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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to this half term – spring is definitely on the way!

Each child in the school has been involved in helping to make a whole school display about well-being. 'The 5 Ways of Well-Being'; are...

Be active Take notice Keep learning Give Connect

For the display, each child has decorated a hand – and that is a lot of hands from preschool to year 6! The hand symbolises that there are 5 ways to well-being and that we are all important and unique. Each hand on the display is unique and decorated in a different way. Please take a moment to look at the display when you are next in the hall. We have been looking at the 5 ways of well-being in our lessons and assemblies and the plan is to incorporate this eventually into the Hipsburn Promise that the children wrote several years ago.

Much of what we do is taught and weaved into everyday here at Hipsburn. For example, at playtime we talk about having "kind hands" and in social stories we talk about having kind hands to clap and wave and how we can use our hands to help others.

We shared the Hipsburn Promise with you a couple of years ago and whilst it is displayed around school I thought it would be a good idea to share it again as a reminder to our parents and for our new parents to read.

Everyone can:

- ✓ play and learn inside and outdoors
- ✓ develop lifelong skills to protect and care for the environment
- ✓ learn in an environment where everyone is respected and valued
- ✓ be rewarded for trying their best and helping others
- ✓ take part in celebrations and community events
- ✓ perform to a range of audiences
- ✓ eat lunch together, talk and play with friends
- ✓ participate in a wide range of clubs
- ✓ have their learning enriched through trips and visitors to school
- ✓ represent our school in competitions
- ✓ take part in Beach and Forest Schools
- ✓ experience a residential trip

A big thankyou to all our parents who gave up their time and came into school recently to talk about their careers. More inside...

Have a great half term!

Kevin Moloney, Headteacher

Some Upcoming Events

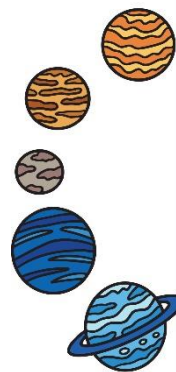
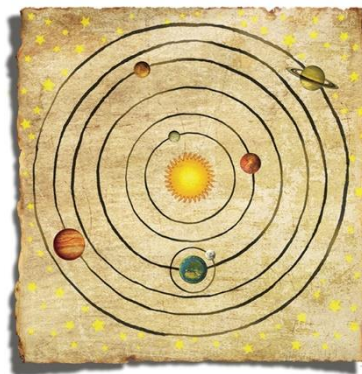
- ◆ Clubs this half term:
Mondays, Trident Soccer, All
Mon, Tues, Weds Homework, All
Breakfast Club, Every Day, All
Tuesdays, SATs Club, Yr 6
Thursdays, NUF Basketball Yrs 3-6
Thursdays, Easter Crafts Yrs 1-2
Fridays, Lunchtime Choir Club, All
Fridays, Lego Club, All
- ◆ Year 6 Lego League
Thursday 13th March, Village Hotel, Silverlink
- ◆ Preschool Stay & Play
Thurs 20th March, 1.45-3pm
- ◆ Bamburgh Beach School
Friday 21st March
- ◆ Red Nose Day
Friday 21st March
- ◆ Ford Beach School
Friday 28th March
- ◆ Etal Beach School
Friday 4th April
- ◆ Break up for Easter
Friday 11th April
- ◆ Back to school
Monday 28th April

Please keep checking the calendar on the school website for more events

Out of this world...

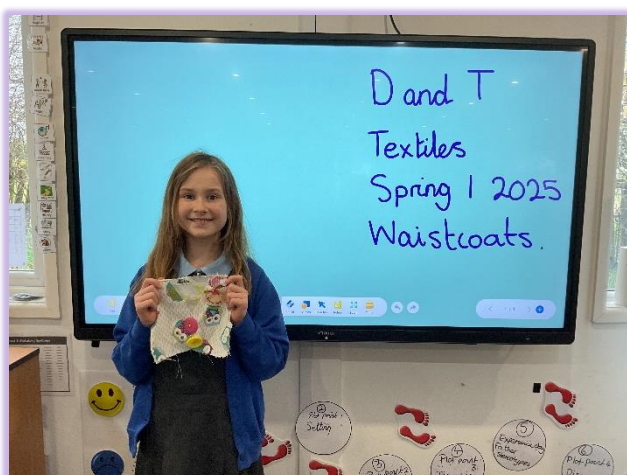
Last half term Etal class were busy investigating Earth and Space in their science lessons.

They explored the solar system and its planets, explained the Earth's movement in space and how its rotation causes day and night. They also created a heliocentric solar system. Great work Etal class!



Textiles...

Etal have also been building on their textile skills from KS1 and have designed and created their own waistcoats. They decided who their waistcoat was going to be made for, what it would look like and how they would decorate it. They all learnt new skills, for example, sewing, seams and buttons, using a template to draw around a waistcoat design. There were some amazing waistcoats completed. They really enjoyed this project!



When I grow up...

At Hipsburn Primary School, we embraced National Careers Week (3rd-7th March 2025) with enthusiasm, exploring an exciting variety of careers and inspiring our pupils to think about their futures...

KS2 began the week with a fascinating session led by **Caroline Forster**, a seismic navigator. The children loved listening to her insights into life offshore and they had great fun popping balloons to mimic the underwater guns that use echoes to locate oil beneath the ocean floor.



Later, **Stephen Siddorn** introduced the children to the world of farming. Pupils enjoyed a hands-on experience, feeling and identifying different types of grain, learning about farming processes, and discovering the many roles within the agricultural industry. Both sessions were incredibly engaging, allowing pupils to think practically and fully immerse themselves in these careers.



Tuesday was a busy day for KS2, with two engaging career sessions. First, **Rachel Wilson** from Jobsons shared her experience of running a successful shop. Pupils explored the essentials of retail, from marketing strategies to managing premises, before putting their creativity to the test by designing their own shopfronts and merchandise.

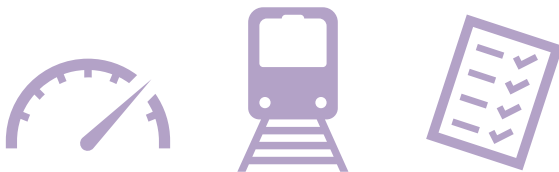




Wednesday saw the entire school getting involved! **Emma Smith** discussed farming and surveying with an interactive session where pupils took on the challenge of evaluating different elements of a farm and calculating their costs, a real eye-opener into the financial side of agriculture.



To finish careers week, **Collette Pryer** came in to talk to the pupils about fitness and physiotherapy. The children loved being able to try out different exercises and think about how they engage their muscles. Collette provided an insight into studying and how she is studying to support women following pregnancy. The children left super inspired with lots of pupils mentioning that they would love to have a go at strength training as they get older.



Following this **Jeron James**, a train driver, gave an exciting glimpse into his career. Pupils were amazed by the incredible speeds trains travel at and the specialist equipment drivers need. A highlight of the session was the surprising fact that train drivers must sit a five hour test every two years - something that even Miss Cromarty couldn't believe! Both sessions were insightful, engaging, and sparked a real curiosity in these fields.



A huge thank you to all the parents and volunteers who generously gave their time to share their career journeys.

Your support has been invaluable in making this week so inspiring. Our pupils have absolutely loved learning about these diverse professions and are full of ideas for their futures!



Patterns and poetry...

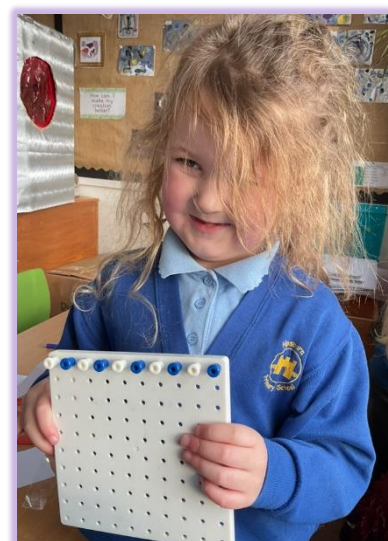
Alnwick class recently spent a lovely week doing patterns... everywhere! As well as preparing for our Space Assembly, parachute games, writing about the planets we would discover on a space adventure, Space Race fun, our well-being hands for the whole school well-being display, we also introduced the Poetry Basket with preschool. It was so impressive that as well as not only doing a fabulous performance for our assembly, by using the Poetry Basket we managed to learn a new space poem and perform it with preschool. This is going to be a wonderful way to develop our speaking and listening and develop all those core literacy skills like understanding rhyme, rhythm and word magic that performance poems are full of!

...and the beach

Well the forecast may have looked a little dubious but we enjoyed the warmer temperature and the still day to have a lovely adventure for our beach day.

On the way we compared and contrasted our Winter season to our now Spring season and enjoyed identifying species and wildlife along our way, from snowdrops to gorse and Texel sheep to heron, swans and sandpipers. We then spent a bit of time at the woodland beginning our traditional tale adventures with a bit of drama, then three bears collecting and sorting into size. We worked as a team to create some really imaginative features and took it in turns to present our creations to the class in our groups.

We were ready for lunch and delighted to have as part of our lunch story time the whole school Space Adventure Story that we wrote as a collaboration on our World Book Day Celebrations with the rest of the school. We then had lots of fun with the book 'Unfortunately', discovering the formula of how stories like to have a plot that is a problem and then a solution.



In the afternoon, now on the beach we recapped the features of traditional tales and then worked in our crews to create our own Fairytale Land. The day was finished with a quick challenge to design your own character and like a true artist...sign your name!

There were some tired legs, but full, creative minds - well done Alnwick Class!



World Book Day 2025

Read Your Way

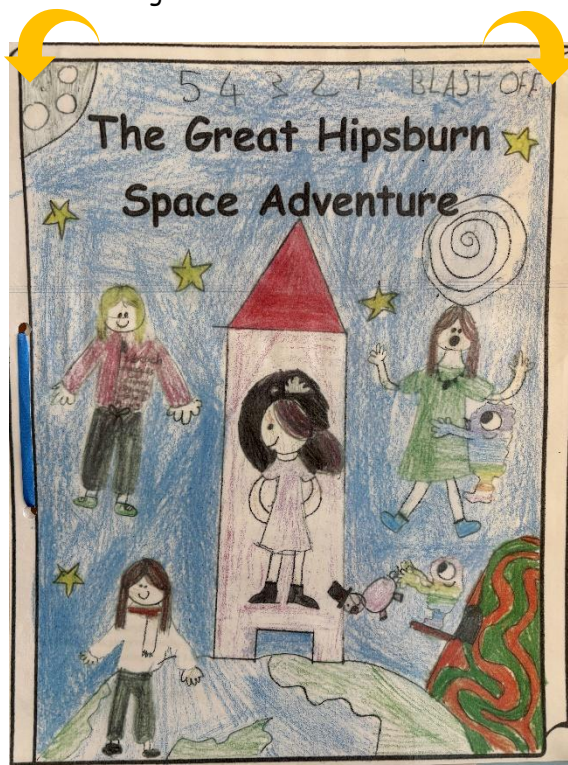


Another successful World Book Day has been and gone and the children had a fantastic time. Lots of children had made some very impressive, imaginative headwear!

During the school day, the whole school wrote a story "The Great Hipsburn Space Adventure". Etal, wrote the beginning, Ford the middle, Reception and preschool introduced a new character and Bamburgh brought the story to its conclusion. (On a cliff hanger, of course). The story is on our school website - follow the link to read it

[Whole School Story](#)

There were some great designs for our story book cover, however, after much deliberation, the overall winner was **Abbie** in year 4 who received a £10.00 Barter Books voucher for her winning effort - fantastic design Abbie!



The other runners-up for the cover design, who each received a £5.00 voucher, were:

- Hunter, Year 6**
- Jude, Year 5**
- Ella, Year 3**
- Maddie, Year 2**
- Elysia, Year 1**

Archie in preschool and **Harris** in reception were the winners of the fantastic hats competition and also received a £5.00 voucher each.

Well done everyone!

COMIC RELIEF

RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 21 MARCH

DO SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY

Red Nose Day is back!

Friday 21st March sees 40 years of doing something funny for money.

Comic Relief is a UK charity which has Red Nose Day and Sports Relief on alternate years. The charity fights poverty through humour and supports incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer.

Please donate whatever you can, using the link to our [JustGiving](#) page below:

[Donate to Comic Relief](#)

Wear something red - this is a non-uniform day and children are welcome to come in something red - crimson trousers, tomato top, scarlet socks, cherry red hat...

Let's see how many shades of red there are!

Chair for a bear...

Bamburgh class had a super afternoon making their baby bear chair structures. They carefully followed their plans, selecting appropriate materials to make their creations come to life. The class tested their structures by placing a small toy onto their chair. They thought about what made their structures strong, stiff, and stable; and how they could reinforce their chairs to make them stronger using different construction techniques.



GOVERNORS' LEARNING WALKS



Hipsburn's governors are often in school - a few of them came in recently for one of our Governors' Learning Walks. These tend to be subject-based and the most recent was a science learning walk.

We have amazing scientists at Hipsburn and we were privileged to be able to show off our skills to our governors when they spent the afternoon with us in school.

Every class was able to talk about their investigations and their science topic with confidence. It was a lovely opportunity to share what we do in school.

We would like to thank the governors for their continued interest and support.



ParentPay

Please keep checking your ParentPay account and keep up to date with payments to school. A reminder that only pupils in preschool and years 3 and above pay for school dinners (unless you qualify for means tested free school meals)



A reminder that we have a small number of pupils in school with severe nut allergies. Exposure to nuts and nut products can cause a rapid and serious reaction for these individuals. We ask for your co-operation in not sending any nut product in to school, either as a snack or in packed lunches. Thank you.