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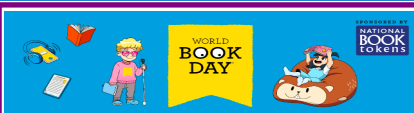
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Science week

We have been holding our Science Week this week and the children have really enjoyed it! Following on from our visit to Dynamic Earth and the questions we had about taking care of our world (especially after International Polar Bear Day), our theme for the week has been conservation. Our younger children began the week with finding out about litter pollution and how we can prevent this. This included a 'litter walk' at home. Then through studying rainforests, the children found out how some rainforests are being destroyed and the effect this can have on our earth. Then, through lessons about our ocean environments, the children discovered how plastic and other waste can be dangerous to all living things.

Our older children have researched how different parts of the world have seasons and found out that in some parts of the world there are only two or three seasons! Then through work on water pollution, the children were horrified to learn about how this can affect us as humans along with other living organisms. They then focused on ways that humans can have a positive impact on nature. This will be brought to life next week when we do our beach clean on Holy Island. On Friday we were VERY excited as we took part in a live, interactive lesson with our science providers at Developing Experts. We found out how insects have a positive impact on our environments and how important they are to our world.



World Book Day

See our website news pages for what we got up to on World Book day this year! Please note the World Book Day book tokens are valid until Sunday 31 March! Find your nearest participating bookseller [here](#).



Outdoor service on Holy Island - Friday 15th March at 1.30pm

We will be having an outdoor service on Holy Island on Friday next week (15th March) at **1.30pm on St Cuthbert's beach near St Mary's church** (or if the weather is poor we will be in the church). The theme of our worship is caring for the environment and St Cuthbert. **You are very welcome to join us!**

No after school club on Monday 18th March - this is because staff are undertaking required first aid training. After school child care is available if needed - please book ahead of time so we can ensure staffing is available.

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 11-17 MARCH

The Big Plastic Count

We will be taking part in the Big Plastic Count next week to continue our conservation and eco awareness theme. Please see the letter and tally chart which will be emailed out with this newsletter or check our website on the news pages here https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/big_plastic_count/683293

We would be very grateful if you could help your child use the tally chart to track how much plastic they throw away over a week. We will also count in school. This is not about blame, shame or rating anyone's recycling habits, and we wouldn't want anyone to feel embarrassed by how much plastic they use. We also know that there are some plastic items which are essential for disabled people, or people with medical conditions, and so these won't be included in the count.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th March - we are working with **Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve (LNNR)** and will be on **Holy Island** working on marine pollution and the issues around plastic and the environment. This also ties in with Greenpeace's **Big Plastic Count this week**. Children will need suitable **outdoor clothing and a packed lunch or grab & go** on this day. In the afternoon **at 1.30pm, we will be having an outdoor church service on Holy Island** on the theme of the environment. Everyone is welcome to join us - more information to follow nearer the time.

Tuesday 26th March - Easter experience for the children at Lowick Church. The children will move between stations to find out more about the story of Holy Week and Easter.



Friday 29th March: Good Friday bank holiday and first day of the Easter holidays. Everyone is back to school on Monday 15th April.

Tuesday 16th April - main school trip to Ad Gefrin - we will be visiting the Great Hall and the museum (but not the distillery!) as well as the actual site of Ad Gefrin.

Tuesday 23rd April - year 4 transition event - PE at Berwick Middle School in the morning. We will be back for lunch. Year 4s will need PE clothing.



Wednesday 8th to Friday 8th May - year 4 residential at Ford Castle.



Week 13 - 17th May - Enrichment Week

Monday 13th May - skipping workshop in the afternoon at Lowick school - **children will need active clothing.**

Tuesday 14th May - main school trip to Branton Primary for a joint forest school afternoon. We will be visiting to take advantage of their amazing outdoor space next to the nature reserve and join them for some excellent forest school activities. **Children will need outdoor clothing which may well get muddy!**

Thursday 16th May - Pentecost service in Lowick. We are excited to welcome **Mark, the Bishop of Berwick into our school that day** and he will lead our procession from school to church and the service. **You are warmly invited to join us at 1.30pm at Lowick church.** Olive is also making a special Pentecost lunch that day too.

Friday 17th May - Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve (LNNR) are coming to Lowick school in the morning to do work around pollinators. They will be looking at moth traps and seeing what kinds of moth we have in our local area.

May half term holiday is the week commencing **27th May.**

Tuesday 11th June - visitors from Newcastle Castle are coming to lead our Anglo Saxon day. Should be fun and interactive!

Tuesday 19th June - Year 4 leavers' service at Newcastle Cathedral.