the list of jobs and delegated sections of work between themselves. The final product was very successful in raising money for our school.



Class SF -End Of Year Update

Mrs Finley's class have had an amazing summer term with lots of exciting learning opportunities. We started our half term with a literacy trip to Seven Stories and Ouseburn Farm learning all about rhymes around the world. In PSRN we worked on lots of outdoor learning measuring many things in the outside world and making balloon rockets, this all culminated in our paper aeroplane Olympics! In PE this term our class received coaching from Newcastle United and we achieved an award which we received from Shola Ameobi, we even got to have a picture with him. Our term ended with two exciting events, firstly our trip to Tynemouth where we played miniature golf and had chips on the beach. The British weather did not ruin our day however when the heavens opened. Hillfest was also great fun, both making the game and practicing it, where our classes Exterminate the Emoji game was a big hit!



The Base– End Of Year Update

The base visited Wallington hall on Tuesday the 18th July. We looked around the house and gardens and visited all three parks. We had a fun day exploring!



The rabbits tested the apple juice when it was very hot outside! (their own juice)

