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BOTTESFORD SCHOOLS FEDERATION JUNIORS



CELEBRATION OF LEARNING



As we start a new term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved together across our newly formed federation. It has been great to see our schools working so closely together, building strong relationships and creating shared opportunities for our children, staff and wider community.

The summer term marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter as we introduced our federation values: **We RISE together**. These values — **Respect, Integrity, Strive and Empower** — are already being lived and breathed across our federation every day. Whether in classrooms, on the playground, during sporting events or through acts of kindness and teamwork, our children are demonstrating what it truly means to be part of a caring and ambitious community.

Rachel Busby - Executive Head Teacher

Bottesford Schools Federation Colour Run

What a fantastic event our Colour Run was! It was wonderful to see the whole federation come together – staff, parents, siblings and children from both Bottesford Infant and Junior Schools all joining in the fun and colour. The energy and enthusiasm across both schools was truly special, and it really demonstrated the strength of our community spirit.

All the money raised will go towards new resources for both the infant and junior playgrounds, as part of our OPAL school programme. This is a brilliant outcome that will benefit all our pupils and create even better spaces for them to play and learn.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event – your generosity and involvement make such a difference to our schools.

Year 6 – SATs week

We are so proud of the resilience and ambition our Year 6 pupils have demonstrated through their SATs. They worked incredibly hard and should be proud of their achievements. At the end of SATs week they enjoyed some well-deserved free time with their friends and had a treat from the ice-cream van. The ice-creams were delicious. We used our fund raising money to pay for their treat. Thank you for all your generous donations!



Year 6 – SATS treat



Craft Club

We are delighted to share the wonderful creativity flourishing in our craft club this term. Our pupils have been producing some truly impressive hanging decorations, each one unique and brimming with personality. The skills they've developed and the care they've invested in their work is a real testament to their talents. We would like to extend our thanks to our dedicated staff who volunteer their time after school to enrich our pupils' experiences. These enrichment opportunities are invaluable in fostering creativity and confidence across our school community.



Year 6 – Breakfast

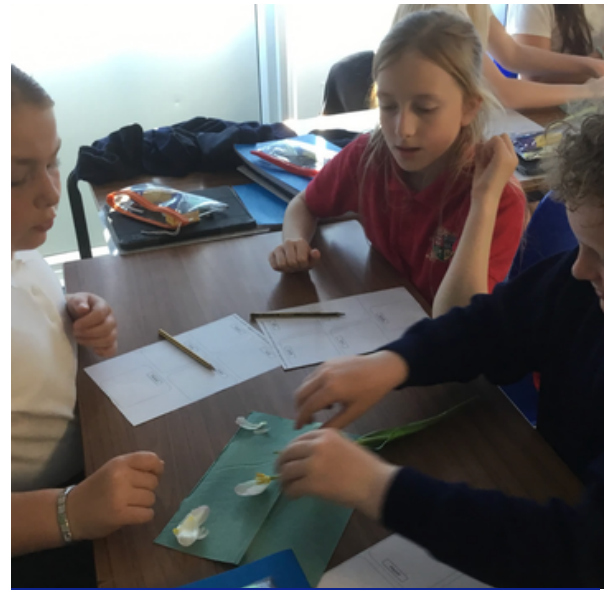
Year 6 commitment to arriving early each morning, fully prepared and ready to give their best during SATs week has been truly inspiring. A big thank you to our exceptional kitchen staff team, who started every day with energy and care, providing our Yr6 pupils and staff with delicious breakfast options – sausage and bacon baps, cereal, and toast. These small gestures made a real difference to their morning.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Carpenter for delivering mindfulness sessions each morning that helped our Yr6 pupils feel mentally prepared and confident as they tackled each test. Together, we've shown what our school community can achieve when we support one another.

Year 5 Science

Year 5 took part in a fascinating hands-on investigation of flowers. They carefully dissected a flower to explore its structure up close and then drew and labelled what they could see.

The lesson also focused on pollination. Seeing it through real examples made the learning especially engaging and helped pupils understand how plants reproduce in a clear and memorable way.



Class 5Y



Reading Buddies

Our Year 4 and Year 2 pupils have been building wonderful connections through our buddy reading programme. Every Tuesday, they come together to share books and support each other's reading development. It's been truly inspiring to see our Year 4 pupils demonstrate such care and responsibility as they guide our younger readers. This initiative beautifully showcases the collaborative spirit that makes Bottesford Schools Federation special.



Year 4 Gardening

Class 4SP have been making a real difference to our school environment this term. They've been working hard to create a wildlife area by raking soil and planting seeds around our orchard. Their efforts will help attract important pollinators like bees and butterflies, supporting our local ecosystem. It's wonderful to see our pupils taking such positive action for the environment.

Year 5 History

In year 5, the children have immersed themselves in what life would have been like for the soldiers in WW1, during our History topic. The children looked at the little food that the soldiers would have been given. They thought about and created 'freeze frames' of the soldiers feelings when they wrote letters home. The children dived into the 'trenches', thinking about the wet, cold and muddy conditions, whilst also considering what would have been dangerous, uncomfortable and emotional for them during this time. A lot of learning and discussions were had whilst the children had lots of fun!



Class 5D



Tokuma School

Our federation is part of 'Together We Learn Ethiopia', a charity fostering international understanding between UK and Ethiopian schools. This term, we have been sharing our favourite foods with Tokuma Elementary in Bishoftu. We've already received their wonderful contributions and Miss Watson (International Schools leader) shared these in our federation assembly. It's a meaningful way to connect with our friends across the world and understand different cultures.



Year 3 - 20:21 visit

Year 3 recently visited 20:21 as part of their art learning for an exciting workshop based on the work of American artist Georgia O'Keeffe. The children learned more about her life and artistic style before exploring a range of techniques, including layering, blending, scumbling and stippling using oil pastels. They then applied these skills to create their own beautiful final pieces inspired by her work. The finished artwork was absolutely amazing, and the children should be very proud of their creativity and effort!