

# Newsletter

December 2016

## Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!

Classes 2, 3 and 4 performed brilliantly with this year's production, Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!

The North Pole was in meltdown! The elves were struggling to cope! So Santa took drastic action to convince the world that the best pressies we could wish for don't cost a penny!



A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all  
the staff at Laurel Avenue Community Primary!



Nursery and Class 1  
presented  
**All About Christmas**



We got to see Christmas through the eyes of Scarlett the Teddy Bear. Children sang songs beautifully about the main events of the nativity story, the Christmas tree fairy, the popular Mince Pie March, and, of course, one about Father Christmas himself!







#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti-Bullying Week for 2016  
focused on the theme of  
*'Power for Good'.*



We focused on:

- words for the 'Power of Good'
- our anti-bullying and Happy in School codes
- developing resilience in dealing with friendships & bullies
- using experiences to develop positive attitudes.

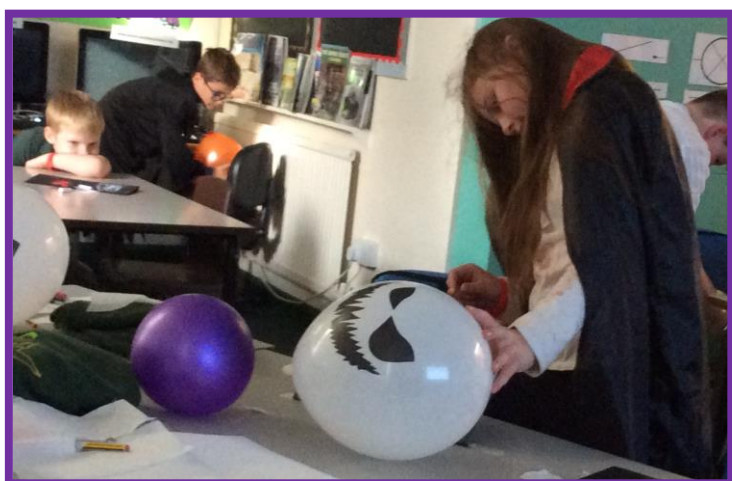


Thank you to parents/carers  
who came in to school to  
support Anti-Bullying Week  
this year, creating their own  
clay lightning bolt with  
powerfully positive messages.





*All of school had a spooktastic day for Halloween this year, dressing up in a whole range of frightening costumes!*



*Lessons all day were full of ghostly thrills with spooky maths, writing and science investigations going on in every classroom!*

*Thank you for all the excellent carved pumpkins entries. It was a difficult choice to choose the winner as they were all so creative. Congratulations go to:*



*1<sup>st</sup> - Kaiden Watkinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Devan France  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Nathan Shepherd*





*The School Council decided that it would be a good idea to dress up in spotty clothing for a donation of £1. Children worked on spotty maths, wrote a leaflet or a poster to persuade people to donate to Children in Need and created a painting inspired by Pointillism, using dots to create a picture of Pudsey Bear.*

*Children voted for a Good Friend in each class and these children received a certificate.*



*Nursery – Joseph Davies*

*Class 1 – Erin Brain*

*Class 2 – Kaiden Watkinson*

*Class 3 – Ellie Storey*

*Class 4 – Paige Nichol*



*Thank you for all your money and cake donations for the cake sale we held at the end of the day.*

*We raised a brilliant £138.43.*



# 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*

## £784.40!

*Film Club raised £93.97 giving us a grand total of*

## £878.371!



*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 green Christmas tree 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 great big thank you to all our brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers. You all do a brilliant job!*

*Helen Blakey, Ellen Cottrell, Sarah Fearon,  
Claire Linfoot, June Nichol, Joe Pickering,  
Tracy Pickering, Tracy Salmon,  
Nichola Watkinson & Michelle 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.



*Thank you for your kind donations of clothing.*

*We collected 74 kg which raised £29.60 for school and £7.40 for the Fire Fighters charity.*

The Halloween  
themed meal  
was a lot of  
fun this year!



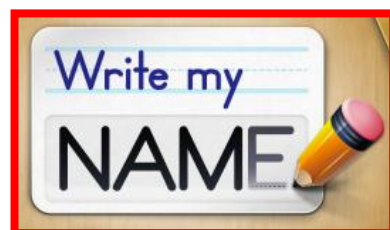
Christmas Lunch: 7<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you to everyone who shared Christmas Lunch  
with us. We hope you enjoyed it!



Please, please, please can you help us by  
making sure your child's name is in all their  
clothes, coat and PE kit? Please check to make  
sure that it hasn't washed out.

This would really help us to be  
able to make sure all clothing  
comes home safely. Thank you!





## Britain at War: Class 4 Beamish Museum Visit



*As part of Class 4's 'Britain at War' topic, they visited Beamish Museum to take part in an evacuee workshop. From the minute they arrived they were treated as evacuees from the city and were billeted to Beamish Farm. As part of the experience children were introduced to the typical farm jobs evacuees were expected to carry out and experienced what it was like to escape the bombings in an Anderson shelter.*

*In front of open fires, they used rations to make carrot cookies and covered windows ready for the evening's blackout. There was even time to experience training with the Home Guard. Class 4 had a fantastic time but were pleased to return to the safety and comforts of 2016!*





STONE AGE®

# WORK SHOP

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Class 3 travelled back in time to The Stone Age to find out what it was like to live and survive over 15,000 years ago.



Eating  
crickets and  
meal worms!



Lighting fires



Making  
Bannock  
Bread







Wearing Stone Age clothes



Toasting the  
Bannock Bread



Building Stone Age  
Shelters



Class 3 had an amazing day  
and impressed their  
instructors, Rob and Abi, with  
how hard they worked and  
how well they listened.



## Great Fire of London Workshop

Children in Class 2 used their research skills to extend their knowledge about The Great Fire of London.



They used many different sources of information to find out about the past including maps. They carried out a timeline activity using props and materials from Durham County archives

to find out more about the Great Fire of London and how historians know what happened.







Children then made their own houses which they assembled to make their own London street.

Firefighters visited school and talked to Class 2 about fire safety. They were impressed with their knowledge during a Great Fire of London quiz before setting fire to their



street of houses to demonstrate how quickly and easily fire can spread.







## News from the School Council

The School Council have been working hard during their council meetings with Mrs Walters and have some exciting news to share...



In January we will be launching an exciting app called  
**Marvellous Me!**

Get alerts every time your child's teacher posts an activity, awards your child a badge, or sends you a message.

Safely share the news with the whole family.

Support your child's learning and development. Have more meaningful conversations with your child about school and practise topics together.

Your involvement will have a big impact on their ongoing success!

Smile every time your child gets a badge.

Tell them how proud you are.

Reinforce their good work and positive behaviours.

Keep up-to-date! Get messages & reminders from your child's teacher & 'Hi5' them back.



**Well done to our School Council. A brilliant idea!!**



We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark Gold. As a school, we have been working towards this award ever since we were awarded the Silver Award in 2013.



After all the hard work by staff and children, coordinated by Mrs Lawson, we were so happy to find out that we have been successful!

Being awarded this Primary School Quality Mark celebrates our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

Jane Turner, PSQM National Director has written:

“Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure science understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.”

**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:** Callum Hardy, Lilyan Sadiq, Logan Crampton,  
 Riley Haywood

**Class 1:** Daley Cartwright, Ray Cooper, Scarlett Pallister,  
Harry Petit, Erin Brain 

**Class 2:** Daniel Grundy, Cameron Thompson, Jay Bentham,  
Esther Ayo-Jayeoba

**Class 3:** Jessica Garside, Kenzie Watkinson,  
Jasmine Rutherford, Ellie Storey

**Class 4:** Oliver Pickering, Kane Costello,  
Anthony Cooper, Ibtihal Alshanqiti 

**Ms Davison:** Tegan France, Keira Dinsley, Ben Gibbons,  
James, Aliyah Barker 

Whole School Attendance is currently



96.9%



Thank you to parents/carers who make appointments after school and during the holidays so that their child can attend as many days as is absolutely possible.



It really is noticed and appreciated!



Let's try and get this figure back up over 97%!





# Congratulations!



## *Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for October 2016*

*Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Jay Bainbridge ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Jay Bentham  
Callum Blakey ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Daley Cartwright ♦ Lily  
Callum Collins ♦ Anthony Cooper ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton  
Macey Cummings ♦ Liam ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Matthew Dixon  
Oliver Dixon ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Jack Fitzsimmons ♦ Devan France ♦ Tegan France  
Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie  
Alora ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Callum Hardy ♦ Finlay Haywood  
Riley Haywood ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Filip Kedziora ♦ Bradleigh Locking ♦ Ben Maddison  
Casey Maddison ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles  
Bailey Pallister ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Alana Robinson  
Anas Sadiq ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Ellie Storey  
Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson ♦ Jaydan Tuck ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands  
Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Teagan-Leigh Wright*

## *Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for November 2016*

*Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker  
Alan Bentham ♦ Jay Bentham ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Milena Blum Vestena  
Caitlin Bowes ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Daley Cartwright ♦ Lily  
Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley  
Matthew Dixon ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Jack Fitzsimmons  
Devan France ♦ Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs  
Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy  
Siti Haqem ♦ Callum Hardy ♦ Filip Kedziora ♦ Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot  
Bradleigh Locking ♦ Casey Maddison ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol  
Bailey Pallister ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering  
James ♦ Alana Robinson ♦ Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Lewis Rutherford ♦ Anas Sadiq  
Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Ellie Storey  
Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson  
Jaydan Tuck ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Matty Wild*



*Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for December 2016*

*Ibrahim Alshamqiti ♦ Ibtihal Alshamqiti ♦ Omar Alshamqiti ♦ Stephen Appleby  
Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge  
Jay Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Alan Benthams ♦ Jay Benthams  
Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Tyler Blakey ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows  
Daley Cartwright ♦ Lily ♦ Callum Collins ♦ Ray Cooper  
Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley  
Matthew Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Jasmine Emery  
Azka Fayaz ♦ Saliha Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Jack Fitzsimmons  
Devan France ♦ Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs  
Nicole Gibbs ♦ Alora ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy  
Filip Kedziora ♦ Billy Laverick ♦ Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot  
Bradleigh Locking ♦ Leon MacDonald ♦ Ben Maddison ♦ Casey Maddison  
Ebony Morris ♦ Layla-Rae Niles ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Bailey Pallister  
Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering  
Betsy Pretty ♦ James ♦ Leo Renwick ♦ Alana Robinson ♦ Jasmine Rutherford  
Lewis Rutherford ♦ Anas Sadiq ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd  
Nathan Shepherd ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson  
Kierin Thompson ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson  
Zac Whittle ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Matty Wild*

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

**Congratulations to:**

**Mac Emery, Jay Benthams**

**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.**

**Class 4: Paige Nichol**

**Class 1: Samuel Linfoot**





# Laurel Avenue Community Centre



## Mondays:

Laurel United Youth Group 5.00 – 7.00 pm  
Over 11 year olds, sessions are free

## Tuesdays:

Tea Club 3.15 – 4.00 pm (straight from school)

Youth Club, 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Ages 5 years & above

Please remember to bring £2 into school clearly marked with child's name. Any additional spending money for the tuck shop can also be included.

Tuesday's Youth Club starts at 4 pm if not attending

Tea Club and costs 50p.

Please collect children from Youth Club on time, thank you.



## Thursdays:

Toddler session 9.00 – 11.00 am (Ages 0 - 5 years)  
£2 which includes breakfast

## Thursdays:

Lunch Club & Bingo 12 pm - 2.00 pm £4.00 includes two course hot meal and bingo with prizes. Anyone Welcome!

## Saturdays:

Saturday mornings we are open between 9.30 - 11.30 am for  
FREE Breakfast for families and activities with children.  
All free, in partnership with Durham City Food Bank.

For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:  
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# Dates for Your Diary



Thursday 15th December, am: Nursery Party for all Nursery children

Thursday 15th December, pm: Christmas Disco for Reception – Year 6

Friday 16th December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long (No Star Assembly)

Friday 16th December: End of Term



**Spring Term starts Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January: 8.30 Interventions, Homework and Science clubs start

Starting 12<sup>th</sup> January: FISCH (Family Initiative Supporting Children's Health) will be working with Class 3 and 4 for ten weeks during Thursday afternoons

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January: Class Photographs

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January: Chinese New Year Themed Meal

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February: WWI workshop in school for Class 4

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Break up for half term**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Second half term starts**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: World Book Day. The School Council will send out information about this year's theme before the event

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March: British Science Week.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9.00 – 12.00 am & 1.00 – 3.00 pm: Nursery Open Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening for Class 1, 3 & 4

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 6.00 pm, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3.30 – 5.00 pm,

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 3.30 – 4.30 pm: Parents' Evening for Class 2

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Comic Relief

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 3.15 pm: Mothers' Day Tea in School Hall.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Non Uniform day for an Easter chocolate donation please for raffle held during the Easter Assembly.

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

Nursery: All day Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, in classroom

Class 1: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Class 2: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Class 3: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Class 4: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 9.15 am: End of Term – Easter Assembly**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Summer Term starts**

