

THE EARLY YEARS ECHO

Discovering our world, one day at a time...

June/July 2019

We believe children are powerful, competent and rich in potential.

*We provide an environment that promotes creativity and playfulness encompassed in awe and wonder. We empower our children to become **curious** and **confident** individuals who are co-constructors of their own journey, and **researchers** in their own right.*

*We advocate **resilience** and independence through a challenging and inspiring environment.*

We welcome children and their families to join us on our journey of discovery.

Al Fresco Breakfast!

After rearranging Reception's Al Fresco breakfast due to our typical British weather, we had a lovely day together in the sun. We enjoyed crumpets, croissants and jammy toast as we chatted and had fun. It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members attend and show their support for the school. We love to have you involved and it's a great way to see what progress the children are making. We are sure you will have seen the independence, which the children have been developing in family dining, progress to family breakfast. We also enjoyed Mr Hahn using walkie talkies and spending the morning giving code names to the staff and children!



BB Fest!



BB Fest was another success with glorious sunshine. It was great to see so many families attend and enjoy the occasion, celebrating our wider school's music curriculum!



Last month Mrs Hunt celebrated her 10 year wedding anniversary and as promised, here are some photographs of them renewing their vows in the Lake District during half term. The day was beautiful and the sun shone all day. The day after was pouring down and apparently they couldn't resist a dance in the rain and a little jump off the jetty!



Mud Day!



Mud Day was such a marvellous, messy and magical day that was filled with smiles from start to finish. After battling with the mudslide, and some of our parents coming to the rescue with a slide from home, the children and adults had such an amazing day making memories and getting muddy. It is great to see that everyone was embracing our EYFS philosophy and great to see EVERYONE developing resilience and a risk taking attitude. The confidence we are developing is amazing! Thank you to everyone who came, your support as always, is appreciated and helps to make days like this so special!



Tadpoles...



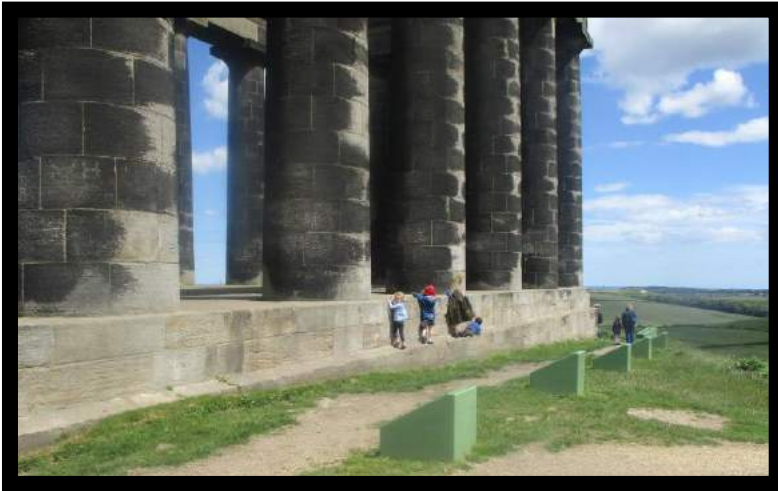
After caring for our class tadpoles, which were donated to us by a very kind grown-up, they left our Early Years last week to live happily ever after at Mrs Hunt's family pond. They have all the lily pads they could dream of and will still get some cucumber from time to time.

Sports Day

We hope you all had a fantastic time during our Sports Day! It was brilliant to see so many family members come along and join in on the fun! It is great to develop a sense of team work with our friends and a positive competitive spirit!



Penshaw Monument Trip



After an ongoing interest into Penshaw Monument and the children's locality of their city, it resurfaced in their play and discussions. Mr Hahn's family group spent the afternoon exploring the monument, to experience first-hand what they had been learning about, making connections and further discoveries. We are sure everyone will agree it was also a lot of fun!

A BIG farewell!

As Reception move into Year 1 and Nursery continue their journey of discovery, we firmly believe they will continue to shine and continue to grow into **confident, powerful and strong** individuals! We wish you ALL the best of luck in the future! We are exceptionally proud of how independent, inquisitive, creative and how knowledgeable they have become so far!



We would like to thank Mrs Hunt and Mr Hahn for everything that they have done for the pupils at Benedict Biscop. They both will be greatly missed and we wish them good luck in their exciting new journeys – we hope you will keep in touch and keep us updated. We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Hunt for starting us on our Beach School journey and Mr Hahn for his enthusiasm and creative flair which has helped develop our Atelier. Good luck!



No way.
The hundred is there.
The child is made of one hundred.
The child has a hundred languages
a hundred hands
a hundred thoughts
a hundred ways of thinking
of playing, of speaking.
a hundred, always a hundred
ways of listening
of marveling, of loving
a hundred joys
for singing and understanding
a hundred worlds to discover
a hundred worlds to invent
a hundred worlds to dream.
The child has a hundred languages
(and a hundred hundred hundred more)
but they steal ninety-nine.
The school and the culture
separate the head from the body.
They tell the child to think without hands
to do without head
to listen and not to speak
to understand without joy
to love and to marvel
only at Easter and Christmas.
They tell the child
to discover the world already there
and of the hundred
they steal ninety-nine.
They tell the child
that work and play
reality and fantasy
science and imagination
sky and earth
reason and dream
are things
that do not belong together.
And thus they tell the child
that the hundred is not there.
The child says

“No way – The hundred is there.” – *Loris Malaguzzi*