



Newsletter

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The White Hills Park Trust

A Culture of Excellence

Engaging with our local Councils and Communities

The last couple of weeks have been an important time for those involved in local politics. I would particularly like to offer congratulations to Cllr Richard Macrae who was formally invested as the Mayor of Broxtowe on Wednesday evening. Richard is a great friend to the White Hills Park Trust. As well as being a parent of one of our students, he has also served as a Governor at Bramcote College, and a few years ago, he was a pupil at Bramcote Park School! He has served as a councillor for a number of years and is tireless in his championing of local people in Broxtowe, and particularly in his home town of Stapleford. We look forward to seeing Richard in our schools during the coming year.

The relationship between our schools and local councils is a very important one, and we are fortunate to have strong, positive links with Broxtowe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. A number of local councillors give their time to sit on our school governing bodies, and we have benefitted from councillor support with specific issues, for example, the Bramcote College rebuild project.

A former Broxtowe Mayor, Stan Heptinstall MBE, sits as a Member of the Trust, and has been a director and governor for many years. Stan served as a County and Borough Councillor for over 25 years, and has made a huge contribution to education in our area. During the pandemic, we worked very closely with last year's Mayor, Janet Patrick, to support the Mayor's appeal, providing Christmas hampers to vulnerable Broxtowe residents. Our students have taken part in many activities led by the council, including the annual Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration.

Although we are obviously careful about maintaining neutrality, giving our pupils the opportunity to understand and engage with the world of politics in the broadest sense is very important. Before the last election, we ran a hustings event at Bramcote College, attended by the candidates from all the major parties and it was well-attended by students, who engaged really well with the discussion.

Pupils' engagement with political issues is something that has grown in recent times and has been particularly noticeable during the pandemic. Young people have a natural interest in environmental issues, for example, and will often question adults on the way we are looking after the planet. Whatever their age, they will have questions and opinions about a range of issues which link to the world of politics, and so it is part of our role to develop their critical capabilities. We were very proud to see pupils from Florence Nightingale Academy on Central News this week talking about their respect and support for the NHS, for example.

We want our pupils to leave school with an excellent understanding of the world around them and a desire to make a positive difference – I'm looking forward to the day when we have an ex-White Hills Park student as Prime Minister!

Dr. Paul Heery
Chief Executive Officer

Vacancies

We currently have four vacancies across the Trust: See whptrust.org/vacancies for more information.



Classroom Teacher - Closing date: 9am, Wednesday 26th May

Classroom Teacher (Part-time, Temporary) - Closing date: 9am, Wednesday 26th May



Social, Emotional & Mental Health Teacher

Closing date: 9am, Friday 21st May



Minuting Secretary

Closing Date: 10am, Wednesday 19th May

Golden Book Assembly

Well done to everyone who was chosen for the Golden Book Assembly this week!

Beatrix Potter class: **Dominic**

Dina Asher Smith class: **Madeline**

Billie Jean King class: **Minnie**

Evelyn Glennie class: **Sophie**

Nina Simone class: **Tamarni**

David Attenborough class: **Naomi**

Barack Obama class: **Layla**

Michael Rosen class: **Zak**

Leonardo Da Vinci class: **Corey**

Ellie Simmonds class: **Nola Rose**

Greta Thunberg class: **Kaiden**

Ada Lovelace: **Scarlet**

Martin Luther King class: **Louie**

Michelle Obama class: **Skye**

Sanna Marin class: **Zack**

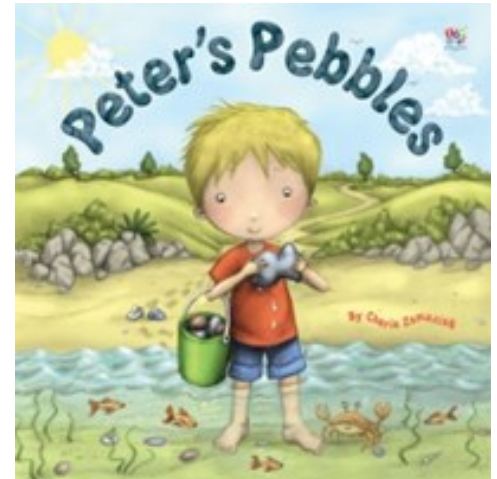
Joseph Rowntree class: **Alex**



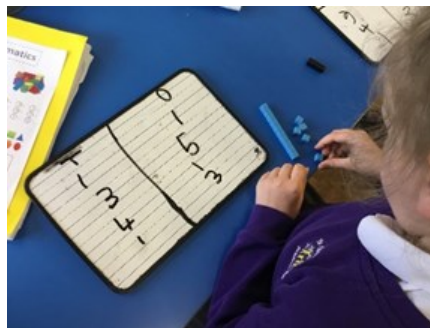
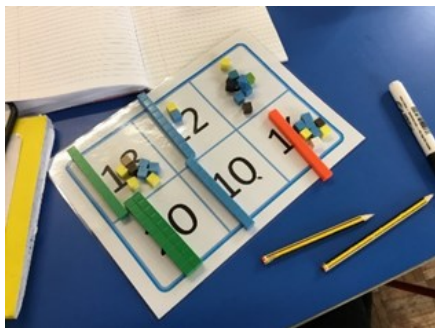
Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been exploring the story 'Peter's pebbles'.

We designed our own pebbles using chalk and over the week we have found unusual shaped pebbles on our way home, at the park and on our outdoor adventures.



In maths this week we have been exploring place value to 100. We started the week using base 10 to explore 10's and 1's up to 50 and then using number lines, squares and objects we have been finding one more and one less than numbers up to 100.



We have been reading 'The Smartest Giant in Town' this week. We thought of what the title of the story might be by looking at the front cover and then we have been sequencing the story events in order. We then worked in groups to do a 'freeze frame' of different parts of the story.

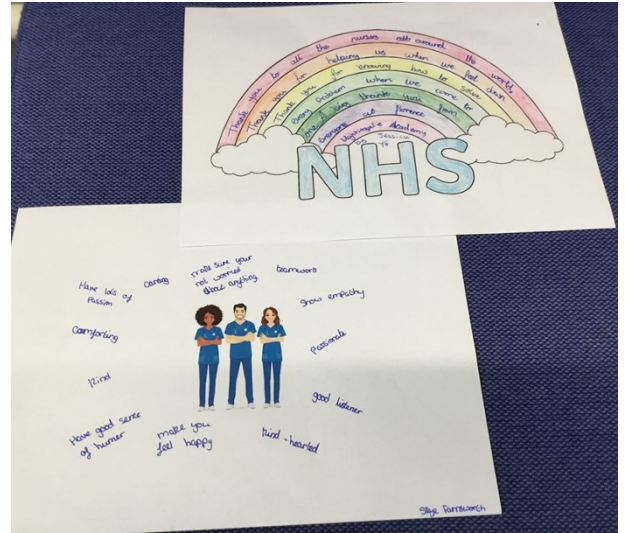
Can you guess which part they are?



Florence Nightingale's Birthday and International Nurses Day

We celebrated our namesake's Birthday on Wednesday, Florence would have been 201 and the children reflected on the impact she had on the nursing profession today and the similarities of her passion, dedication and commitment in the current pandemic.

We had a visit from ITV where our children spoke confidently about the important role nurses have in society and how Florence is still an inspiration to us all. Children also wrote messages of thanks to our NHS workers.



Year 4

David Attenborough and Ada Lovelace have been very busy recently! In Year 4 this term, we are learning all about the water cycle. To start our topic, we looked at how water changes from solid to liquid and gas, recapping our learning from science last term. We even acted like the particles and practiced evaporating and condensing!

We have also explored clouds and made our own! In teams, children worked to make their own clouds in a jar, seeing the effect of the water heating up and becoming a gas (the cloud) before turning into rain.



Our topic in writing has been writing poetry, and children have been writing their own acrostic poems about the environment and community based on the book 'We are here' by Oliver Jeffers. To build on their new poetry writing skills, we also wrote acrostic poems about Florence Nightingale to celebrate International Nurses Day. We combined our work to create a class poem.

Florence Nightingale was a famous nurse
 Lady of the Lamp
 Order of Merit 1907
 Round she walked to make sure everyone was okay
 Eating in the dining hall with your friends
 Naughty people shooting bullets
 Caring, cleaning
 Enjoy

nightingale.
 Night & day she helped patients.
 In their worst times.
 Getting them up.
 Having a second second chance.
 Tossing in the net again
 In the ambulance.
 Nursing was a helpful job in the net.
 Getting more skill.
 Although some didn't like she tried her hardest
 Like she made a bed to help others.
 Everyone dies and so did Florence, but she
 Died with a happy life so that's good.

Florence Nightingale.
 Lady of the Lamp
 Order of Merit 1907
 Round she walked to see if everyone was okay
 Everyone deserves to live
 Naughty people shooting bullets
 Caring, cleaning up from others.
 Enjoy

Nurses on night shift.
 Unhealthy food being served
 Revive the dying
 Argents making sure of the patients
 Everyone is poorly
 Sewing up really bad wounds

Lady of the lamp was the name for her
 Awarded for helping serious injuries.
 Medicines for poorly soldiers.
 Patients all getting bandaged.

In our previous writing topic, we explored Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This included creating our own weird and wonderful recipes for the Year 4 cookbook! The pupils really enjoyed creating their own recipes and enjoyed the sweet tasting activity for vocabulary.



In Maths, we have been revisiting our multiplication and division strategies and exploring money. We even calculated the change in the Mathmagician's shop!