

### Ofsted visit St. Peter's

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September the school was visited by two of Her Majesty's Inspectors. St. Peter's was chosen as part of a sample of 1200 schools nationally to explore how England's education system is managing the return to full education for pupils, following an extended break in formal schooling due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The visit was not an inspection and Ofsted were not giving any graded judgements. During the day with us, we shared the extensive work we have and are still undertaking to support our children and parents during these unprecedented times. We also described our safeguarding procedures and 'reconnection curriculum' which has enabled the children to settle back into school routines and to access a full broad and balanced curriculum identifying any gaps in children's knowledge and addressing them effectively. We were pleased with the way the visit was conducted, giving us the opportunity to share with the inspectors how we have reached out to support as many people as possible over the last 6 months. I am extremely privileged to lead a school with such dedicated staff, governors, pupils and parents.

### Children Challenging Industry

The children in Miss Foster's class have been involved in a 3 week science project with the Centre for Industry Education Collaboration, based at York University and Fujifilm Diosynth called 'cough syrup'. The three sessions involved the children undertaking experiments for filtering, finding 'active ingredients' and investigating the viscosity of different liquids. Alongside these investigations, Fujifilm Diosynth are carrying the same experiments on an industrial scale and explaining their work to the children. The children have found it really inspiring and some hope to have a career in this industry when they are older.



### Ironstone Mining Topic

The children in Year 5/6 have been learning about the heritage of the area in our topic lessons this term. We would normally visit Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum but unfortunately it has been closed for refurbishment so we were lucky enough to have two visits per class from the Education lead Jean Banwell, who brought the museum to us. The

children experienced what it was like in the mines for the young boys who worked as trappy boys, how the miners filled the tubs with ironstone and we spent time looking at maps of Skinningrove before, during and after the Ironstone mining era. The children also listened to school governor Col Hart who is a volunteer at the museum. He brought in a box of mining artefacts for the children to handle and to ask him some questions about. The children have developed a deeper understanding of how East Cleveland was created and why industry was brought to the area in the late 19th and early 20th century.



### Multi Skill and Sports Hall Athletics Festivals

Last week Mrs Bell and Mr Easton visited school to deliver a full day of inclusive competition for each child in Key Stage 2. In the morning 12 children from years 5 & 6 took part in Leadership training and every child in year 3 and 4 took part in a multi-skill festival. In the afternoon every child in years 5 & 6, participated in the Sports Hall Athletics competition, competing against each other in different indoor field and track events. The scores will be calculated and this will be a virtual competition for all year 5 & 6 children across the Tees Valley area. A big thank you to the CSSP for a full, fantastic day of inclusive competition, and the opportunity for our leaders to shine in a brilliant day.



Best wishes for the festive period, take care everyone,  
Richard Unthank,  
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