

Hesleden Primary School – **Newsletter** [Nov. 2025]



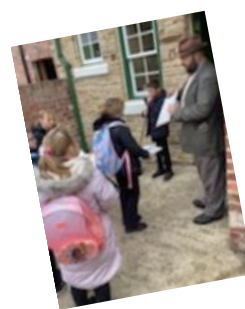
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a positive start to our academic year and would like to share the following information:

Educational Visits

Last half term, all year groups were fortunate to visit **Beamish Museum**. Each group completed a workshop which linked to our History and Art curriculum.

- Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) learnt about life in the past. They went back in time and popped to the shops.
- Year 3 and Year 4 visited Norman Cornish's house and completed fact finding and art activities.
- Year 5 and Year 6 went back in time and completed a lesson in a Victorian classroom.



Fundraising

- [Zambezi Sunrise Trust](#)



Thank you to all our families who donated a bear earlier this academic year – we raised £50 for Zambezi Sunrise Trust.

- [Colour Run](#)

A BIG thank you to all our families and friends who raised an outstanding £1,351.60 towards our school fund. This money has contributed towards our educational visit transport, Halloween disco with Magic Jack, materials for our middle garden and we have purchased a range of reading books.



Visitors

- [History Society](#)

Members of the history society supported our Key Stage 1 year groups to complete a local walk around Hesleden Village. They learnt how our village has changed over the years.

- [History Workshop](#)

Bill Elliot has also supported our younger children in school to learn about the lives of miners. They were fortunate to sing old mining folk songs.

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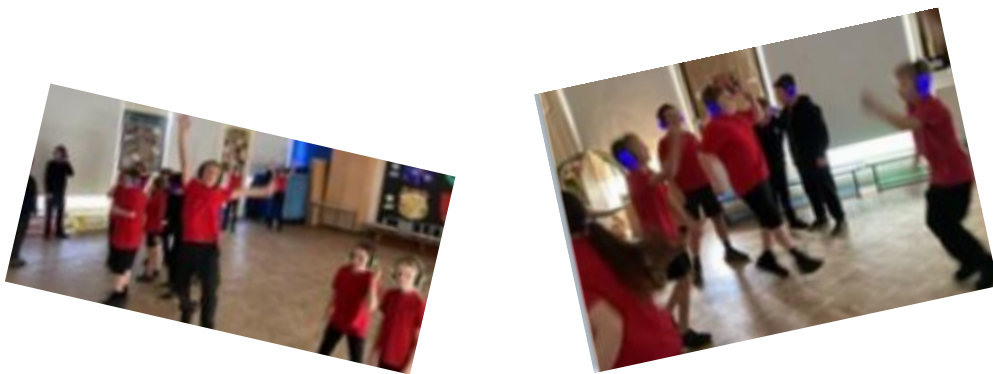
John Gillette has visited our school to inform our children about life in Zambia. Children looked at photographs of Linda Community School. This half term, all children will be asked to write pen-pal letters to our friends who live in the wider world.



Events

- [Wellbeing](#)

Staff and children thoroughly enjoyed their wellbeing silent disco supported by the School Sports Partnership.



- Our Community

It was wonderful to take part in this year's village scarecrow competition – A big thank you to Hesleden Association organising this event and for the treats they donated to our school.

- Halloween Disco

Thank you to all those little scary characters who joined us for the end of half term celebration disco – you all looked absolutely fantastic!



Development of learning environments

Staff are very proud to work at Hesleden Primary School and we are continuously striving to improve and develop the quality of education. Over the summer holidays, we worked very hard to improve the middle garden space and are very pleased with what we have achieved with limited funds. Volunteers, Governors and staff gave up their own time to develop this learning space and we would like to share these improvements with you. Please find below some photographs of our new learning spaces which will be used by all year groups.





We would like to express our thanks to all our families, staff and Hesleden Association for continuing to support our lovely school. It is a privilege to work with your wonderful children every day. Mrs Johnson will continue to take on the role of **Acting** Headteacher, supported by the Local Education Authority for the foreseeable future. Mrs Garside, Mrs Box, Miss Palliser and Miss Fox will continue their teaching roles in school.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school **01429 836376**