

Summer 2

Year 6 residential

Year 6 had an amazing time at Dukeshouse Wood in June. They had the opportunity to experience a range of outdoor pursuit activities.

Everyone learnt to work together as a team and realised that sometimes we all need someone to rely on. During the Jacob's ladder activity, the children soon realised that they could never succeed without a helping hand from their partner. It was wonderful seeing them conquering some of their fears and showing superb emotional, as well as physical support to each other.



Fathers' Day pie and



To celebrate all the fantastic male role models our children have, we celebrated fathers' day in typical dad fashion with pie and peas. It was lovely to see so many of our parents/ Carers attend and have a lovely time with their sons/ daughters/ grandchildren.

A big thanks yet again to the Friends of Shield Row who organised and led the event. The children thoroughly enjoyed some quality time with their loved ones, took part in some arts and crafts

Transition

All of our pupils have enjoyed some transition sessions this half term in

Fitness and fun

The children were involved in a fun run at North Durham Academy. From Reception up to Year 6, the children all took part enthusiastically and proudly received a medal for their efforts. Great fun was had by all!

Thankfully, we were blessed with some sunshine on our sport's day and had a very successful day. The children had a fantastic time taking part in events including sprints, egg and spoon, skipping, bean bag relay and an agility run. The level of sportsmanship displayed was delightful and the children encouraged and praised one another well throughout the day. Gold, bronze and silver awards have been given to pupils who achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the races. Thank you to all parents who came along to support the children and those of you who took part in our parent races!



Year 5 activity day

Our Year 5's had a full day at Camp Hill Estate in North Yorkshire, taking part in shelter building, bush craft, archery, climbing and problem solving tasks. It was an absolutely glorious day and the children had an incredible time. The activities taught the children about basic human needs and survival and they all tasted a variety of weird and wonderful bugs! The pupils demonstrated impressive archery skills and showed real bravery and strength as they faced the climbing wall. In teams, the children had to work out how to get across a pit of 'lava' using magic carpet tiles, how they could get water from one bucket to another using only a cup on a string and some piping, and how to work as a team to walk using giant skis!

Children's art day

As part of Children's Art Day, we organised an array of art activities across school. Nursery collaged flowers using buttons

School nurse

Our school nurse, Claire Richardson, has offered drop in sessions for parents supporting issues with allergies, head lice, bed wetting, night time routines, diet and much more. Further drop ins will be offered next year. We hope parents found these sessions useful.

Drama club

Miss Shield and drama club put on an impressive show for parents in this year's production, Frankie and Me. The play was outstanding and showcased some amazing talent. The children have spent weeks rehearsing after school, with the help of Mr Walton and Mrs Fenwick, and perfected their acting, singing and dancing. It was a professionally put together show which was thoroughly entertaining from start to finish.

Special mentions

Ella Whittingham, one of our Year 4 pupils, has recently been through football trials and has been signed with Durham Football Club. What a star! Well done Ella.

Faith Jenkinson, one of our Year 3 pupils, was nominated for Triple A Sport British Gymnastics Award for: constant determination, work ethic, exceeding expectations and providing an example of excellence to other gymnasts. Only 4 gymnasts were nominated from over 200 5-18 year olds. What an achievement!



Summer Fair

A big thanks to everyone who made it to our Summer Fair last weekend. Despite the weather, it was a successful day and we had a lot of fun. The Friends managed to raise a very impressive £1800 which will go towards developing the school grounds.

Bucket points

Well done to all of our bucket point winners this term. The children enjoyed a cinema afternoon in the school hall, had pizza delivered and a visit from the ice cream van. What a treat! Our bucket points will be changing to 'brilliance points' in September as we make some changes to our rewards.

Friends of the school

I would like to express a huge thanks to our very committed, very hardworking Friends of Shield Row. The events they organise and host on behalf of the school are amazing and we are very lucky to have such a supportive group of parents. If you are interested in joining, please see Miss Shield or

Staff news

We sadly say good bye to Miss Salkeld, who has been working in Reception and supporting PE across the school. We wish her lots of success with her studies.

We would like to thank Miss Bell for all of her work with the children over the last few months. She too will be leaving us this Summer.

