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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING



As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank all our pupils, families, staff and governors for their continued support during our first year as Bottesford Schools Federation.

I am incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved and how our federation values, We RISE Together – Respect, Integrity, Strive and Empower – have become part of everyday school life.

I wish all our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Rachel Busby
Executive Headteacher



SPORTS DAY

The energy and enthusiasm shown by the pupils throughout the day was fantastic to see. Every child demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and commitment, whether competing in events or supporting classmates from the sidelines. A highlight of the day was the way pupils encouraged one another and showed real pride in their house teams. These moments reflected the values that are so important at Bottesford Schools Federation, including teamwork, resilience and respect.

While the friendly competition brought plenty of excitement, it was the strong sense of collaboration that made the day especially memorable. Pupils understood the importance of contributing to their team's success and gave their best in every event, creating a wonderful sense of house spirit.

We would also like to thank all the parents, carers and family members who came to support the children. Your encouragement helped create such a positive atmosphere and made the day even more memorable for everyone involved.

Y5 church visit

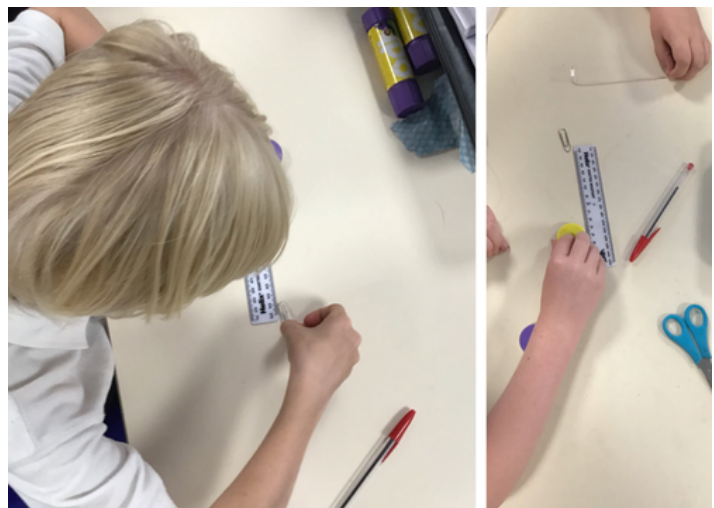
Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful visit to St Peter's Church as part of their learning in Religious Education and the Arts. The children were warmly welcomed and given the opportunity to explore the church, discovering its beautiful architecture, music, and artwork, and learning how these reflect the Christian faith. They asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity throughout the visit. It was a valuable experience that helped bring their classroom learning to life and deepen their understanding of Christianity.



House meeting

Our House Point meeting gave every student a voice as each house came together to democratically decide how to spend the points they had earned throughout the year.

Pupils discussed ideas, shared opinions, and voted for their favourite rewards, demonstrating teamwork, respect, and responsibility. It was wonderful to see everyone actively participating and helping shape decisions for their house community.



Year 3 – magnets

This term, the children have been learning about forces, with a focus on magnets. They have explored how a force can be a push or a pull and discovered that magnets can attract some materials without touching them.

The children investigated which materials are magnetic, finding that magnets attract iron, steel, nickel, and cobalt but not materials such as wood, plastic, glass, or paper. They also learned that every magnet has a north pole and a south pole, that opposite poles attract each other, and that the same poles repel each other. Through practical investigations, the children developed their understanding of how magnetic forces work and where magnets are used in everyday life.

Forest School

Year 5 have had a great time in Forest School, throwing themselves into a brilliant mix of outdoor adventures and hands-on learning! The children enjoyed making delicious ham and cheese toasties, took part in team games, and showed great focus and care while sawing wood safely. They also put their creativity to the test by designing imaginative gardens built for a changing climate, linking their learning to real-world environmental challenges.



Careers Day

Our recent Careers Day gave pupils an exciting insight into a wide range of future opportunities. They learned about careers in photography, health and safety, sport, the world of mortgages and finance, and what it means to be self-employed.

A huge thank you to Jo, Rebecca, Charlie and Maddy for generously volunteering their time to inspire our children and showcase the many opportunities that await them in the future.



Year 4 Geography

Year 4 enjoyed a practical geography lesson exploring the features of a river and learning about erosion. Working in groups, they created model rivers using sand, foil, tape, sticks and rocks before testing them with flowing water in the Forest School area. The children discussed river features, the effects of erosion and how they could improve their models by adding tributaries and a basin.

Year 6 Leavers treat

To celebrate the end of their time at junior school, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year trip. They spent the day at Scunthorpe Bowl, where they took part in bowling and mini-golf before enjoying a well-earned meal together.

After returning to school, the celebrations continued with a film afternoon complete with snacks and popcorn. It was a wonderful way to mark the end of their junior school journey, creating lasting memories with friends before moving on to secondary school.



PLATINUM PUPILS

Our Platinum Pupils enjoyed a well-deserved reward this week with a fun board games treat. Their excellent behaviour, positive attitude and commitment to our school values earned them this special time together. It was wonderful to see them laughing, having fun and celebrating their achievements in such an enjoyable way.



Y6 Girls Games Day- JLC

Our Year 6 girls enjoyed a fantastic day at John Leggott College, taking part in a carousel of exciting sporting activities. They had the opportunity to try archery, golf, cricket, tennis and a range of fun team-building challenges, developing new skills while working together and encouraging one another throughout the day.

The beautiful weather made the experience even more enjoyable, and the girls represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiasm, teamwork and positive attitudes. It was a memorable and rewarding event for everyone involved.

Transition Day

Our Transition Day was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to spend time in their new classrooms, meet their teachers and experience a taste of the next academic year. Throughout the day, children took part in a range of engaging activities, including imaginative art projects, practical maths challenges, grammar orienteering and creative writing.

The day was filled with enthusiasm as pupils embraced new experiences, built relationships with classmates and teachers, and explored their new learning environments. Transition Day has left everyone feeling excited and positive about September. We are incredibly proud of how well our pupils approached the day and look forward to welcoming them back after the summer holidays for another successful year of learning.



Year 5 – practical learning

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting half term, taking part in lots of active, hands-on learning across the curriculum. In Science, the children investigated how to separate materials as part of their Chemistry topic. They explored the properties of soluble and insoluble substances and learned about solutions and mixtures through practical investigations.

In Geography, the children discovered where our food comes from, explored the distances it travels to reach our plates, and considered the importance of sustainability and making environmentally responsible choices.

In DT, the children designed and created their own fruit salads using seasonal fruits grown in the UK. They enjoyed applying their food preparation skills while learning about the benefits of choosing locally grown, seasonal produce.



Craft Club

This half term, pupils in Art and Craft Club have been getting creative with Mrs Cavany, designing and making their own fantastic clay monsters. From quirky characters to fearsome creatures, their imaginations have really come to life. The finished creations are monstrously good (sorry - we couldn't resist!) and showcase some wonderful artistic talent.



EIS- Athletics Trip

A group of pupils proudly represented the school at an athletics competition hosted by the EIS, competing against teams from a range of local schools. The children took part in a variety of track and field events, demonstrating determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

Their hard work and commitment were rewarded with a very respectable third-place finish overall. Congratulations to everyone who took part for representing the school so positively and for their outstanding effort in every event.



Bastille Day

Our children enjoyed a wonderful celebration of Bastille Day, taking part in a range of exciting activities that brought French language and culture to life.

Throughout the day, they explored French traditions, practised their speaking skills, and immersed themselves in a variety of themed games, creative activities and interactive challenges. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop their understanding of France while celebrating this important national occasion in a fun, engaging and memorable way.

A huge thank you to St Bede's Secondary School for delivering such an informative and engaging workshop. The sessions inspired our children and made our Bastille Day celebrations even more special.

We would also like to congratulate our fantastic Year 6 pupils, who delivered brilliant presentations all about Bastille Day before teaching the Infant children an aspect of French culture. They showed great confidence, enthusiasm and leadership, and were wonderful role models for our younger pupils.

