



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Spring term has gone well, we have enjoyed our new Swing and 'Egg Cup' roundabout that are now installed on the outdoor soft play area, the pupils, young and old are loving these new resources, watching the pupil's faces has been a real joy. We have also just fitted an internal swing for Occupational Therapy programmes and we are very excited about beginning to use these. The development of the outside space in the school is an area that we are working on, if any parent would be interested in helping us with this we would be grateful for any ideas or help.

Our week working with Jessie's fund was truly inspirational, staff received training and the pupils worked with Pete and Aimee, both individually and in groups. Every pupil loved this experience and I think that you would agree the performance was amazing. We are hoping to work with this great charity again in the future.

Our school minibus remains busy with trips out on the bus each week, the pupils have visited parks, the beach, cafes and other locations, this is an important part of what our school offers and this encourages our pupils to develop their independence and social skills.

Some pupils have started horse riding again, unfortunately there are not enough ponies for all pupils who would like to ride, so we need to use a rota system to ensure that all pupils have this opportunity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, some of our parents and friends have been very generous with their time and efforts and we have been touched by the financial donations given to school. The money raised is used to support trips and to pay for the residential holidays that we take the pupils on.

I hope that you all have a lovely holiday when it comes and look forward to a great summer term.

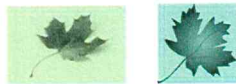
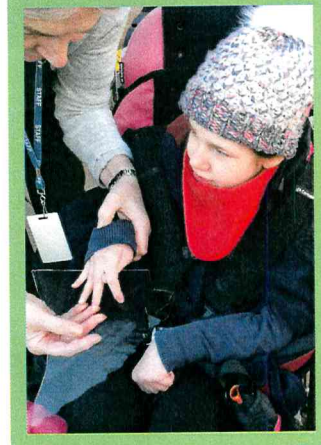
Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries



Maple Class

We have had a lovely time this term, and have enjoyed all the different weather- looking at frozen water in the pond, and watching the daffodil and crocus bulbs come into flower. 🌸



We have had fun making pancakes and having pancake races with our friends in Willow Class.



Willow class outdoor learning



Willow class have been exploring our local environment and enjoying the weather as it gets warmer. They have been to the park and the river to feed the ducks.



Elm Class enjoyed working with Pete and Aimee, two very talented musicians from Jessie's Fund.

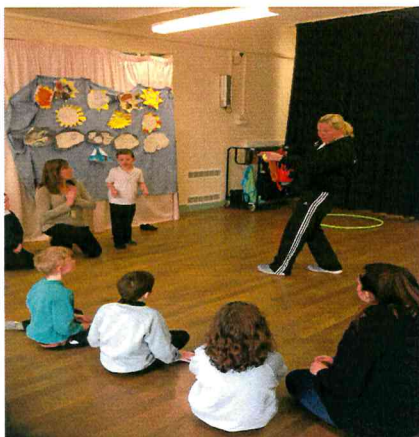


Beech Class Newsletter April 2017



We have been exploring the local area and discovered the play park in Grove Gardens South has lots of fun new equipment. We enjoy playing in the park and getting lots of exercise on the equipment.

Everyone in Beech class enjoyed learning more about music when Pete and Amy from Jessie's Fund came to visit school. We learned a little more every day over a whole week and then the whole school put on a performance on Friday afternoon.



Katy Storie who played rugby for England visited school and we had great fun learning to play better as a team with her. We were helping each other to keep a balloon in the air.

OAK CLASS

Kirkley Hall

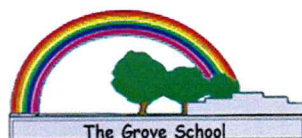


Dilston College

6th form students in Oak Class have been looking at opportunities that may be available to for them when they leave school. They recently visited Dilston College at Hexham and Kirkley Hall near Ponteland. The students enjoyed making their choices for lunch in the canteen.



Students have completed ADSAN portfolios which are about to be sent away for moderation.





This month we went to the Beehive Youth Project in Berwick with Oak class. When we got there we signed in and met Merrick. Merrick told us the rules and talked about all the things we can do at the Beehive. We found out we can go on a Thursday and Friday 3-8 and 11-3 on a Saturday and it is for 13-18 year olds.

We played pool and air hockey. Then we got a cookie and chatted with our friends. We think the Beehive is a really good place for meeting your friends and chilling out. Hopefully some of us will go back after school time.

By Sycamore

