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## Sporting Autumn...

### Cross Country 2019



In October our secondary and older primary pupils went to the Royal School for the Deaf Derby for the Cross Country competition, enjoying a fun day socialising with the other deaf schools and achieving some brilliant results.

In primary Vienna won the junior girls race with Keira coming in soon after to get third place—the primary girls team got 2nd place team!

In our secondary PE lessons the pupils have been working hard to improve their long distance running skills, particularly Kuba and Emily who both came in the top three on race day (Kuba getting 3rd place for senior boys and Emily coming 3rd for senior girls, an amazing achievement in her first senior race). It was impressive to see how well other new Year 7 pupils, such as Lucy and Eleanor, ran in their first senior race.

Miss Taylor could not have been any prouder, seeing all of our pupils running so hard and so keen to do well in the competition.

### Sportsability Multi-skills

Our Year 5 and 6 primary pupils also had another opportunity to show of their sporting talents at the Sportability multi-skills competition at the end of term. Once again they performed amazingly well with skills that have improved so much since last year.

Miss Taylor was so impressed by their tactics and accuracy in aiming the Boccia balls and Curling stones at their targets. Our team had four matches for each game, Curling and Boccia, and won 3 out of 4 matches in both. They were very very close to coming first overall! Our players enjoyed the matches very much and their hand-eye coordination was wonderful to watch.

Miss Taylor is proud as punch of you all.





## Cannon Hall Farm

Primary's first trip of the new term was a visit to Cannon Hall Farm.

Our pupils learned about looking after different farm animals, practiced milking a cow and enjoyed watching how the meerkats behaved. In the afternoon they enjoyed climbing and sliding on the adventure playground.



In October Miss Lyon's primary group went on a trip to the Deep aquarium in Hull, accompanied by Year 9 pupils. In primary literacy pupils have been researching different sea creatures so we went to gain first hand experience. Our Pupils took part in a slime making workshop as many sea creatures make slime naturally as a defence mechanism to survive. Pupils and staff all had a great time!

## New School Council

The start of a new school year means another group of pupils taking over the important work of running the school council.

It was good to see many new members this year, including some of our new year 7s.

The council meet to improve your school and organise events.

If you have an idea let them know!



## BSL at the Hilton Hotel

To coincide with the International Day of Sign Languages, our Year 10 and 11 pupils visited the Hilton Hotel at the racecourse to teach the staff some basic BSL signs in preparation for meeting future Deaf clients. It was a simple introduction to help them learn some useful BSL signs, with our pupils demonstrating and checking they could repeat them correctly.

Some of the staff taking part were very keen to learn more and were full of questions asking to learn other signs that would be useful for their jobs. It was a fun session with plenty of jokes shared between both our young teachers and the curious hotel learners.



# Museum workshop – Stone and Iron Age

Primary have been learning about the Stone and Iron Ages in history lessons this term and in October they had a fantastic morning at Doncaster Museum, taking part in a hands-on workshop run by museum experts. The children learnt so much in the 2 hour session, touching, role-playing and interacting with real and artificial artefacts provided by the museum. Everyone, including our staff, were fascinated and eager to learn throughout. The resources were brilliantly prepared and instructions were clear and accessible.

Our pupils loved trying out the 'Stone Age' outfits made with materials from real animal skins such as reindeer, red deer, brown bear and leopard! All were astonished at the size of the real mammoth's tooth and felt privileged to touch it. It was also fascinating to work with the tools and learn how they were used with the limited technology of that time, still managing to make sharp weapons to kill animals and clever shelters. The children also practiced making cave art, lying beneath the work tables to experience what it was like to paint while in a small space.

A very successful session at our amazing local Museum.



## COMING UP NEXT TERM...

Christmas half-term is again busy with activities and excitement!

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	New Half Term begins
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	190 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Day in school
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Panathlon Bowling competition, Doncaster
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 7, 8 & 9 outdoor adventure day at Leeds Beckett University
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School trip to signed pantomime "Cinderella" at Cast, Doncaster
Wed 18 <sup>h</sup> Dec	Christmas Assembly for pupils, parents and families
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for Christmas Holidays
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	New Term Begins

**Enjoy your holiday.**

**Have a**

