



Lowick and Holy Island C of E Primary Schools
Journeying Together



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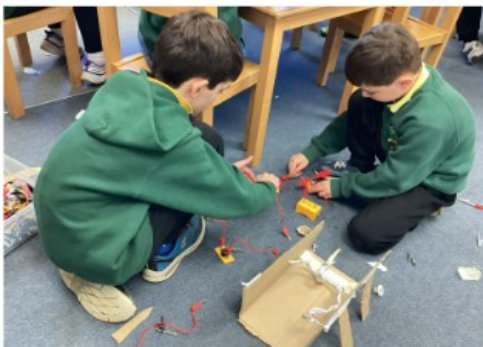
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We are having very busy weeks which are going very quickly at this point of the year. This week has been no exception and the children have done very well. A highlight was on Tuesday when we had our STEM afternoon. The older children were exploring conductors and insulators and started by looking at the operation game and worked out how that would work. Then they decided to make a wire and loop game where they had to set up a horizontal wire to a circuit with a bulb or a buzzer and make a loop that would follow the wire which had an insulator on one end and a conductor on the other end. They all did really really well and created a variety of themed games, including Christmas themed designs.

Younger children were exploring how magnets work. They were working with magnets and made a magnet game - creating a track and a person. They then used the magnets to invisibly guide the person around the track. Well done everyone!



Live assembly from the South Pole

On Friday we took part in a live assembly from Antarctica. This was a once-in-a-lifetime live broadcast from Antarctica with Robert Swan OBE, and Jenny Cooke, (co-founder of the 2041 School charity). Streaming 600 miles from the South Pole, Rob shared stories from the ice about the importance of protecting our planet's frozen continent. The assembly aimed to inspire young people everywhere to become champions for Antarctica. This resonated strongly with our children who care deeply about our planet and our stewardship of it.

Christmas Performances

Rehearsals for Christmas performance are underway and we hope you will enjoy 'Christmas Counts' on the Monday and Tuesday of the last week of term. On Monday 15th Dec we will have our afternoon performance at 2pm and on Tuesday 16th Dec we need the children to be back in school for 5.30pm ready for a 6pm performance. We are borrowing a stage from the Cheviot Centre and will be using our learning zone / Class 1 space again this year as it worked well last year.

Thank you for the support of our fair

Our fair last Friday was a lovely event with lots of great stalls and a fantastic turn out. Thanks to your generosity we have raised £650 for the school fund which will go directly towards resources and enrichment for the children in our schools. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make the fair a success, especially Mrs Walton who organises it for us every year.

Holy Island news

The island children enjoyed another visit from botanist, Carol Wilson, on Friday last week. This time, Carol brought in a selection of winter twigs and the children explored the buds that were already forming. We looked really closely and discovered leaf scars and terminal and lateral buds. Carol showed the children how to identify a small number of trees just by looking at a bare twig! The children were intrigued and enjoyed adding information about twigs to their field notebooks.

The Holy Island children also created a beautiful nativity set for the St Cuthbert centre. It looks splendid in the exhibition. The exhibition is open till Wednesday 10-5 every day so do pop in if you get a chance.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th December - Christmas church service at St John the Baptist church in Lowick at 10.30am. **Everyone is welcome. The children will be doing readings and acting out the Christmas story. There will be teas / coffees and biscuits after the service.**

Thursday 11th December - **Christmas jumper day (or own clothes)** and **Christmas dinner day**. Please note our email this week letting you know that we have withdrawn from the Berwick singing service on the evening of 11th December.

The afternoon of Monday 15th December and the evening of Tuesday 16th December - Our Christmas performances will be at Lowick school.

Wednesday 17th December - we will watch a live Christmas performance at the Straw Yard in Berwick in the morning.

Thursday 18th December - our Christmas party in the morning

Friday 19th December - our last day of term.

Christmas holidays from **22nd December** for two weeks.

Monday 5th January will be a teacher training day so no children in school.

Tuesday 6th January - everyone back to school for the Spring Term.

Thursday 12th February - Doodlebug Day (maths and art)

Friday 13th February - Cèilidh at Lowick Village Hall in the evening to raise money for the schools.

