



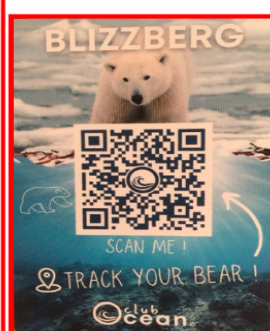
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## 1st March 2024

We celebrated International Polar Bear Day as a STEM (STEAM) day in school on Tuesday. In maths the children measured the size of a real polar bear and then measured themselves and everyone else to compare heights. Older children used the GPS tracking of our sponsored Polar Bear (Blizberg) to track and measure his route around Northern Canada - thinking about scale, direction and accuracy. In English the children wrote scripts for an information film about polar bears - we enjoyed filming their efforts very much and the end result can be seen by clicking on this link.

In the afternoon, the children thought about habitats, food chains and environmental pressures on polar bears as well as creating beautiful mixed media polar bear collages. We also found time for some polar bear stories.



**We have 'adopted' a polar bear!**

**His name is Blizberg and he lives in Hudson Bay in Canada.**

**Scanning the QR code will give access to Blitzberg's tracker – I wonder where he is today?**



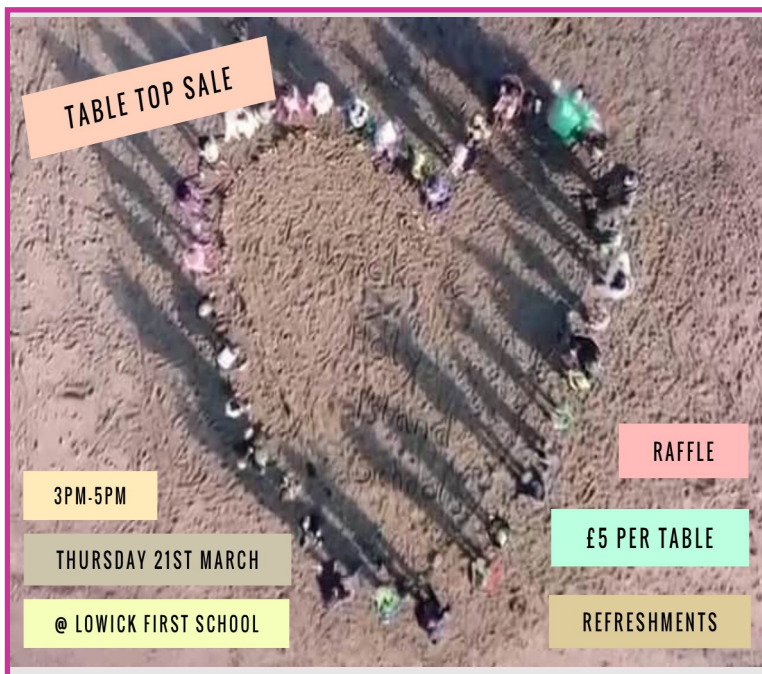


### Berwick Literary Festival experience

KS1 (years 1 & 2) children were excited to attend the postponed Berwick Literary Festival show of 'The Museum of Marvellous Things' on Thursday. This was a show with giant puppets, songs, interactive storytelling and live music based on the picture book by Kristina Stephenson.

### No after school club on Monday 18th March -

this is because staff are undertaking required first aid training. After school child care is available if needed - please book ahead of time so we can ensure staffing is available.



### World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Children can come to school dressed in a way inspired by their favourite book/s or in their own clothes if they don't like wearing costumes.

### RE Curriculum update

In RE we will be learning about Holy Week and Easter. We are looking forward to the 'Easter Experience' at Lowick church, supported by clergy and congregation members from both St John the Baptist in Lowick and St Mary's on Holy Island which will be an interactive way of responding to the Easter story. This will be instead of our usual Easter church service. However, we will be having services which you are welcome to attend in the summer term - including Pentecost with Bishop Mark. The Diocese is launching a new RE curriculum shortly and we look forward to seeing how they will be rebalancing the RE curriculum to include more about world faiths as well as Christianity.

### Homework

It is important that all children read at home as much as possible - please would you complete the reading records to help us understand what your children are enjoying with you. Mrs Stiansen has asked that Class 2 children remember to do their weekly homework - it should only take 10 minutes to do the English and/or maths short pieces in their homework workbooks. Thank you for your support with this.

### Diary dates

**Week commencing 4th March;** National Science Week. We will be joining live online lessons on Friday 8th March. We will have extra science sessions through this week with a focus on conservation.

**Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day - children can dress up on this day.

**Friday 15th March** - we are working with Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve (LNNR) and will be on Holy Island working on marine pollution and the issues around plastic and the environment. This also ties in with Greenpeace's **Big Plastic Count this week**. Children will need suitable **outdoor clothing and a packed lunch or grab & go** on this day. In the afternoon **at 1.30pm, we will be having an outdoor church service on Holy Island** on the theme of the environment. Everyone is welcome to join us - more information to follow nearer the time.

**Monday 25th March** - Year 4 transition event at Scremerston First School in the afternoon. They will be back by 3pm.

**Tuesday 26th March** - Easter experience for the children at Lowick Church. The children will move between stations to find out more about the story of Holy Week and Easter.

**Friday 29th March:** Good Friday bank holiday and first day of the Easter holidays. Everyone is back to school on Monday 15th April.

**Tuesday 23rd April** - year 4 transition event - PE at Berwick Middle School in the morning. We will be back for lunch. Year 4s will need PE clothing.

**Wednesday 8th to Friday 8th May** - year 4 residential at Ford Castle.

