



Dates for your diary

Church Visit - Lower
11 December

Church Visit - Upper
13 December

Nursery Xmas Stay &
Play & Sing-a-long
13 December

Winter Wonderland
15 December

Xmas Performances
Reception, Y1 & Y2
17, 19 & 20 December

Xmas Performances
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
18, 19 & 20 December

Xmas Lunch &
Jumper Day - Lower
18 December

Xmas Lunch &
Jumper Day - Upper
19 December

Xmas Holidays
21 Dec – 7 Jan

Erasmus+ Europlay Project

Bothal have been hosting children and teachers from schools in Italy, Poland and Germany. Our children have been working together on the Erasmus+ funded 'Europlay' project to design a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) themed playground. Bothal children have already spent a week at school in Zlotorya in Poland and in Stuttgart in Germany.

The visit began with a fantastic afternoon on the Northumberland coast. Bothal children along with our Erasmus visitors took part in a number of team-working and problem solving activities organised by 'Wild about Adventure' at Sugar Sands beach. They also experienced preparing and seasoning fresh fish to be cooked on the fire.

The following day Bothal children visited AkzoNobel along with their friends from Germany, Italy and Poland. Children were given a great insight into local industry. They had an opportunity to tour the £100 million facility, practice their painting in 'the academy' using paint freshly made that morning and try out Virtual Reality headsets. They also met a very special celebrity... Madison the Dulux Old English Sheepdog. We have a fantastic working



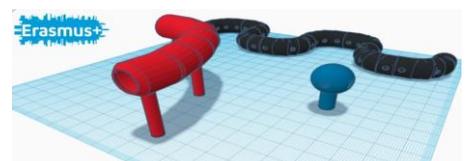
relationship with the Ashington Learning Partnership so we were delighted to be approached about the ERASMUS+ project at Bothal" said Jill Johnston, Site Support Coordinator at AkzoNobel Ashington. "The children really loved getting hands-on with the painting exercises. Bringing colour to people's lives and engaging with the local communities has always been a key priority for us. We hope that the visit will help to inspire the children with ideas for their playground."



The children spent the following day with the NHS Business Services Authority in Newcastle, working with developers, designers and data analysts on a variety of STEM activities. They designed websites for each of their countries to showcase what they have achieved in the project. The day was a fantastic insight into STEM careers and the world of work. Stephen Walker, Application Support Developer said "all of the children demonstrated great team-working skills and are a credit to their schools and the Erasmus+ project".

After some free time shopping for gifts and watching the Ashington Christmas lights being switched on, the visit culminated with a gala style dinner in the function room at the Portland which was enjoyed by all.

The UK stage of the project enabled the children to complete the final design stage of their STEM playgrounds. They used CAD/CAM (computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing) to create digital models of their playgrounds before printing them on the 3D printer.



Operation Encompass

What is Operation Encompass?

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in a domestic abuse incident. Following an incident at home, children sometimes arrive at school distressed, upset and unprepared for the day.

Northumbria Police and nominated Key Adults in school work together to make sure that school staff are made aware of an incident early enough to support pupils in school.

For more information about Operation Encompass, please contact school or visit: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Bothal is Mrs Johnson.



Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key adults

Segedunum Roman Fort

As part of their Roman topic, Year 3 pupils visited Segedunum Fort recently. They were able to imagine how life must have been for a Roman soldier in Britain at that time. The children took part in a number of activities, including pretending to be new recruits, learning about the armour and weapons used as well as viewing artefacts and replicas of the buildings. Both pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the visit and it gave a real insight into life 2000 years ago.



Urban Planning Project

Our Year 5 pupils have been working with a geologist and an ecologist from global engineering and design company ARUP. The children benefited greatly from our visitors' expertise and got to use a variety of resources and different types of maps of Ashington that they had brought with them. Year 5 are busy working on the 'Ashington Redesign Urban Planning' project. Well done Year 5!



Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland takes place on Saturday 15 December. You can book breakfast with Santa from 9am until 11am, visit Santa between 11am and 2pm or have afternoon tea with Santa from 3pm until 5pm. Tickets are available via the Friends online platform: www.pta-events.co.uk/fobp.

Our 'Friends'

As always, our Friends group never quite have enough hands to do all that they want and would love to welcome new members. They are a friendly bunch and often hold their meetings in a pub. It doesn't matter if you can only give a little time, it is still invaluable and very gratefully received. Every penny raised goes directly to the children. Please feel free to get in touch via the school office if you would like more information.

November's Attendance

Target attendance

above
96%

Current entire school attendance

96.8%

Class 6S	97%
Class 6P	96%
Class 6H	97%
Class 5M	94%
Class 5B	95%
Class 5A	98%
Class 4M	97%
Class 4K	96%
Class 4B	97%
Class 3W	97%
Class 3J	97%
Class 3G	94%
Class 2W	96%
Class 2P	96%
Class 2M	96%
Class 1K	98%
Class 1H	94%
Class 1B	97%
Class RM	92%
Class RCK	99%
Class RB	92%

Thank You

On behalf of Children in Need we would like to thank everyone who donated money to help support the many projects in place throughout the UK. The total raised by staff and pupils at Bothal Primary School was £407.10.



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