

# CELEBRATION OF LEARNING



The spring term has been a busy one at Bottesford Juniors. The pupils are demonstrating passion and determination with all aspects of school life. We are so proud of their positive attitudes and the high standards of work. This dedication is a testament to their growing resilience and love for learning. It is wonderful to walk around as their new headteacher to see excellent behaviour and pupils striving to achieve their best. I am proud to be able to continue to witness them flourish throughout their primary education.

*Rachel Busby - Executive Headteacher*

## Easter raffle

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Easter raffle. Your egg/chocolate donations have been extremely generous. We are privileged to have such supportive families.

## Bottesford Schools Federation Assembly

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we had our first-ever Bottesford Schools Federation assembly with all the infant and junior pupils and staff. The assembly focused on the benefits of the federation and how we are all now part of one community team. We discussed how amazing things can happen when we work together. It was a joy to have 475 pupils singing beautifully together.



## Year 3 – Science Week

Year 3 had an exciting and memorable experience during Science Week when they welcomed a special visitor to school. Martin Wiles, a retired sheep farmer, shared his knowledge about farming and gave the children a fascinating insight into what life is like on a farm. Year 3 enjoyed asking questions and discovering interesting facts about animals, crops, and the work farmers do each day. They also took part in a discussion about seasonal produce, helping them to better understand where their food comes from and how it is produced.



**Class 3C**



## Year 4 – parent workshop

On Tuesday, we invited our Year 4 parents to a multiplication workshop. Year 4 children carry out a national multiplication check week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026. We wanted to inform parents about this national assessment. The pupils enjoyed engaging in multiplication activities with their parents following the presentation. Thank you parents and grandparents for attending this event.



## Playground Resources

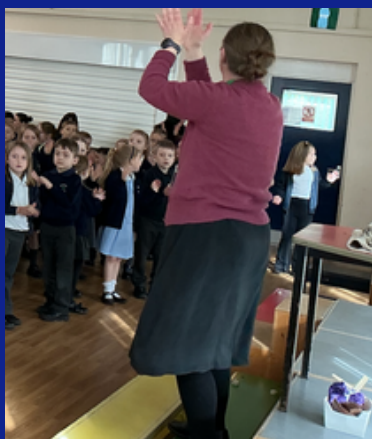
Our new lunchtime equipment has had a positive impact on our pupils' engagement and development. Since the introduction of the new resources, we have witnessed a marked increase in purposeful activity during lunch periods. The pupils are demonstrating genuine enthusiasm and engagement with the equipment, which has proven effective in channelling their energy constructively.

## Year 4 Museum Visit

At the beginning of this half term, Year 4 went on a fabulous trip to the Scunthorpe Museum to kick-start our new history topic – The Anglo-Saxons. The children had a brilliant day, represented our school beautifully and fully immersed themselves into exploring different aspects of the museum. They looked at some Anglo-Saxon artefacts, had a go at Anglo-Saxon writing and spent lots of time discussing different discoveries during the time period.

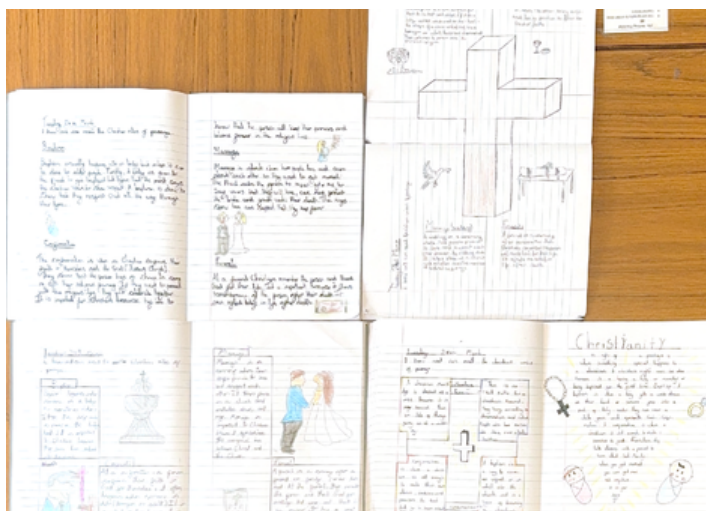


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## Easter Service

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Reverend Kate came into school to deliver an Easter service to both our infant and junior pupils. We enjoyed our interactive service. Later in the week, Mr Robson led another assembly where we sang lots of wonderful Easter songs. The singing across the federation is very impressive.



## Year 6 Exceptional Work!

As we approached the end of the spring term, Year 6 tried something a little different in their writing lessons. We planned, edited and typed up a 'TripAdvisor-style' review about a visit to the zoo, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In RE, we summarised everything we have learnt in our Christianity topic and collated our ideas on a poster summarising Christian Rites of Passage.

## STEM Workshop

Year 5 & 6 were lucky enough to be a part of a live STEM workshop which focused on the Material World: Engineering the Future. In the session children:

- Discovered how everyday materials drive cutting-edge technology
- Saw STEM in action across engineering, manufacturing, technology and aerospace
- Learnt how creativity and problem-solving fuel innovation
- Were introduced to and inspired by real career pathways



**Year 5 & 6**



### Year 5 Bikeability

Our Year 5 pupils were superb during Bikeability this half term. We are very lucky to have visitors in the school who take the pupils out onto the local streets and teach them how to cycle safely. Before they go out into the community, they learn to ride their bike with one hand on the playground first. The pupils know that they have to look, listen and focus whilst riding on the roads.



### Year 5Y - Forest School Day

5Y had a fantastic time at Forest School celebrating Eid and Comic Relief! The children were full of excitement as they built dens, toasted delicious s'mores, and enjoyed some hot chocolate, as well as getting creative making beautiful Eid-themed bird feeders. The session was filled with laughter, especially as everyone enjoyed sharing their best jokes to round off the day. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and teamwork, everyone loved it!

## LEGO Therapy Club

A small group of children have been attending a LEGO Therapy Club this term which is a structured, small-group activity designed to help children develop social, communication, and teamwork skills through collaborative LEGO building.

Each child is assigned a specific role; Engineer, Supplier, Builder and Director. These roles rotate regularly so every child practices different skills.

In our final session of the half term, the children were spilt into pairs and asked to create a vehicle - they had 10 minutes to complete the task. Each pair worked collaboratively, displaying amazing respect and communication skills throughout.



## Reading Books

Thank you to everyone who came along to our reading cafes as part of world book day. Reading is so important - we tell the children all the time that 'the more we read, the more we learn'. It is great to see such a buzz around school because of our new reading books. Thank you Mrs Burt for making this happen!



## Year 5 - Geography

This term, Year 5 enjoyed a fun and active geography lesson all about how avalanches change the landscape of the Alps. The children began by becoming a human avalanche, moving together to show how snow and rocks travel down a mountain. This helped them understand key ideas like erosion (wearing away the land), transportation (moving materials), and deposition (where materials are left behind). They then worked in groups to create their own mini avalanches, exploring how these processes shape the land. It was fantastic to see their teamwork and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 5!

## Swimming Gala

Some of our pupils participated in a competitive swimming event alongside five other local schools. They represented our federation with considerable skill and determination. Throughout the afternoon, the pupils engaged in a series of heats, semi-finals, and relay races, each demonstrating the commitment and resilience we encourage across our school community. We are delighted to report that our school achieved first place, accumulating the highest points across all events. The pupils returned to school visibly tired—a reflection of the genuine effort they invested—and arrived home wearing their gold medals with considerable pride. We are immensely proud of our swimming team!



**Winners!**



### Dance Showcase

A group of our pupils represented Bottesford Juniors at the dance showcase held at The Baths Hall. Every pupil involved demonstrated courage in performing their choreographed routine at the venue's large stage. For many pupils, performing in such a setting—before an audience and in an unfamiliar environment—requires considerable confidence and resilience. Our pupils rose to this challenge with composure and commitment. The success of this performance would not have been possible without the expertise and dedication of Miss Arrand, who choreographed the routine with meticulous care and attention to detail.



### Eid Mubarak

We celebrated Eid in school to deepen our pupils' understanding of this significant religious observance within the Muslim faith. The day proved to be both educational and thoroughly enjoyable for all involved. Throughout the celebration, our pupils engaged in a range of carefully selected activities that enabled them to develop meaningful knowledge whilst enjoying themselves. The pupils made biscuits and decorative lanterns and other creative crafts. The pupils also gained a clear understanding of why Eid is important to Muslims.