CELEBRATION OF LEARNING



As we reach the end of our first half term of the new academic year, we would like to celebrate what has been an amazing start across the Bottesford Schools Federation.

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back and see them embrace their learning, new routines and opportunities with such enthusiasm. Our federation values, We RISE Together – Respect, Integrity, Strive and Empower, have continued to shine through in all that our children do.

This half term has been full of exciting learning, memorable experiences and special events, and I am incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved already. A huge thank you to our staff, families and governors for their continued support in making such a positive start to the year.

I wish all our families a safe, happy and restful half-term break, and we look forward to another exciting half-term ahead.

Rachel Busby
Executive Headteacher

GREAT ATHLETES' DAY

We were delighted to welcome Jenny Wallwork, the internationally successful English badminton player, for our recent Great Athlete Visit. Jenny represented her country 42 times and was the highest-ranking female player for four years. Her achievements include a Commonwealth silver medal in 2010, competing in both women's events and mixed doubles.

The children took part in a sponsored fitness circuit led by Jenny. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get moving, try something new and discover just how much fun being active can be!

Jenny also shared her inspiring sporting journey in a fun, interactive assembly. Her story highlighted the resilience and determination needed to reach the top. We finished with a lively question-and-answer session, where the children enjoyed finding out more about Jenny and her experiences.

A big thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event. Please remember to bring in any outstanding sponsorship money after half-term.

Y5 swimming

The Year 5 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons this term, approaching every session with enthusiasm, determination and a positive attitude. They have embraced new challenges, developed important water safety and swimming skills, and shown great resilience as they built their confidence in the pool.

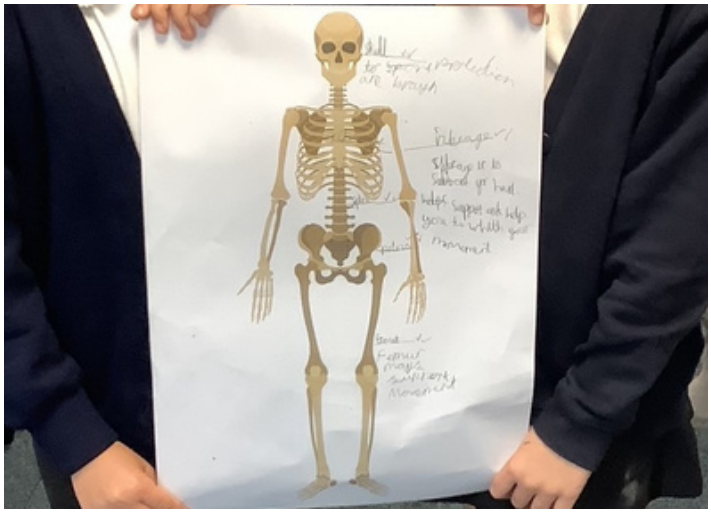
By encouraging one another and celebrating their progress, they have truly demonstrated our school value of Empower—believing in themselves, supporting others and growing through new experiences.



Leadership teams

We are delighted to announce that all our Bottesford Leadership Teams came together for the very first time this half term! The pupils had the opportunity to meet their team leaders, get to know one another and have their official photographs taken.

We are incredibly proud of our young leaders and look forward to seeing them flourish in their important roles.



3C Science

Year 3 have been learning about the bones in the human body and their important functions. To bring their learning to life, the children used chalk to draw around their bodies on the playground before labelling key bones, including the femur, spine, pelvis, ribcage and skull.

They have also explored the important jobs each bone performs, helping to protect our organs, support our bodies and allow us to move. It was a fun and practical way to develop their scientific knowledge!

Y6 Residential to Robinwood



This half term, some of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting three-day residential trip to Robinwood!

During their time away from home, the children embraced a range of new challenges, stepped outside their comfort zones and achieved things they may not have thought possible at the start of the trip. From trying new activities to supporting and encouraging one another, the children demonstrated fantastic determination, resilience and teamwork.

Most importantly, they had lots of fun along the way! The children represented our school brilliantly throughout the trip, making us incredibly proud.



Year 4 writing – Boudicca!

Year 4 have been reading a book about Boudicca as part of their literacy work, while also delving into the history of the Romans. The children have brought together their knowledge and used it to inform and inspire their writing.

A particular highlight was creating their own Iron Age-inspired vegetable stew and then writing instructions on how to make it! The children enjoyed chopping, mixing and peeling (although, to avoid waste, they would have kept the skins on in Iron Age Britain!).

Year 6 history lessons: WW2

This half term, Year 6 have been immersing themselves in the experiences of children evacuated during the Second World War through a series of engaging and practical literacy lessons.

As part of their learning, the children enjoyed a walk around Bottesford Beck, gathering ideas and using their senses to imagine what it might have been like to travel through the countryside as an evacuee.

Building on this experience, the pupils took part in a series of 'Choosing Day' activities. On this morning, the children fully embraced the experience by dressing up as evacuees and stepping into character, ready to be chosen by a host family from the countryside.

The children have worked incredibly hard to produce some fantastic setting descriptions and heartfelt letters, written from the perspective of an evacuee during World War II. Their creativity, imagination and enthusiasm have brought this important period of history to life!













3L Pedestrian skills

This term, Year 3 have been developing their pedestrian skills and learning how to stay safe near roads. The children have been practising how to find a safe place to cross, stop and look carefully in both directions, listen for traffic, and cross safely when it is clear.

They have also discussed the importance of using pedestrian crossings and staying alert when walking near roads. These skills will help the children become more confident and responsible pedestrians as well as understanding the roads in their local area.

Year 5 – Action packed!

WOW! What a busy first term Year 5 have had! Alongside swimming each week, the children have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities across all subjects.

In Science, they have investigated forces, air resistance, water resistance and gravity, including making parachutes of different sizes to test how quickly they fall. In Art and Design, they have developed their clay skills, using coils and joining techniques to create Canopic Jars.

These are just some of the fantastic learning experiences Year 5 have enjoyed. We look forward to even more exciting opportunities next term. Great work, Year 5!





Art & Craft Club

There have been some spooky goings-on at Year 5 Art Club this half term! The children have been getting creative making their own spooky Halloween masks. They have produced some fantastic and wonderfully creepy designs – perfect for Halloween!



Year 5 Egyptology

Our Year 5 historians have been stepping back in time to explore the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt! This term, they have been learning about papyrus and discovering how it was made and used as one of the world's earliest forms of paper. They also explored the importance of hieroglyphs, the unique writing system used by the Ancient Egyptians to communicate, record events, and tell stories.

The children were fascinated to learn how symbols could represent words, sounds and ideas. They thoroughly enjoyed becoming scribes themselves by creating and writing their own messages using hieroglyphs. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm as they uncovered the secrets of this ancient civilisation.

