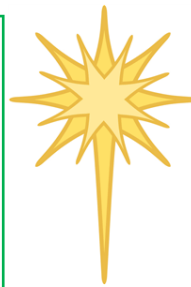


Wriggly Nativity

Children in Nursery and Reception wowed us with their 'Wriggly Nativity'!



There was fabulous singing, dancing
animals and glowing stars!
What a fantastic treat it was to see.



*and a very Happy New Year from all the staff at
Laurel Avenue Community Primary*



Children in Year 1 to Year 6 kept us on the edge of our seats with the amazing Christmas is Forever!
 Jane Blonde, double 'O' PS (OOPS!), licensed to do whatever, managed to rescue Father Christmas from the clutches of the evil Scarymonger. Christmas was saved!





We spent the day making a noise about bullying – to encourage everyone to tell, whether it is happening to them or to someone else, face to face or online. Every class made their own anti-bullying chants which they shared with the whole school. We judged the best chant by measuring the noise level from claps, recording the data. Class 2 were the loudest performers and Class 1 received the loudest applause!



Thank you to
parents/carers
who came in to
school to create
calligram
artwork pieces.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



*Thank you for all
your donations for
Children in Need.*



*We
raised a
brilliant
£204.98.*



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre through both your generous donations and attending the fayre. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

It was great to see so many of you there.

We raised an amazing

£906.57

... the best ever result!

*Adding on the money raised from Film Club, **£1,019.29** was raised in total!*



Thank you for all the fabulous donations for the class hampers. The hampers were amazing this year! Nursery children created the winning hamper with a silver and blue theme and have enjoyed a movie with refreshments.

BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success with 40 - 50 children attending most mornings! We would not be able to offer this free club without the sponsorship from Greggs and of course without the brilliant support from our dedicated volunteers! A very warm and great big thank you to all our brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers...

Helen Blakey, Ellen Cottrell, Nicola May, June Nichol, Joe Pickering, Tracy Pickering, Nicola Watkinson & Amy Winter.



Reminder: Breakfast Club starts at 8.10 am. Please come for this time and not before, thank you.

School Fruit Shop

Children in Nursery, Classes 1 and 2 receive a piece of fresh fruit each day for free as part of the Government's fruit scheme.



Children in Classes 3 and 4 can buy a piece of fresh fruit each day for only 50p per week.



School Nutrition Action Group

SNAG

The SNAG are happy to welcome their latest recruit, Daisy Smith. She will join Betsy Pretty, Oliver Dixon, Oliver Pickering, Callum Blakey and Annie Cottrell.

The Halloween themed meal organised by the SNAG for Friday 23rd October was a great success.



Good job there wasn't a health and safety inspection!



The SNAG have recently met with children giving positive feedback on the new school menu already! They will be organising a competition next term for who can design the best sporty menu for Sport Relief Day.

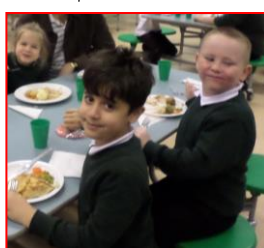
Christmas Lunch: 9th December

Thank you to everyone who enjoyed Christmas Lunch with us. It was an excellent atmosphere and there were a

Pudsey Bear Biscuits for Children in Need



lot of empty plates!



The Golden Table: Every fortnight, six children are selected by lunchtime staff for excellent lunchtime behaviour and fabulous manners. Congratulations to the following children.

Maisie Bowes, Kaiden Watkinson, Zac Whittle,
Ellie Williams, Tia Burrows and Alfie Johnson.

Haden Brown, Teah Fearon, Caitlin Bowes,
Callum Blakey, Oliver Pickering and Lewis Rutherford



Joseph Davies, Rebecca Dixon, Chloe Gibbs
Scarlett Pallister, Travis Patterson and Matty Wild

Hoopstarz



All children from
Nursery to Year 6
enjoyed a session with
Hoopstarz coaches.

They learnt lots of hoops skills and tricks which they performed in front of the whole school during an assembly. We have hoops on the yard now so we can keep practising!



Whole School Attendance is currently a fantastic



97.7%!!



A huge thank you for making appointments after school and during the holidays and for ensuring that your children attend as many days as is absolutely possible.



It really is noticed and appreciated!



Let's get that figure even higher next term!!



Tegan, Keira, Jackson and Callum represented our school in October, attending an ICT day at the Development Learning Centre, Spennymoor.



They had a fabulous time exploring lots of different kinds of technology and acted in front of a green screen before adding backgrounds themselves.



Let's get cooking

The latest children to attend Let's Get Cooking have just graduated, receiving their certificates.



Congratulations to:

Stephen Appleby

Callum Blakey

Tegan France

Alex Petit

Oliver Pickering

Lewis Rutherford

Edwards Williams

Ellie Williams



Science News from Laurel Avenue Community Primary School



Marshmallow Challenge

How far can you blow a marshmallow using only a piece of paper?



How can you make it go further?

All children in school investigated this problem and found out some interesting facts. Did you know that where you position the marshmallow in the tube affects how far it goes? Ask your child to tell you about it...or better still, get some marshmallows and paper and let them teach you.



Children in Science Club have had fun recently, investigating how adding one substance to another can make something completely new - "gloop".



Star Pupils These children have been selected this half term to be Stars by their teachers for many different reasons, including excellent work and effort during lessons, as well as being kind and considerate to others.

Nursery: Joseph Davies, Logan Crampton, Evelyn Westerholm

Michael Kavanagh



Class 1: Layla-Rae Niles, Tommy Scott, Leola Christopher

Lilly-Su Parker

Class 2: Connor Shepherd, Nicole Gibbs, Darcie Gillespie, Cameron Thompson

Class 3: Alora, Oliver Pickering, Alana Robinson, Jessica Garside



Class 4: Keira Dinsley, Lewis Rutherford, Callum Blakey



Ms Davison: Harley Patterson, Jay Bainbridge, Kenzie Watkinson

Ms Kelly: Danny Mollon, Daisy Smith, Ben Maddison, Teah Fearon

News from the School Council



On behalf of the school, Millie and Keira wrote a letter to the resident who had complained about the litter problem along the back lane. We received a letter in return indicating that there had been a great improvement in the amount of litter outside school. We hope that this can continue and thank you for your support in this matter.



Congratulations!



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for October 2015

Stephen Appleby ♦ Jay Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Alan Bentham
Callum Blakey ♦ Caitlin Bowes ♦ Libby Bowes ♦ Maisie Bowes ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows
Leola Christopher ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Kayden Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton
Macey Cummings ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon
Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Teah Fearon ♦ Devan France ♦ Tegan France
Jessica Garside ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora ♦ Daniel Grundy
Alfie Johnson ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Michael Kavanagh ♦ Billy Laverick ♦ Jackson Laverick
Samual Linfoot ♦ Ben Maddison ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol
Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Thomas Parker ♦ Geordie Patterson
Harley Patterson ♦ Millie Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Alana Robinson
Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd
Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift
Kierin Thompson ♦ Jayden Tuck ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Grace Wild
Matty Wild ♦ Edward Williams ♦ Ellie Williams ♦ Amber Wilson

Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for November 2015

Casey Bainbridge ♦ Jay Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Luca Barrass
Alan Bentham ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Caitlin Bowes ♦ Libby Bowes
Maisie Bowes ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Leola Christopher ♦ Anthony Cooper
Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Annie Cottrell ♦ Kayden Crampton ♦ Logan Crampton
Tyler Crampton ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon
Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Devan France ♦ Tegan France
Jessica Garside ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora
Daniel Grundy ♦ Alfie Johnson ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Michael Kavanagh
Billy Laverick ♦ Jackson Laverick ♦ Samual Linfoot ♦ Ben Maddison ♦ Casey Maddison
Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Scarlett Pallister
Tayven Parker ♦ Thomas Parker ♦ Alex Petit ♦ James ♦ Jasmine Rutherford
Anas Sadiq ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey
Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Grace Wild
Matty Wild ♦ Edward Williams ♦ Ellie Williams ♦ Amber Wilson ♦ Teagan-Leigh Wright

Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for December 2015

*Stephen Appleby ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Jay Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass
Alan Bentham ♦ Jay Bentham ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Caitlin Bowes
Libby Bowes ♦ Maisie Bowes ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Leola Christopher
Andrew Cooper ♦ Anthony Cooper ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Annie Cottrell
Kayden Crampton ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Joseph Davies ♦ Liam Davies
Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Jasmine Emery
Mac Emery ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Teah Fearon ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs
Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Lainey Jackson ♦ Alfie Johnson
Billy Laverick ♦ Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Leon MacDonald ♦ Ben Maddison
Casey Maddison ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles
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Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson ♦ Jaydan Tuck ♦ Kaiden Watkinson
Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Matty Wild ♦ Edward Williams ♦ Ellie Williams
Amber Wilson ♦ Teagan-Leigh Wright*

**Each week, children who achieve 100% attendance
have the opportunity to win a £3 Tesco Gift Voucher**

Congratulations to:

Liam Davies, Ben Fearon

Darcie Gillespie, Nicole Gibbs

**Class 100% Attendance
Voucher winners:**

**If an individual class has achieved 100% for
one week, then an extra draw is carried out
for the children in that class.**



Betsy Pretty



Laurel Avenue Community Centre



Wednesday 16th December
'Kerb It Project' Christmas meal to Sambucca

Friday 18th December 5.00 – 7.00 pm
Christmas Disco - Everyone Welcome



Tuesday 22nd December 1.00 - 5.30 pm
Junior Youth Club Theatre Trip to see Cinderella



Community Centre will be closed from
Wednesday 23rd December
Re-opening on Monday 4th January

Junior Youth Club will start back on Tuesday 5th January



Kerb It Project will start back on Wednesday 6th January



Foodbank - Every Saturday Morning
Activities for children and free breakfast for all, 9.30-11.30 am
You do not need to access foodbank to qualify for the free
activities and breakfast, everyone is welcome
(Foodbank will still be open over the Christmas period
including Boxing Day!)



For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:
Claire-laCa@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 0191 3845427 M: 07825956094



Wednesday 16th December, am: Nursery Party for all Nursery children

Thursday 17th December, pm: Christmas Disco for Reception – Year 6

Friday 18th December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long. No Star Assembly

Friday 18th December: End of Term

Spring Term starts Wednesday 6th January 2016



Thursday 7th January, am: Class 1 Farm to Fork visit to Tesco

Friday 5th February: British Heart Foundation Fundraising Day.

Children come to school dressed in something red.

We will be raising money through the Jump into action skipping event.

8th – 12th February: National Nest Box Week. Parents/Carers invited at some point during this week – more information after the holidays.

Tuesday 9th February: Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 10th February: Chinese New Year Themed Meal

Friday 12th February: Break up for half term

Monday 22nd February: Second half term starts

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day



The School Council will be deciding the format for World Book Day 2016 and will send out information before the event.

Friday 4th March, 3.15 pm: Mothers' Day Tea in School Hall.

Monday 14th March – Friday 18th March: Science Art and Writing Week.

Wednesday 16th March, 9.00 – 12.00 am & 1.00 – 3.00 pm: Nursery Open Day by appointments

Wednesday 16th March: Non Uniform day for an Easter chocolate donation please for raffle held during the Easter Assembly.

Friday 18th March: Sport Relief





Friday 18th March: Science Week Assembly. Parents/Carers invited to see the Science each class has been working on during the week.

Monday 21st March, 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening for Class 1, 2, 3 & 4

Tuesday 22nd March, 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening for Class 1, 2, 3 & 4
Letters to book an appointment will go out in March.



Easter Egg Decorating – Parents/Carers invited into school as follows:

Nursery: All day Wednesday 23rd March, in classroom

Class 1: Wednesday 23rd March, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm in the classroom

Class 2: Wednesday 23rd March, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Class 3: Tuesday 22nd March, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Class 4: Monday 21st March, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm



Class 2, 3 and 4 will decorate their eggs in the Community Centre.

Thursday 24th March, 9.15 am: Easter Assembly

Come and see who the Class Stars were for Spring Term, enjoy some Easter songs and readings, buy some raffle tickets for the Friends of Laurel Avenue School Easter Chocolate Raffle, see the winners of the Egg Decoration Competition announced and see which family will win our deluxe attendance hamper!

Thursday 24th March: Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term starts: Monday 11th April 2016



Important:

Year 6 will be doing their KS2 SATS: 9th May – 12th May 2016

Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during the week beginning June 13th 2016