

Wow! What a whirlwind of a term Year 6 have had!

In May, the children faced the end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs) and the way in which they approached what can often be quite daunting was extremely impressive: they were hardworking, enthusiastic and determined. Whilst SATs results in no way define a child, we couldn't help but be very proud of their results! After the tests were over, we enjoyed a lovely shared buffet.



Since the SATs, we have been keeping up maths skills with regular arithmetic sessions. In writing, the children created their own golden ticket winner, deigned their own invention and then wrote an additional chapter for *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. These were so creative and such fun to read! Following this, children wrote some amusing letters of complaint from the point of view of one of the parents from the story complaining to Wonka about the emotional and physical damage done to their little darlings!

Sports

The whole class had the opportunity to visit Darlington Cricket Club for a full-day cricket tournament. It was such a wonderful day spent playing cricket together in the sunshine!



Several members of Class 4 attended the Darlington Primary Athletics Competition. The children represented the school very well in terms of their performance and their behaviour. Some children went on to represent Darlington in the Tees Valley finals.



Durham Leavers' Service



In June, we joined hundreds of other pupils from schools across the Diocese of Durham at the Cathedral for a leavers' service. This involved lots of transition activities followed by the service then a walk and picnic by the river.



Residential



Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential to the PGL centre in Newby Wiske. During their visit, they had the chance to try lots of different adventurous activities as well as team building challenges. They adored the food on offer and loved their bedrooms (particularly

the mood lighting in their bed pod!) It was a joy to see the children embrace the challenges of the visit and overcome their fears. As with all of the best school trips, the weather was a wonderful wild combination of extreme heat and torrential rain! It was lovely to have this time together as a class before moving on to secondary schools.



Transition

In recent weeks, children have been visiting their new schools on transition days at 7 different secondary schools! This can often be an overwhelming experience but also a time of much excitement. Once again, we are very proud of how the children have deal with this transitional period and will continue to support them with this.

Water Safety

Sarah came in from the Dolphin Centre to talk to the children about water safety. As the summer approaches, she warned of the risks of children entering rivers and water that isn't supervised by lifeguards. She advised that the safest place to swim is at the swimming pool. The pupils learnt about the different warning flags on the beach and how to call the coast guards in an emergency. Some of the content was difficult to hear about but also very necessary in order to impress upon the children just how dangerous the water can be.



Golden Ticket

I am still beaming from ear to ear following two fantastic performances of *Golden Ticket*. Despite not having a great amount of time to pull a production of a quite a scale together, the children rose to the challenge and delivered two breath-taking performances in which they show cased their singing, acting and movement talents. This will be an experience that I will remember forever and I



hope that it has been just as enjoyable for them too! Well done Class 4!!!



Bastille Day



As well as French language, we feel it is important to give the children an understanding of how the French Republic was formed and a little about their political identity historically. On 14th July we celebrated Bastille Day (la fête nationale). The children learnt about the origins of this national holiday as well as looking at the French artist Toulouse-Lautrec and designing posters in this style. The children showed great levels of engagement over

the course of the day and have a strong grasp of the date's significance in France and of the meaning of *Liberté, Egalité et Fraternité*.

A Fond Farewell

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past two years. It has been my absolute privilege to teach your children and watch them develop into confident, well-rounded individuals who are ready to tackle the next step in their journey. I wish them the very best for secondary school and beyond.

Best Wishes

Mrs Potts