



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Important Day to Remember:  
School reopens on Wednesday  
3rd September 2025. We look  
forward to seeing you all then!



## *A Message from Mrs. Boulton*

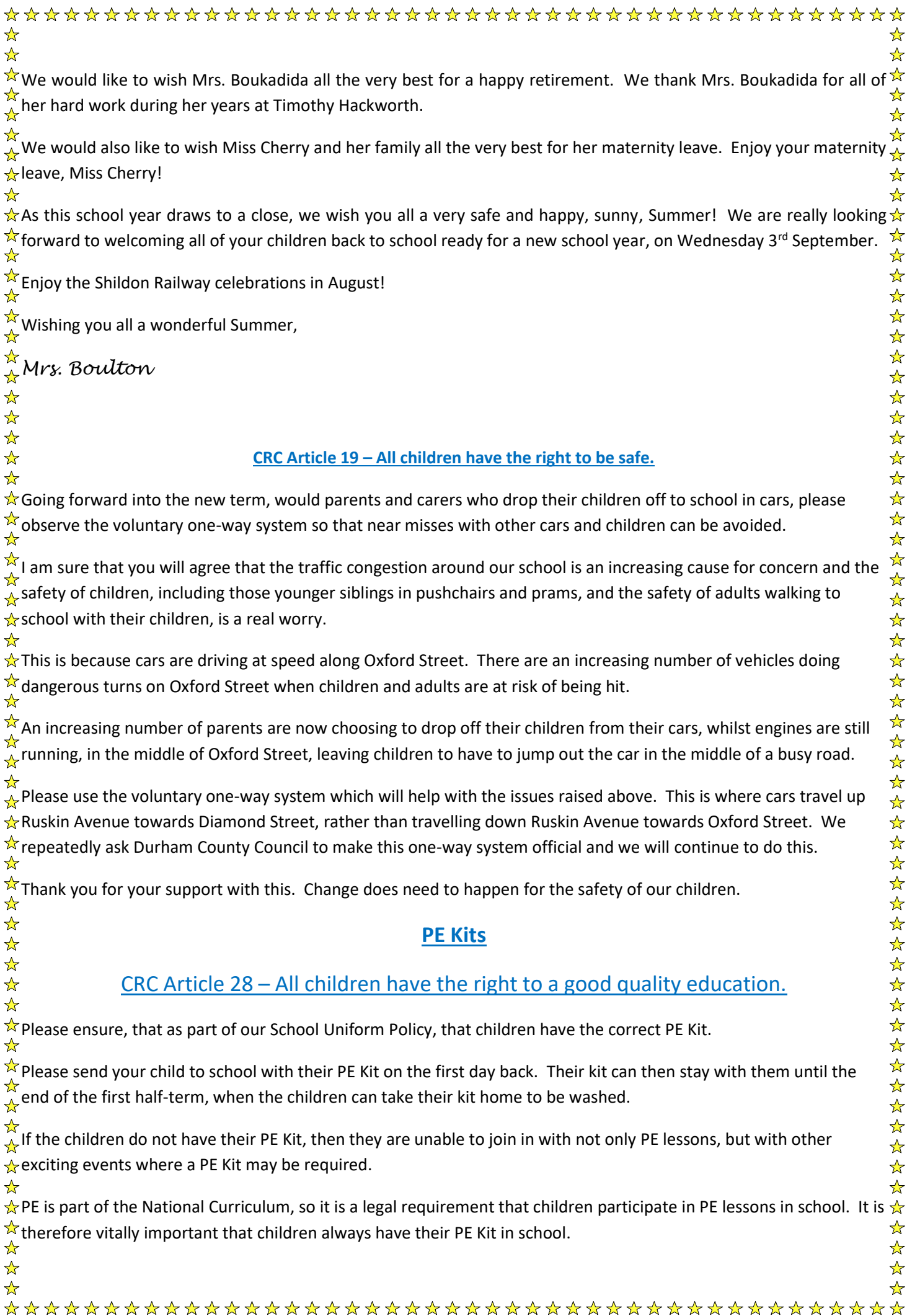
As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to thank you for all of your continued support for our school. Your children are indeed amazing and they are certainly ready for a bit of a rest. They have worked hard, have tried their best, and they tell us they are now wishing for lots more sunshine this holiday!

We are glad that you were able to join us for our Family Picnic afternoon earlier this week. It was lovely to see you all!

We wish our Year 6 children very fond farewells as they embark upon their journey into Year 7. They certainly have been excellent ambassadors for our school this year. What an amazing year group Year 6 have been; such camaraderie and teamwork to be proud of. We have had incredibly positive feedback from the instructors at the Robinwood Outdoor Adventure Centre, where our Year 6s have recently returned from their residential. Out of all of the schools who were also at Robinwood, our Year 6 children were, yet again, commended on their impeccable, sensible and respectful behaviour. Wow!

We are very proud of each and every one of our children in school. Individually, the children have worked incredibly hard to achieve their many personal goals, and, collectively, as a Timothy Hackworth team, they have worked well together to show everyone how proud we all are of each other as a Timothy Hackworth family.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and committed team of Timothy Hackworth staff who strive to ensure that your children are happy, safe and achieve their very best.



We would like to wish Mrs. Boukadida all the very best for a happy retirement. We thank Mrs. Boukadida for all of her hard work during her years at Timothy Hackworth.

We would also like to wish Miss Cherry and her family all the very best for her maternity leave. Enjoy your maternity leave, Miss Cherry!

As this school year draws to a close, we wish you all a very safe and happy, sunny, Summer! We are really looking forward to welcoming all of your children back to school ready for a new school year, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Enjoy the Shildon Railway celebrations in August!

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer,

*Mrs. Boulton*

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

Going forward into the new term, would parents and carers who drop their children off to school in cars, please observe the voluntary one-way system so that near misses with other cars and children can be avoided.

I am sure that you will agree that the traffic congestion around our school is an increasing cause for concern and the safety of children, including those younger siblings in pushchairs and prams, and the safety of adults walking to school with their children, is a real worry.

This is because cars are driving at speed along Oxford Street. There are an increasing number of vehicles doing dangerous turns on Oxford Street when children and adults are at risk of being hit.

An increasing number of parents are now choosing to drop off their children from their cars, whilst engines are still running, in the middle of Oxford Street, leaving children to have to jump out the car in the middle of a busy road.

Please use the voluntary one-way system which will help with the issues raised above. This is where cars travel up Ruskin Avenue towards Diamond Street, rather than travelling down Ruskin Avenue towards Oxford Street. We repeatedly ask Durham County Council to make this one-way system official and we will continue to do this.

Thank you for your support with this. Change does need to happen for the safety of our children.

PE Kits

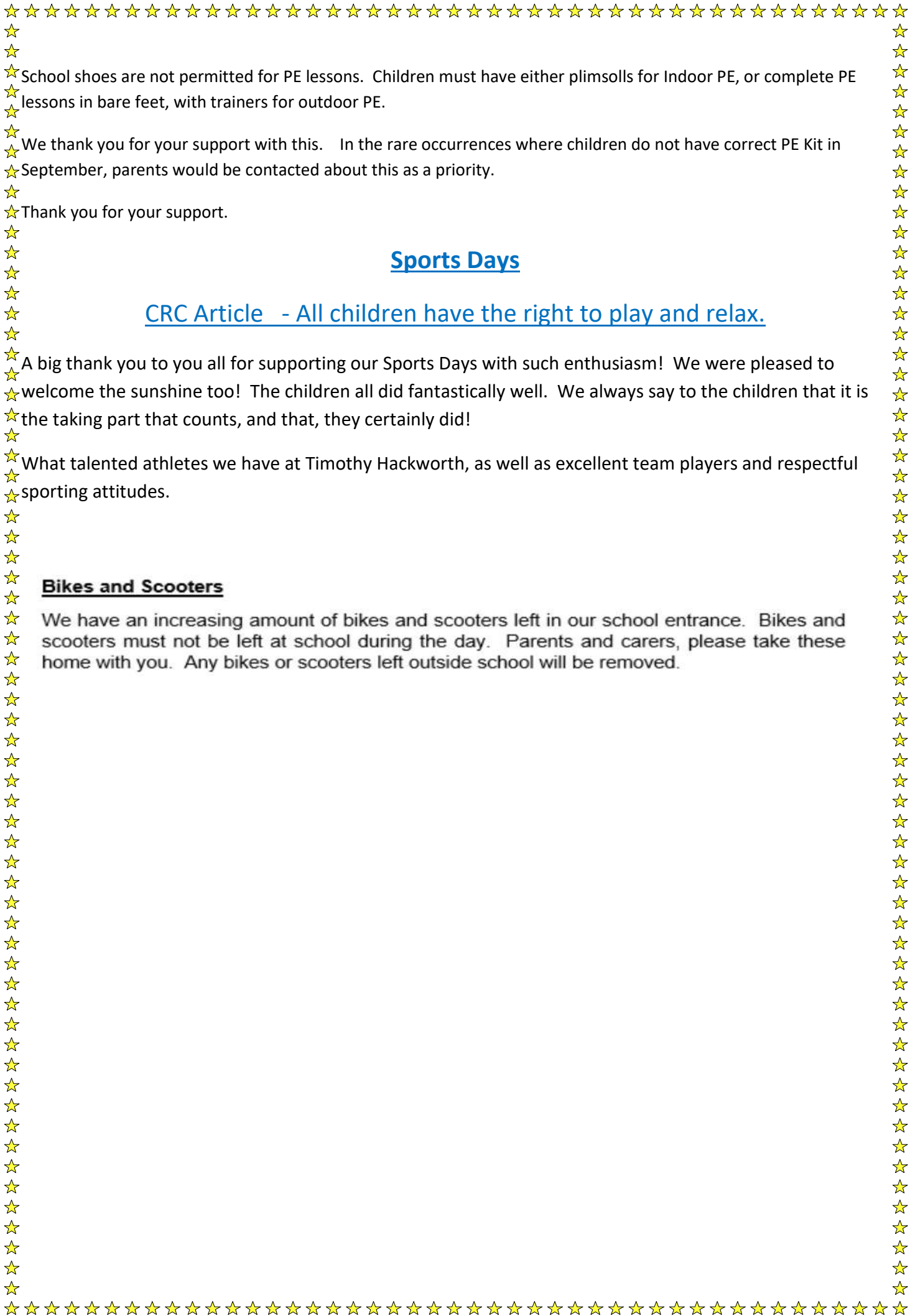
CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education.

Please ensure, that as part of our School Uniform Policy, that children have the correct PE Kit.

Please send your child to school with their PE Kit on the first day back. Their kit can then stay with them until the end of the first half-term, when the children can take their kit home to be washed.

If the children do not have their PE Kit, then they are unable to join in with not only PE lessons, but with other exciting events where a PE Kit may be required.

PE is part of the National Curriculum, so it is a legal requirement that children participate in PE lessons in school. It is therefore vitally important that children always have their PE Kit in school.



School shoes are not permitted for PE lessons. Children must have either plimsolls for Indoor PE, or complete PE lessons in bare feet, with trainers for outdoor PE.

We thank you for your support with this. In the rare occurrences where children do not have correct PE Kit in September, parents would be contacted about this as a priority.

Thank you for your support.

Sports Days

CRC Article - All children have the right to play and relax.

A big thank you to you all for supporting our Sports Days with such enthusiasm! We were pleased to welcome the sunshine too! The children all did fantastically well. We always say to the children that it is the taking part that counts, and that, they certainly did!

What talented athletes we have at Timothy Hackworth, as well as excellent team players and respectful sporting attitudes.

Bikes and Scooters

We have an increasing amount of bikes and scooters left in our school entrance. Bikes and scooters must not be left at school during the day. Parents and carers, please take these home with you. Any bikes or scooters left outside school will be removed.

# Little Loco's Big Day

CRC Article 28- All children have the right to a good quality education.

We have enjoyed a visit this term from a wonderful author, Caroline Hardie, who came to share her fantastic book.

Caroline has written a book called 'Little Loco's Big Day' linked to a locomotive train and a character called Timothy. As part of the Shildon bicentenary railway celebrations, Caroline came to see us to work with some classes to deliver a very special workshop. Following Caroline's visit, all of the children in Year 1 and Year 2 received a copy of the story book to take home and keep. We had a brilliant morning and would like to say a huge THPS thank you to Caroline.

Amazing! 😊 ★ 📖 📖 ✎





# THPS Choir

CRC Article 29- All children have the right to be the best that they can be.

WOW! 🤩 ✨ 🎵 🎤 🎹

Our wonderful THPS Choir visited Durham Cathedral on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June to take part in a special music event, and what a day we had. From the moment we arrived, all members of our brilliant Choir were amazing. The singing was beautiful and made even more special by the building. Not only did we get to take part in this fantastic musical experience, but we also enjoyed looking around the Cathedral and the picnic we had outside certainly went down a treat. Thank you to everyone who came to support us. This will certainly be a memory we will treasure forever. 🤩 ✨ 🎵 🎤 🎹





# Dress-Up Day

CRC Article 29- All children have the right to be the best that they can be.

On Friday 27th June, our dress-up day was a huge success. We even had our very own Timothy Hackworth for the day.

We had a fantastic day across school to start our celebrations and begin our part in marking the anniversary of the Shildon Railways. The children took part in many different activities and to finish the day, some of us came together in an assembly.

We enjoyed singing a famous song which was written and performed in 1975. This is called the 'Iron Road' and celebrates the railways. Why not ask your child about it?

Thank you for your support with the amazing costumes. This is much appreciated. The children looked fantastic. Take a look at just some of the wonderful photos which capture the day ...





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# Year 5 at Shildon Railway Institute

CRC Article 17: All children have the right to information.

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On Friday 27th June, our Year 5 members of school were invited to Shildon Railway Institute for an exclusive 'preview' of the exhibition, by special appointment. The Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowdon, officially opened the exhibition that day. Take a look at our fantastic ambassadors who presented Sue with some very special flowers. We are proud to say that Evie even knew the significance of the flowers. Fantastic!

Take a look at some pupil voice quotes which capture our time there:

"The people who showed us around were kind and knew lots of facts." (Willow)

"I found out about some of my relatives and the jobs they did." (Daisy)

"It was fascinating to see some photographs of our school and ex-pupils from the past."  
(Ellie)





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# Year 4 Netball

★ This half term in Year 4, we have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of having a netball coach join us each week to impart essential skills for playing netball effectively. Throughout the term, we focused on various fundamentals, including footwork, throwing skills, communication, teamwork, as well as attacking and defending strategies. The children have shown remarkable progress each week, demonstrating growing proficiency in running and jumping techniques and understanding tactical plays. It has been uplifting to witness their excitement as they master new skills. Moreover, the children have fostered a supportive environment, encouraging and assisting one another, displaying commendable sportsmanship and collaboration throughout.



# Year 2 at Butterfly World

CRC Article 13 : Children have the right to information

CRC Article 28: Children have the right to a good education

CRC Article 29: Children have the right to be the best they can possibly be

CRC Article 31: Children have the right to rest and play

Year 2 went on our trip to Butterfly World as part of our Living Things' topic in science! The trip was fantastic and 2H took a really active interest in all the activities.

Firstly, our tour guide David gave a fantastic presentation on the life cycle of a butterfly. We learned a lot of interesting facts, including the fact that some of a caterpillar's legs aren't really 'full legs' and are just used to help grip onto things! 2H were very inquisitive and asked some really fabulous questions. Then, David took us around the butterfly enclosure. In here, the butterflies flew around freely and we got to see some amazing species, including a Giant Atlas moth and an Emperor. Some children were brave enough to even hold a caterpillar and a butterfly! David told us all about what butterflies eat, where they lay their eggs and what conditions they must do this in. The children noticed the room was quite hot and wet; David explained this is because lots of butterflies need humid environments for their eggs to hatch. 2H recognised that different animals/insects need different habitats to live as we have covered this in our topic. We also saw a blue-tongued skink, a python, a tarantula and a family of meerkats further. Our tour guide was really helpful and shared lots of fun facts with us; a lot of these animals were unfortunately endangered as well. After, we roamed the exhibit ourselves and ticked off all the species of butterfly that we saw. The children were really enthusiastic about this and had a great eye for spotting different patterns on the butterflies to help identify the species. We have some entomologists in our midst! After that, we had our lunch and the children had some free time to play in the nearby park before we got back on the bus. A fantastic day was had by all!





# Year 5 First Aid Training

CRC Article 17: All children have the right to reliable information

CRC Article 19: All children have the right to be safe and protected from harm.

To support one of our Year 5 PSHE units of work which focuses on the topic Keeping Safe, we have completed some First Aid training with Garry from Flat Stan First Aid.

Garry explained how important it was for us - as responsible, young citizens - to know our home address in full and how to call 999 for help in case of an emergency. We were given a Flat Stan First Aid booklet to remind us of what we learned.

Garry taught us an acronym (DR. ABC) to help us to remember some key First Aid points:

- D for danger - we must check for danger before we help in any First Aid situation. We have a right to be safe and may be unable to help others if we also get into difficulty.
- R for response - we learned how to use our senses to check a casualty for a response so that we know what to do next.
- A for airways - we were taught and shown how to open someone's airways to help them to breathe.
- B for breathing - we were shown how to check if a casualty is breathing and were shown how to help someone who is choking.
- C is for circulation - we practised basic CPR on Flat Stan and Garry demonstrated how to tie a bandage to stem a significant flow of blood.





# Head Boys and Girls

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CRC Article 17- All children have the right to information.

Our Year 6 Head Boys and Girls deserve to be commended for their involvement in a church service on Friday afternoon in memory of Timothy Hackworth.

The service took place in St. John's Churchyard, at Timothy Hackworth's gravestone. Imogen and Ashton read beautiful Bible readings in memory of Timothy Hackworth.

A memory we are sure that they will treasure.





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# The Big Debate

Durham Youth Council are hosted their third annual Big Debate this week. Inspiration for this debate came from the MYPs attending their debates in the Houses of Parliament.

Four children from Year 5 were selected to represent our school at this event.

These were the topics of the debates:

'All students should have the option to learn at home instead of in school'

'Vaping and smoking should be banned for all people'

'All young people should be taught about politics and democracy' (+should we lower the voting age)

'People should always get fined for littering'

'Students should have personal freedoms in school, and choose how to express themselves.'

'No people under 18 should have access to social media'

'Schools should only serve healthy food for children.'

'Students should never get homework.'

The children were fabulous and got really involved with the debates.

