

Newsletter

December 2018

Wriggly Nativity



Nursery and Class 1 children presented their fantastic Wriggly Nativity. What beautiful singing and acting from our youngest children!



Class 2 children put on a fantastic show, singing their hearts out during their performance of 'A Miracle in Town!'



A Miracle in Town

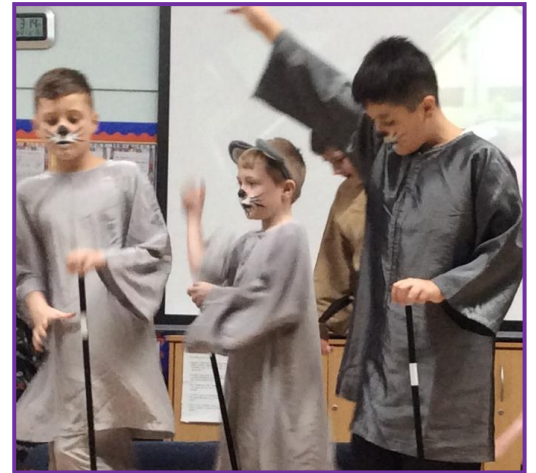


We were so proud of their fabulous enthusiasm and dancing! We hope that you enjoyed it too.





Dick Whittington



Classes 3 and 4 thrilled us all with their spectacular performance of Dick Whittington! The singing, including solos, acting and dancing demonstrated the committed attitudes held by our junior children to put on the best performance possible! Fantastic!



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 a brilliant

£739.79!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Thank you for all the fabulous donations for the class hampers. The hampers were amazing again this year!!! Nursery created the winning hamper with a red, white and green theme and have enjoyed a movie with refreshments.

Thank you to FOLAS for helping to organise the fayre and for their kind donations and time spent making sure everything was ready. We really do appreciate your support!



Thank you to Lilly-Mai for taking photographs during the fayre.



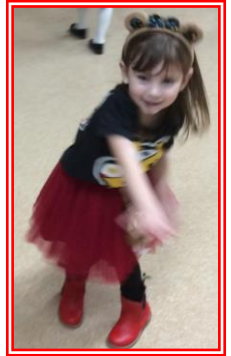
This year we worked with the Community Centre to raise as much as we could for Children in Need. For a £1 donation, children came to school dressed in Children in Need items or sportswear.

We also held a sponsored Danceathon in the morning which was huge fun!



Thank you for all your kind donations.

We raised a brilliant £315!



BREAKFAST CLUB **GREGGS**

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success. 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, Jessica Cottrell, Ellen Cottrell,
Claire Linfoot, June Nichol, Joe Pickering,
Tracy Pickering, Tracy Salmon and
Nichola Watkinson.*



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



*Anti-Bullying Week for
2018 focused on
the theme of
All Different, All Equal!*

*The 2018 anti-bullying awareness raising day
theme encouraged us to show respect for
individuality. We did this at Laurel Avenue by
wearing odd socks for the day.*



*Thank you to parents and carers
who came in to school to support
Anti-Bullying Week this year to
work with their child to help create
our 'choose respect' wall by
creating slogans to display in the
school grounds. They will appear
in our school yard once the
weather improves.*

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 2018!



Children in Class 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London this term. They constructed houses which they assembled to make their own London street. Mr Walters and the Firefighters from Green Watch visited school and talked to Class 2 about fire safety. They then set fire to their street of houses to demonstrate how quickly and easily fire can spread.

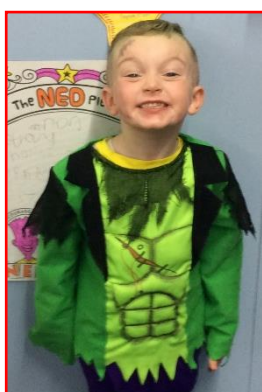
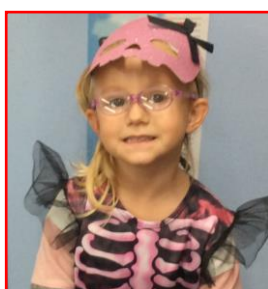




Mr Walters and the Firefighters from Green Watch also talked to the whole school about Fire Safety, just before bonfire night.



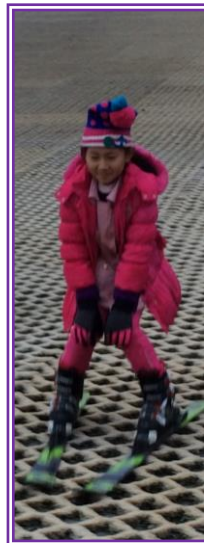
Halloween 2018



Everyone enjoyed a spooktacular time at Halloween, dressing up for the day and taking part in spooky writing and science activities. Congratulations to those who won best costumes and most creatively carved pumpkins!



Classes 3 and 4 had an amazing time at Silksworth Snow Sports Centre, skiing and snow tubing. Once again children were a credit to school and impressed the ski instructors with their behaviour, manners, enthusiasm and hard work. A fantastic experience!





Class 4 participated in a Safer Futures, Safer Carousel this term.



They took part in workshops hosted by representatives from the Fire Service, Police, Northern Powergrid, DCC, RNLI and NHS.



Class Four have once again visited the Physics department at Durham University as part of their 'Physics into School' programme. We took part in a range of activities linked to landing on another planet.



It was great fun and we are looking forward to welcoming one of the undergraduates into school next term to support us in our Science learning.



Google Be Internet Legends Assembly

Children in Class 3 and 4 enjoyed The Google Be Internet Legends assembly, supporting our work in school to teach them to be safe and confident explorers of the online world. The assembly was delivered by Parent Zone, with special trainers. The assembly focused on the five core pillars of the Be Internet Legends educational programme, incorporating characters from an imaginary world called Interland. The pillars are:

- **Be Internet Sharp:** Centred around the importance of thinking before sharing, evaluating whether a piece of information is private or not, and bearing in mind who will be able to see what is shared.
- **Be Internet Alert:** Teaching pupils how to spot phishing scams and how to report them, be able to tell what is real and what is fake, and to think critically about information found online.
- **Be Internet Secure:** Focused on keeping personal information safe by creating unique passwords, combining characters, numbers and symbols.
- **Be Internet Kind:** Encourages pupils to spread positivity online, speak up against and report bullying, and teaches them how to identify inappropriate behaviour.
- **Be Internet Brave:** About standing up when witnessing something inappropriate online, and to speak to a trusted adult about any concerns.

There is a free online Interland game which is a great way to engage in the whole programme while learning to make better choices in the online world.

The game is quick, easy to play and can be found here...

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland



STONE AGE®

WORK SHOP

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.

They spent a fantastic day lighting fires, building Stone Age shelters, wearing Stone Age clothes and making bread. They even ate crickets and meal worms!



Once again, their behavior and engagement was thoroughly praised.



Sensory Path

If you follow our school Facebook account, you will have been watching the progress of our Sensory Path which is being built from our new library to the gazebo and onto the yard. The children have enjoyed being part of its creation.



Every child and member of staff placed an imprint of their hand into one section of the path. Lunchtimes were busy, with all children painting different coloured stones for the rainbow section.



The Community Centre Youth Club got involved to make sure we had the stones painted in time!





The path is very close to being finished.



We can't wait to use it!



SNAG

School Nutrition Action Group

Our SNAG arranged Halloween and Children in Need themed meals this half term and have been asking children in their classes about the new menu. They have lots of ideas for meal themes for next term.





Children in Class 1 had a fabulous time on our yard participating in a Bikeability session with one of our Sports Coaches. They used balance bikes to practice getting on and off properly and moving the bikes with their feet whilst keeping their balance!



Nursery, Class 1 and the Community Centre Toddler Group had a fabulous time at the Durham Gala Theatre to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The excitement on their faces was a joy to watch. Theatre staff also mentioned to school staff that we were the best behaved school children they had ever had!!



Golden Table

Congratulations to the following children for being invited to have their lunch on The Golden Table this term!



Lilly-Mai,
Darcie, Casey,
Lee and Alan

Kane, Alisha,
Ebony,
Tommy,
Bethany and
Simon



Tyler, Connar,
Tia, Jasmine,
Anas and
Frankie



Let's Get Cooking

Congratulations to the latest chefs to complete their Let's Get Cooking Course! Tyler, Jasmine, Zican, Betsy, Brooke, Nathan, Teagan-Leigh, and Ben.



A new group of chefs will complete their course in January.



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: Jaxon R, Shakya, Emma, Everyone in Nursery for working so hard in Wiggly Nativity and for being fabulously behaved at the Pantomime

Class 1: Sophie, Charlie, Connor, Everyone in Class 1 for working so hard in Wiggly Nativity and Rubie



Class 2: Levi, Josie, Avika, Scarlett and Chloe



Class 3: Daniel, Jasmine, Logan, Aliyah and Grace

Class 4: Ben F, Jasmine, Kai, Teagan-Leigh and Tyler

Ms Davison: Macey, Joseph, Matthew, Anas and Ella



Whole School Attendance is currently



97.0%



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!





Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for October 2018

Nursery: Joseph, Elisha, Madyson, Jaxon I, James, Catherine, Emma, Tom and Olivia

Class 1: Sophie, Tristan, Ethan, Bethany, Charlie, Connor, Rebecca, Ben and Shahid

Class 2: Sabir, Josie, Luke, Erin, Leah, Callum, Ray, Logan, Chloe, Kayden, Samual, Ebony, Scarlett, Leo, Lilyan, Karam, Zak, Tommy, Alisha, Matty, Matthew and Simon

Class 3: Aliyah, Milly, Jasmine, Saliha, Mia, Daniel, Liam, Lee, Finlay, Layla-Rae, Lilly-Su, Tayven, Alex, Tommy, Mohanad, Daisy, Kaiden, Zac and Grace

Class 4: Lilian, Kai, Alan, Tia, Macey, Ben F, Jessica, Nicole, Billy, Lilly-Mai, Frankie, Jasmine, Anas, Connor, Nathan, Ellie, Brooke, Kierin, Kenzie, Teagan-Leigh and Zican

Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for November 2018

Nursery: Joseph, Elisha, Madyson, Jaxon I, James, Savannah, Jaxon R and Catherine

Class 1: Sophie, Tristan, Charlie, Bethany, Ben and Connor

Class 2: Josie, Luke, Erin, Leah, Callum, Logan, Kayden, Samual, Ebony, Scarlett, Lilyan, Alex, Matty, Matthew and Simon

Class 3: Aliyah, Milly, Logan, Jasmine, Saliha, Mia, Darcie, Daniel, Lee, Casey, Finlay, Layla-Rae, Alex, Kaiden and Zac

Class 4: Lilian, Casey, Kai, Alan, Tia, Tyler, Ben F, Jessica, Nicole, Lilly-Mai, Frankie, Jasmine, Connor, Nathan, Ellie, Kierin, Kenzie, Teagan-Leigh and Zican

Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for December 2018

Nursery: Joseph, Elisha, Madyson, Jaxon I, James, Catherine, Tom, Savannah and Jaxon R

Class 1: Tyler, Sophie, Tristan, Ethan, Bethany, Charlie, Rubie, Ben and Ella

Class 2: Josie, Luke, Erin, Leah, Callum, Ray, Logan, Riley, Chloe, Kayden, Samual, Ebony, Scarlett, Karam, Alex, Zak, Tommy, Matthew and Simon

Class 3: Aliyah, Milly, Logan, Jasmine, Saliha, Daniel, Lee, Casey, Finlay, Tayven, Alex, Tommy, Mohanad, Daisy, Jaydan, Kaiden and Zac

Class 4: Lilian, Casey, Kai, Alan, Tyler, Macey, Ben F, Jessica, Nicole, Ben M, Frankie, Alana, Betsy, Jasmine, Anas, Connor, Nathan, Ellie, Kierin, Kenzie and Zican

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

Congratulations to:

Elisha Emery

Grace Wild

Savannah Pallister

Sophie Dixon

Ella Johnson

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.

Sophie Dixon



Laurel Avenue Community Centre



Mondays

Laurel United Senior 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)

Laurel United Junior Youth Group 4.00 – 5.30 pm

5 - 11 year olds



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 4.00 pm if not attending Tea Club and costs 50p.

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



Tuesdays

LA ALL Stars Rehearsal 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Rehearsals start back again in January

Thursdays

Toddler session 9.00 – 11.00 am (Ages 0 - 5 years)

£2 which includes breakfast

Thursdays

Lunch Club 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm

£3.00 includes two course hot meal and activities

Thursdays

Grub Club 3:45 – 5.15 pm

Families welcome. Activities based around growing & cooking food

Fridays

Caff Gaff 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

FREE tea/coffee, hot snacks and cakes. Everyone welcome

Saturdays

We are a distribution point for Durham Food Bank.

Opening times are between 9.30 – 11.30 am.

For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:

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Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term starts Tuesday 8th January 2018

Wednesday 23rd January: Class Photographs

Friday 25th January am: Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Festival at Durham City Gymnastics

Monday 4th February: Firefighters' Charity Clothing Collection

Tuesday 5th February: Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 6th February am: Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics at Durham City Gymnastics

Week beginning Monday 11th February: My Money Week

Friday 15th February: Break up for half term

Monday 25th February: Second half term starts

Wednesday 6th March am: Infant Agility for Class 1 at New College Durham

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day. The School Council will send out information about this year's theme before the event

Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March: British Science Week

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day

Thursday 21st March, 4.30 pm: Community Centre AGM – all welcome

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th March 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening for Class 1, 2, 3 & 4

Wednesday 27th March, 9.00 – 12.00 am & 1.00 – 3.00 pm: Nursery Open Day

Friday 29th March, 3.15 pm: Mothers' Day Tea in School Hall

Tuesday 2nd April am: Class 3 Multi-Skills Festival at Maiden Castle

Wednesday 3rd April: 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 3rd April, in classroom

Class 1: Wednesday 3rd April, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Class 2: Tuesday 2nd April, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Class 3: Tuesday 2nd April, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Class 4: Monday 1st April, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm

Friday 5th April, 9.15 am: End of Term - Easter Assembly

Tuesday 23rd April: Summer Term starts



IMPORTANT

Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS: 13th May – 16th May 2019

Year 2 Key stage 1 Assessment Period:

Month of May 2019

Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during the week beginning
June 10th 2019

All the staff at Laurel Avenue Community Primary
would like to wish you all a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Shubho Bôŗodin (শুভ বড়দিন) Bengali

كرسمسمبارك Urdu

Śubh Krisamaś (शुभ क्रिसमस) Hindi

Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia Polish

Shèng dàn kuài lè / 圣诞快乐 Chinese

عيد ميلاد مجيد Arabic

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