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2024
A busy term of
discovery and
exploration!



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School NEWS



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We had another great fundraising event for our annual Coffee Morning – the whole school, parents and friends all got together in the Camellia Dining Room for coffee and cake. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes, the Upper 5 volunteers who helped to serve and also to Angela and Jackie who are always friendly faces at special events.



'Future Chefs'

Congratulations to Meg (Upper 4) and Abi (Lower 5) who became school finalists and will now be heading to the local heats of the 'Future Chef' Competition at Newcastle College on Friday 13th December.

Look out on the Westfield FB page for results.



Meg

Abi

Charlotte and Millie

Big Sister Little Sister

"Our Big Sister Little Sister scheme is a wonderful opportunity for our Lower Sixth students to take on responsibilities, gain skills and become a mentor to the Upper 3; in turn, Upper 3 have a familiar face around school, making the transition from Year 6 to senior school a little easier!

There are lots of fun activities throughout the year with the most recent being a Halloween themed biscuit decorating activity. I have also organised Gingerbread decorating and they will spend more time together throughout the year.

Having the responsibility of organising these events and activities has allowed me to see the huge benefit of the Big Sister Little Sister Scheme.

Forming bonds and friendships between our youngest and oldest girls in Senior House is such a lovely thing to see and reinforces the skills needed for everyday life".

Rachel.



Pass the Parcel



Ava and Alannah





Coastal Studies

On Thursday 28 November Upper 3 Geography enjoyed a field trip to Cullernose Point and Rumbling Kern, on the Northumberland Coast near Craster. They were investigating coastal erosion processes, different rock types, and geological time..

People's Kitchen

We were overwhelmed with the amount of Harvest donations for the People's Kitchen. It's always important to help local charities and provide help where needed. Thank you to Mr Byrne for driving the minibus and to our Sixth Form volunteers for helping to load and unload the bus.



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Bonfire Night and Fireworks

Pyrotechnic Perfection

We had an amazing Bonfire and Fireworks party in early November. Tickets were sold out a week before the event and it was great to welcome Westfield neighbours and the local community.



It was lovely to see so many girls who attended our taster day return with their family for the night too. Thank you to Mr Richard Jeffrey and Mr Simon Keightley for coming in early to build and arrange the bonfire and fireworks display.





Stay and Play, Dinosaurs and Stars

This term in BrightStart the Reception children have been exploring the topic of Dinosaurs.

We had an amazing time on our trip to the Great North Museum to take part in a Dino Dig and Research workshop. The other visitors in the Museum were especially impressed with our T-Rex roars!

KS1 BrightStart girls have been learning about classifying animals and what animals need to survive.

They really enjoyed their chance to meet lots of different animals at Kirkley Hall Zoo this term – especially Suzie the bearded dragon!

All our BrightStart girls have enjoyed decorating beautiful stars to display at All Saints' Church in Gosforth in preparation for the festive season!

If you're out and about in Gosforth, feel free to pop in and take a look!

Mrs Pocock



BrightStart visit Wallington Hall





Round Square Exchange Programme



PE and SPORT

Bright Start and Prep had an amazing cross country competition at Mowden and the English Schools Cross Country Competition at Temple Park. Considering the torrential rain, the girls took on the challenge and performed brilliantly!

Mrs Nicholson



I have been absolutely delighted with the level of participation and skill levels, especially coming from our new Upper 3 (Year 7) girls. Encouraging our new girls to try something new and have the confidence to compete against other schools is an important part of school life. Big mention goes to Maddison, Millie, Tallulah and Niamh for competing in their first BAGA trampolining competition on Saturday 30th November; they had never completed in a trampoline arena before.

Highlight performances went to Ava who qualified for the elite competition at the next round; Erin and her team mates Emily and Gracie who qualified as a team in the Novice competition. Erin also qualified as an individual. Good luck to the girls for their next round in January.

Miss B, Head of Physical Education and U3 Form Tutor



Achievements outside of school.

Special mention goes to:

- Islay, Y6 for her gymnastics,
- Molly, Y7 for her dancing,
- Millie, Y7 for her ice skating.
- Mollie, Y11 for her riding.
- Rachel, Y13 for her performing arts.

This year we have two student exchanges taking place with girls from Australia and Japan.

Earlier this term, we were delighted to welcome Sophie from Wilderness school in Adelaide, who was hosted by India in Lower 5. India will be heading over to Oz in the New Year.

Kyla in our Upper Sixth had a lovely summer exchange with Yuzuki who goes to Yakumo Academy in Tokyo and here is her report:

“During my exchange to Japan I had an amazing time, being able to experience a totally different culture and learn about Japanese traditions through my host, Yuzuki and many others. I was able to do lots of fun things such as visits to local shrines, visit Tokyo

Disneyland and tour around the different prefectures of Tokyo. One of the highlights was my overnight school trip to Ise-Shima, where we were able to see Ise Jingu, the biggest Shrine in Japan! On the way back, we were lucky enough to stop in Nagoya and visit the castle.

In exchange for this wonderful experience, I plan to take Yuzuki to visit various places around the UK to show her the many fabulous and historic sites we have over here. She is most excited about visiting London, so we have planned a weekend so she is able to visit all the city’s most famous attractions. Though her arrival is still a long time off, we are both excited to be seeing each other again.”

Kyla, Upper 6



Sophie and India





Round Square International Fundraising Day – Fri 22nd November



On 22nd November, we held our annual Round Square Fundraiser.

The day was marked as a non-uniform day and aimed to raise money for the education of a student we sponsor at Starehe School in Nairobi.

It was a great success!



Round Square Prefect, Izzie reports:

“During the morning we split into different activities. I was in the wool craft section and we made dream catchers which was really fun.

There were other groups making jewellery and sock animals.

In the afternoon we held a craft fayre at which we sold the products we had made and raised lots of money.

It really was a great day, during which we all tried new skills and worked together as a team.”



Well Done





As well as the craft stalls, the Upper Sixth offered a Lucky Dip and the ever-popular Chocolate Chuck to boost our funds.

Overall, our new-look Fundraising Day was a great success, raising more than enough money to pay Marianne's fees, meaning we can also give her some pocket money.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this success. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills and uncover hidden talents. *Izzie, Round Square Prefect.*



everyone!



Extra-Curricular Activities

There's always something fun and exciting to do at lunchtime and after school.



Clay Club - Pumpkin Lanterns

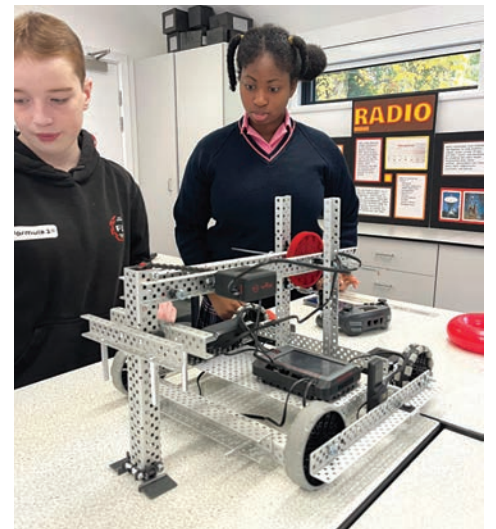
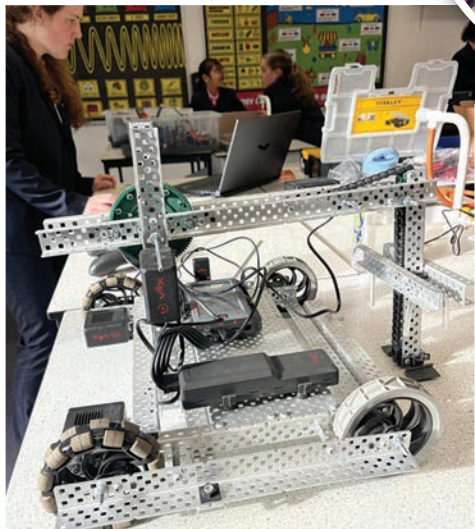


Mrs May's **Clay Club** is always brimming with lots of creative clay models and crafts.



The **Clay Club** Halloween pumpkins were a huge hit and the girls got to keep their Halloween decorations as a keepsake.

This term, the **Robotics Club** have been working hard to build and programme their robots for a competition in the New Year. Zoe and Laura have been competing for the last 3 years and I am pleased to see Lisa and Eloise in Lower 5 move up a level and take on a more advanced competition.



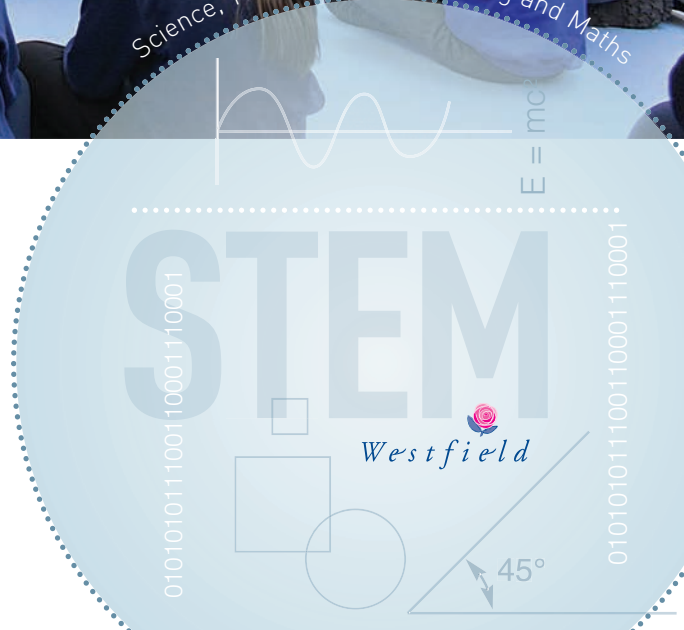


Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

At the beginning of December we were delighted to welcome pupils and teachers from St Aidan's Catholic Primary, St Robert's Catholic First, Knop Law Primary and Gosforth Junior High Academy.

This was one our biggest and best STEM events, with lots of interesting and engaging feedback from our participants and was a great send off for Mrs Swift who is leaving Westfield at Christmas to pursue more outreach projects elsewhere.

Lots of interesting STEM facts were shared and we had some great presentations from Simon Keightley from Northern Powergrid and Karla Trainer, an IT Manager from Bede Gaming.



Cook of the Year

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COMPETITION



WINNER
Elva prepares
her Thali tray



We were delighted to welcome Mr David Whitehead, North East restaurateur and owner of The Jolly Fisherman in Craster, to judge our annual competition.

The brief was to plan and prepare a savoury and sweet dish with a festive theme.

Everyone put lots of thought into their dishes, looked carefully at preparation times, techniques and methods.

Elva prepared an amazing array of Indian dishes, 'Thali' which included a 5 spice squash curry, Paneer Gobi, Bengali carrot fritters, Rajma, Tadka dal, Kachumber, rice and roti bread.

For dessert, she prepared a Burfi with yoghurt and pomegranate. Her festive theme was to celebrate the 555th anniversary of Guru Nanak.



RUNNER UP
Eloise - for her
Autumn Vegetable
Risotto



Winter Music Spectacular



This term has been filled with music and joy!

Our musical journey began with the Harvest Festival, when the Prep and BrightStart choir delivered a number of heart warming performances. The music continued in our enchanting Winter Spectacular, featuring a wonderful mix of familiar performers and talented new instrumentalists and singers. Students delighted the audience with festive and popular pieces, creating an unforgettable evening for parents and friends. The performers shone in the spotlight, and their enthusiasm was truly inspiring.

We're now eagerly anticipating the upcoming Carol Service and looking ahead to the Summer Soirée, which promises to be another highlight in our vibrant musical calendar.

One big mention goes to our youngest performers in BrightStart, Nana and Ella, who have only recently started learning the piano; to play in front of a full audience and sing so beautifully with the rest of the choir was an absolute joy to see.

Miss Masters



And finally,
Christmas is coming...

Merry Christmas
...from WESTFIELD



Carol singing at Asda, Gosforth

Our KS1 and KS2 choir sang and brought festive cheer to all the shoppers and fundraised for St Oswald's Hospice.

Prep girls (Years 3-6) perform Santa and the Beanstalk.



More fundraising at Gosforth Shopping Centre



'It was great to hear traditional Christmas songs sung so beautifully'
Mrs Scott-Batey, Centre Manager, Gosforth Shopping Centre

Bright Start (Pre-school to Year 2 girls) perform
'A Little Bird Told Me'



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