



RIDGEWAY
Primary School

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Y4 Trip to Kelham Island Museum



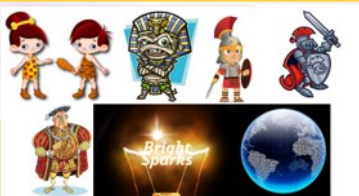
On Tuesday Year 4 visited Kelham Island Museum as part of our World War 2 topic. We all dressed up to help us feel like we had travelled back in time. When we arrived we were all treated to cookies from Sophie's dad who is a chef at the Kelham Island Café – Thanks Mr Barber! We then got stuck into all the different activities. We worked as detectives to try and figure out which suitcase belonged to which WW2 evacuee. We divided up our weekly rations to try and make meals to last the whole week. Identified whether aircraft were friend or foe and even experienced what an air raid would have been like trying to escape the bombs in an Anderson shelter. We were all on top behaviour, learnt loads and did ourselves proud – well done Year 4!

I really enjoyed seeing the massive bombs and bullets from the war. We investigated evacuees suitcases to try and find out who the clothes, letters, diaries and toys belonged to. I also enjoyed the shop and going in a real air raid shelter. Willow

We saw a real working steam engine which was massive and really loud. We also found out how they made steel during the war. Belle

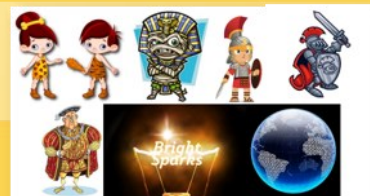
We all went to Kelham Island Museum and saw an unexploded bomb that had been discovered after the war. We also saw a giant bomb that was as tall as the building. Evie

I liked the investigation to figure out which suitcase belonged to the evacuees. We needed to use all the clues to figure it out. Not only that, but we also saw the world's most powerful steam engine! Madison



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Reception Balance Bikes



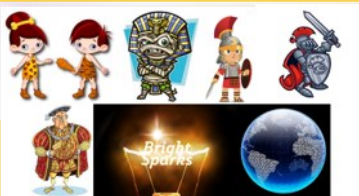
On Thursday this week our Reception Class spent a sunny morning outside learning about balance and how to ride a balance bike.

2 coaches from Qualitas came to school to help the children learn this valuable skill and as you can see there were smiles all round!

Y3 Invasion Games At St George's Park

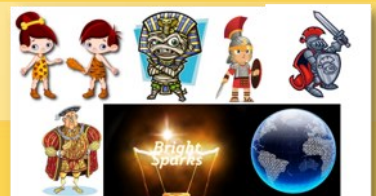


On Wednesday our Y3 class went on a trip to St George's Park, Graves to an Invasion Games event organised by Qualitas. On a beautiful sunny day on the astroturf, the children played Zoneball, Ultimate Frisbee and Capture the Flag. A great day learning about teamwork and togetherness!



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A message from the PTA

Some changes have taken place this week as a new Chairperson needed to be elected. On this occasion not one but two parents have stepped in as they decided they could offer more to the school if they worked jointly as Co-Chair. So let us introduce ourselves & tell you a little about some of our exciting upcoming plans for the children to enjoy whilst raising vital funds to improve our lovely village school.

We are Rebecca & Sarah, parents to children in Reception, Y1 & Y2. We are both passionate & driven in making the journey through school for your children & ours the best it can possibly be! With having children in the early years of school we hope to make a difference for many years to come. So to kick-start our journey we are organising a number of fun Easter activities for the children & you the parents to be involved in, on Thursday 7th April.... *Egg Hunt * Guess the name of the Bunny * Chocolate Hamper Raffle * Easter Parade * Egg Decorating * Cake/Refreshments Stall.

This will help us on our fundraising journey to support the school & purchase some new playground equipment for the children to use at break times. We've also just agreed to help the school by - • Purchasing new benches & planters to replace unsafe ones. • Buying a lockable charging cabinet for school ipads. • Subsidising some school trips from September 2022, to help continue to make them affordable for parents with increasing costs. • Initial purchase & ongoing maintenance cost of a De-fibrillator for the school.

We hope you'll all agree this is a great start in our new role! None of this would be possible without the help of the other PTA members & you the parents so a big Thank You to all of you too. We are always looking to welcome new parents, grandparents, other family and friends to support our lovely village school, you can help as much or as little as you'd like. There's no pressure to attend meetings or help on every occasion, a single act of kindness would be appreciated just as much. Even if you just have an idea to share with us or know of some funding we could apply for. So here's to an eggciting time ahead from your new friendly, approachable PTA Co-Chair.... Rebecca & Sarah

Attendance

This week's top attendance...



The Knights
Year 3

95.7%



Digital Dynamos
Year 6

95.0%



Excellent Egyptians
Year 1

94.2%



School **94.2%** = 1.9% **below** our target (96.1%)

Diary Dates

Tue 29th Mar	Y5 Trip to Kelham Island Museum for Steel City Workshop
Tue 29th March	Reception trip to Tiny Town
Fri 8th Apr	Water Polo at Graves (Y5/6 team to be selected)
Fri 8th Apr	Last day of term before Easter holidays
Mon 25th Apr	First day back after Easter holidays
Wed 27th Apr	Young Voices Concert
Thurs 28th Apr	Y4 Mini Medics course starts
Thurs 9th June	Class and leaver photos



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