

Parkside House School



Happy Holidays!

Parkside House School would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and thank you for your support throughout the year.

As it is the season for sharing, we would like to share with you some of the things our pupils have been involved in so you can celebrate their achievements with us.

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Thank You to you all

We are very grateful for the cards and gifts we have received, they are very much appreciated.

Thank you, also, for all of the donations sent in for our various fundraising events held throughout the term. We are delighted to be raising money for such worthy causes and we're sure that all of the charities are very grateful for all of your support.



What we've been doing

Fundraising



On Friday 17th November we supported Children In Need. We had some amazing cakes to sell that had been made by our pupils and staff. The tables were filled with delicious home-made cakes, biscuits and scones. As usual, we had a fantastic morning and all went home full and happy.

Well done to those who took part in the event!



WE RAISED £120

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for Save The Children Uk.

What we've been doing

Sporting Activities

Gymnastics

On the 8th of November, 5 students, four from year 8 and one from year 6, attended the Wanderers gymnastics competition at the Northern Hope Centre in Birtley. From the beginning of the day it was clear the students were going to enjoy themselves as the enthusiasm and excitement was high. The competition was attended by seven other schools and consisted of eight different stations designed to allow the students to have fun yet provide adequate challenge and a degree of competition. Each station provided a challenge and was enjoyed by the students, which resulted in.....



Parkside House School placing 1st overall!

Katie Brown attended a trampoline competition on Saturday 2nd December and won 1st Place—Well done Katie!



What we've been doing

Sporting Activities

Year 11 Basketball Wanderers Competition

The Wanderers Basketball Competition, held recently, showcased the incredible talent and sportsmanship within the school community. From the dazzling skills on the court to the palpable sense of camaraderie in the stands, the competition proved to be a resounding success, embodying the true spirit of school sports.

The competition served as a platform for budding basketball talents to showcase their skills. The students displayed remarkable growth, not only in their understanding of the game but also in their teamwork, strategic thinking, and resilience under pressure. It was evident that the competition had become a catalyst for the development of basketball proficiency among the participating students.

One notable aspect of the competition was the inclusive nature of participation. Teams of varying skill levels had the opportunity to compete, fostering an environment where every student felt a sense of belonging. The emphasis on sportsmanship and fair play was palpable, contributing to a positive and supportive athletic culture within the school.

The Wanderers Basketball Competition is not just an annual event; it lays the foundation for future athletic endeavours. The passion ignited on the court will likely inspire continued interest in basketball and other sports, contributing to the holistic development of the students.

In conclusion, the Wanderers Basketball Competition was a triumph, blending competitive spirit with a sense of community and camaraderie. It exemplified the positive impact of school sports on skill development, inclusivity, and the overall school culture. Kudos to the year 11 students involved in making this event a slam dunk success.



What we've been doing

Enrichment

Year 11 Curriculum Visit to the Newcastle Eagles

This term our year 11 students have been playing basketball in their PE lessons and because of this their curriculum visit was to the Newcastle Eagles stadium.

The moment the students stepped into the stadium; the electrifying atmosphere was palpable. The sheer size and grandeur of the venue were awe-inspiring. The vibrant colours, the buzz of excited chatter from the players and staff created an ambiance that resonated with the spirit of basketball.

The tour of the stadium was a delightful journey through the history and achievements of the home team. The gym, adorned with high-end equipment, the trophies and accolades reflected the rich legacy of the team. Walking through the corridors adorned with larger-than-life posters of basketball legends was a truly immersive experience.

One of the highlights was witnessing the state-of-the-art facilities, from the meticulously maintained court to the high-tech training rooms. The behind-the-scenes peek into the players' locker rooms and the strategies employed by the coaching staff provided valuable insights into the world of professional basketball.

As the tour culminated in the heart of the stadium—the court—I couldn't help but imagine the roar of the crowd and the intensity of a live game. Standing there, the students felt a deep appreciation for the dedication and passion that goes into making each match a spectacle for fans.

The students ended their tour with a coaching session from one of the academy staff. The students were excellent and demonstrated the skills learnt in their PE lessons.



What we've been doing

Enrichment Animal Care

As part of our Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural development this term the children have had several opportunities to interact with many different animals. This included our school guinea pigs: Jessie, Dash and Custard, as well as visits to Jesmond Dene's Petting Corner to meet several species of goats, chickens, rabbits, birds, pigs and local wildlife. Children also visited Northumberland College Equestrian Centre at Kirkley Hall, where they were able to meet, spend time with and ride the lovely horses there. We were also privileged enough to have teaching staff bring in their pets, Mr Turnbull brought in his beautiful dog Fern that all the children and staff have fallen in love with, from her cute waggly tail to her wet sloppy kisses, and Dr Ingram who brought in her speedy tortoise Bob and spikey friend, the bearded dragon, Mushu. It was an incredible week and proved to be hugely beneficial for all the children helping them to relax and reduce stress.



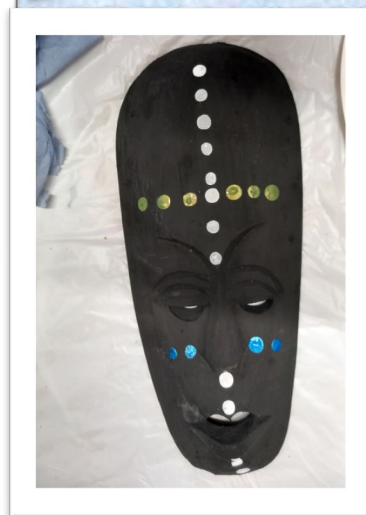
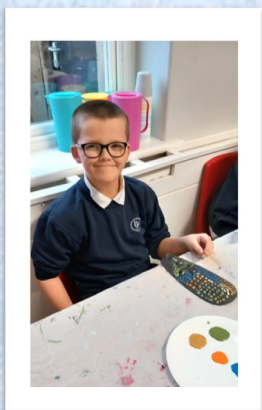
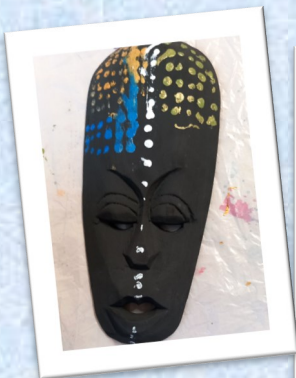
What we've been doing

We had a special visitor!



What we've been doing

Our pupils made some fabulous masks during the African Mask Workshop held in school this term



Pantomime

Gary Teffer for Blue Genie Entertainment and Playhouse Whitley Bay present

Our Very Own **Steve Walls** Buttons
TV & Dance Sensation **Louie Spence** The Fairy Godfather
Back By Popular Demand **Keith SIMMONS & Ben SIMMONS** The Prince's Footmen
Daniel Mawston Patsy
Luke Martin Edina

Jacob Beresford Prince Charming
Jessica Lilley As

Cinderella

8th Dec 2023 - 6th Jan 2024

PLAYHOUSE Whitley Bay
WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A BALL!
www.PLAYHOUSEWHITLEYBAY.CO.UK

BLUE GENIE ENTERTAINMENT
whitleybypanto.co.uk
North Tyneside Council

On Tuesday 19th December we went to see Cinderella at Whitley Bay Playhouse.....

Oh yes we did!

Credit Activities

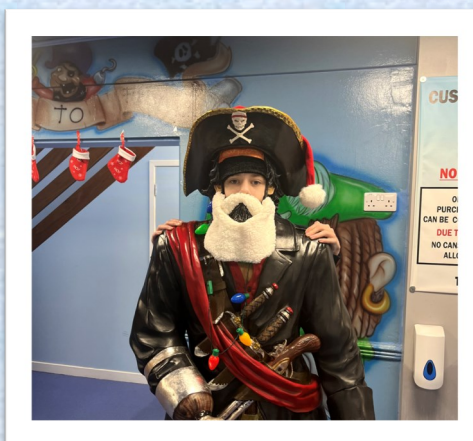
Pupils who had earned credits this term participated in the following credit activities

Ice Skating—Whitley Bay Ice Rink



Paintballing—No Limits Paintball, Gateshead

Adventure Play—Gateshead



PARKSIDE HOUSE SCHOOL

Check out our After School Clubs

Mindfulness & Wellbeing



GCSE History Booster-



Cookery Club-For our aspiring bakers!



Computing Club-where everything is under CTRL for those who like to get with Program!



PARKSIDE HOUSE SCHOOL

*What's new?***Careers**

Our school is making exciting changes in how we help students plan their futures. Our new careers lead is Mr. Paul Dixon, our ICT teacher, and Ms. Michala Mason, our new careers adviser.

We are aiming to guide students in exploring their interests and navigating the world of further education, apprenticeships and employment.

Ms. Mason is already making a positive impact by conducting interviews with our Year 10 and 11 students. During these discussions, our students have shown great interest and engagement. We will be moving on to work with the Key Stage 3 students over to get the ball rolling on making decisions about the best pathway for their future. Our students have diverse dreams. Some want to go to college, others are interested in apprenticeships, and a group is excited about starting their own businesses. Ms. Mason is impressed by how clear and determined our students are about their future paths. As we move forward, we have high hopes for the success of our revamped career guidance program. With Mr. Dixon's support and Ms. Mason's insights, we believe our students will not only do well academically but also thrive in their chosen careers. Whether through college, apprenticeships, or starting their own businesses, we are committed to preparing our students for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Design & Technology

Design Technology has a new workshop and teacher and is proving to be a popular subject with our students at Parkside House School. Amongst other bespoke opportunities the pupils have been focusing on applique style clocks and exploring box and frame joint construction. We have an excellent new workshop which is in the process of being resourced with all the tools and equipment needed to offer our young students a broad and balanced curriculum, including opportunities for enterprise and vocational work.

Students are motivated in Design Technology by working within individual interests. We also believe it is important to allow every student to learn in a way that suits their individual needs. Design & Technology aims to give every student skills for employment, learning and whenever possible offering accreditation.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



Gold

The following pupils received Gold attendance awards and a voucher for 100% attendance

Ruby Slater 100%

Chloe Taylor Walker 100%

Dave Clarke Mason 100%

Arianne McAuley 100%

Dylan Lee Adams 100%

Jay Swinburn 100%

The following pupils received a certificate for attendance of 95% and above

Jenny Watkin 99%

Lakeisha Campbell 99%

Layla Butler 98%

Alex Lawson 97%

Eoin Bloomfield 97%

Owen Miller Hall 97%

Adam Yearnshire 96%

James Yearnshire 96%



Attendance



Silver

The Following pupils received a certificate for 90-95% attendance)

Corbin Copen 90%

James Guest 93%

Danny Walker 93%

Louie Dryden 94%

Ami- Leigh Thompson- 94%

Leon McKeith 94%



Achievement & Awards

The following pupils all received Achievement Awards for exceptional work throughout the term within that subject area. Well done to all pupils and keep up the hard work next term.

Pupil of the Term
Lakeisha Campbell
(KS3)
Alexander Lawson (KS4)

English - Lakeisha Campbell Ella Martin & Owen Miller

Maths - Eoin Bloomfield Louie Dryden & Owen Miller Hall

Science - James Scott Trotter Chloe T Walker Layla Butler & Ami-Leigh Thompson

Geography - Ruby Slater Ami-Leigh Thompson

History - Layla Butler Jay Swinburn

Food Technology -

ICT - Layla Butlery Owen Miller Hall

PHSE—Jen Watkin

Animal Care- Ella Martin

Art - Eoin Bloomfeild Katie Brown Alexander Lawson

Most Improved Pupil
Josh Yearnshire

Helping Hands
Ruby Slater (KS3)
Ruby Watt (KS4)

Sports Person of the Term
Adam Yearnshire

Highest Credit Earner
Chloe Taylor Walker
(KS3)
Owen Miller Hall

