

Newsletter

July 2016

Goodbye to our Year 6. We will miss you!

What an amazing Year 6! Congratulations to all of you for your excellent achievements in all areas of school life. As a whole group, you have worked with an outstanding and determined attitude despite a difficult year in education, where standards were risen significantly from previous years and so expectations were higher. All to be achieved in a shorter space of time! You all still reached excellent academic and personal goals. We are so proud of you all and wish you the best of luck for your future careers at Belmont, Framwellgate Moor and Durham Johnston.



*Andrew Cooper, Teah Fearon, Kayden Crampton,
Annie Cottrell, Millie Petit and Geordie Patterson.*



School Staff Update

We were very happy to welcome back Mrs Hodgson a few weeks ago after returning from Maternity Leave. From September, she will be working four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Sarah Ingham to the teaching staff team. She will be teaching Class 3 every Wednesday and then each Thursday, alternatively in Class 3 and Class 4 to release teachers for planning, preparation and assessment time.

Miss French will be teaching in Class 2 for one more term until Mrs Satterthwaite returns from Maternity Leave at the beginning of December.

We are also really happy to announce that Miss Tosney and Miss Wilson are now permanent members of staff working as teaching assistants mainly in Class 4.



Congratulations to our apprentice Miss Hindhaugh who has succeeded in becoming a qualified teaching assistant, having worked in our Foundation Stage for the last three years. We are thrilled that she will be working with us again in September for another year.



We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs West who has worked with us for the past year. We have all really enjoyed working with Mrs West and will miss having her in school. We are also sorry to say goodbye to Miss Porter who taught children in Class 3 for the last year. She will be very welcome back again in school on a supply basis so we're sure to see her back very soon!

Happy Retirement!



Mrs Stagg

After 19 years of excellent service to Laurel Avenue, our highly valued teaching assistant, Mrs Helen Stagg, will be retiring at the end of this term.



Mrs Stagg first came to Laurel Avenue in 1997 as a Special Educational Needs Support Assistant for 6 months and like so many of the staff here, loved it so much that she stayed once offered a teaching assistant position! Throughout her time as a teaching assistant, Mrs Stagg has worked with so much dedication to support the education of hundreds of our children as well as contributing to much of whole school life. I am sure that all parents/carers and children, past and present, will want to join in with us and say a big thank you for her work over these years and wish her the very best for her retirement where she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and grandchildren. We'll miss you!

Congratulations to Mrs McLellan!

Mrs McLellan represented Great Britain at the European Heart and Lung Transplant Games in Finland last week. She won three gold medals in cross country, swimming and swimming relay and one silver in cycling!!!



She was a brilliant help towards Team GB winning the award for best team – top of the medals table!

Congratulations,

Mrs McLellan.

You're amazing!!!

Thank you so much for all the kind words about Ms Kelly that you have shared with us following her recent tragic death. All cards and pictures that were given to us have been given to her family, as well as books full of messages and pictures from the children. The Friends of Laurel Avenue also sent a beautiful folded book sculpture made by Helen Blakey and will make a donation on behalf of the school.



*The funeral will be on Thursday 21st July, 11.00 am at
All Saints' Church, Wheatley Hill*



Family have asked that only family flowers are to be at the funeral. Any donations are to be made for the future and education of her 12 year old son, Oliver, who will now go to live with his Aunt.

If you would like to make a donation, it can be handed in at school and gratefully added to those already collected, to be taken to the church on Thursday.

*Ms Kelly was great because she made us excellent dinners even though she probably wanted to be a singer instead. She was funny and kind and one of the most cheerful people I have ever met. Her food was great especially her chocolate fudge cake.
Andrew*



*We used to enjoy helping Ms Kelly at lunchtime. She always smiled and was never grumpy. She loved to pull silly faces and dance and make all the little children laugh.
Keira and Caitlin*

You were special to all of us and we will never forget you. Teah

Maybe God needed her to come and make all the lovely food for him. Ben

*Ms Kelly was passionate about being our cook at Laurel Avenue and was determined that every single child had the best dinner that they possibly could. She was always in trouble from Taylor Shaw for using too many ingredients but she didn't care! She just wanted the very best for our children. She brought fun, laughter and singing to the dinner hall every day and made lunchtimes a really happy part of all our days.
We will all miss you.*

Ms Kelly was our star. Instead of her giving us a star award, we should have given her the star award! She was the best cook ever. Every school deserves a Ms Kelly. The thing that I will miss most about Ms Kelly is hearing her sing every day at dinnertime. I will also miss seeing her smile on a morning when she came into school. She always told us that she was going on Britain's Got Talent! She would have won. She always made me smile. Annie



We will be releasing one balloon for each year group on the school yard after assembly on Wednesday morning and you are all welcome to join us.

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



Tia Burrows, Darcie Gillespie, Zac Whittle,
Nicolas Costa and Logan Dinsley



Samual Linfoot, Ray Cooper, Tommy Swainston,
Luke Blakey, Lainey Jackson, Michael Kavanagh,
Thomas Parker, Sophia Robson, Zak Storey



Kayden Crampton, Teah Fearon, Millie Petit,
Andrew Cooper, Geordie Patterson, Annie Cottrell



A happy time was had by all children and bears at our Teddy Bears Picnic.



School Meals 2016 – 2017

Meals for all Infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will be free again next year. Meals for all other children will be £2.00 from September.

Congratulations to the silver medallists Alex & Lewis!



After being selected to represent Durham and Chester-Le-Street School Sports Partnership in the Level 2 trials, Lewis and Alex took part in the level 3 Boccia competition where they competed against all of the other districts in the County.



Their fantastic performance achieved second place and silver medals!! Next year they are going for gold!

Lewis with Chris Cook, former Olympic swimmer





Nursery children had a fabulous time washing a pig, brushing a donkey, holding chicks and rabbits and collecting eggs to name just a few of the animals they encountered!



*Nursery
Down at The Farm*



Class 1 went on a trip to the Botanical Gardens where they took part in the Forest Schools Programme. Everyone had fabulous time learning about dragons, elves and fairies.



Class 2 have been learning about plants as part of their Science topic and so visited The Old Durham Gardens.

They learnt all about plants from the 17th Century and explored the orchards.



*Class 4 visited The University Library
Museum on Palace Green to handle
Ancient Greek artefacts.*



*They also visited Sunderland
Empire to watch
Horrible Histories live in 3D...
The Groovy Greeks.*



The Bright Sparks visited Durham Castle with the Castle students from Durham University who ran our Bright Sparks Club. They had a wonderful experience designing ancient classical clothing as well as having a tour of the castle.



Mini Police Our Year 5 children are now involved in The Mini Police Project within Durham Constabulary. The Mini Police support the force priorities, through participation in community engagement events. Mini Police help to tackle local issues, as highlighted by their own communities. By assisting the police service, they also carry that ownership and pride back into the community they live in.



Let's Get Cooking



Congratulations to the latest graduates of Let's Get Cooking:
Brooke, Nathan, Teagan-Leigh,
Esther, Lilian, Tyler, Betsy and Ellie

Funky Style Brass



As part of the Durham International Brass Festival Schools Programme, we welcomed Funky Style Brass, a 9 piece French band from Toulouse, to school last week and they wowed us with their funky brass music!

Sports Days



Congratulations to the winning **Green Team** in the Nursery – Year 1 Sports Day.

A big thank you to Nicola, Claire, Jimmy, Steve and Danial who organised and ran the event.



Congratulations to the winning **Yellow Team** in the Year 2 – Year 6 Sports Day.

A big thank you to Mr Robinson and Mr Miller and their students from Durham sixth form Centre for helping to organise and run the event.



Sporting Events



KS1 and 2 Mini Olympics

Outdoor and Adventurous Festival
Class 2 had to solve clues by completing sporting
quests to find the answers in a treasure hunt.



Multi Skills Festival

Reception, Year 1 and 2 took part in
a range of sporting activities to put
into practice the skills they have
learnt over the summer term.



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, Sarah Fearon,
June Nichol, Joe Pickering, Tracy Pickering,
Nichola Watkinson, Michelle Winter

THANK YOU

Reminder: Breakfast Club starts at 8.10 am.
We have a number of children arriving before 8.00 am.
Please come for 8.10 am and not before, thank you.



Children attending Breakfast Club recently enjoyed Healthy Eating Week, trying lots of new breakfast foods and deciding which they did and didn't like. Richard from Greggs visited school and awarded children with their certificates at the end of the week.

SUMMER FAYRE

School Summer Fayre June 27th 2016

We raised an amazing £747.81!!

Thank you to the Friends of Laurel Avenue School for all your help organising this event!! A big thank you to all parents and carers once again who donated cakes, hamper items and lots of other items to make the fayre such a success. We really appreciate this support.



Thank you for all the donations for the class hampers which are always so popular. The winning hamper this time was the

***Rainbow Hamper** from Class 1.*

They enjoyed a movie and refreshments as their winning prize.



If you would like to join The Friends of Laurel Avenue Society, and help to organise events, please come along to the next meeting.

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: All of Nursery for fantastic behaviour on the farm visit, Filip Kedziora, Josie Bird, Joseph Davies,



Amber Wilson



Class 1: Daisy Smith, Liam Davies, Lee Jones,
Leola Christopher

Class 2: Nicole Gibbs, Jay Bentham, Connar Shepherd,
Tia Burrows, Ben Maddison

Class 3: Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba, Ellie Storey,
Alana Robinson, Nathan Shepherd, Alan Bentham

Class 4: Callum Blakey, James, Keira Dinsley,



Annie Cottrell, Teah Fearon, Luca Barrass



Ms Davison: Tommy Scott, Leola Christopher,
Paige Nichol, Esther Ayo-Jayeoba

Ms Kelly: Harry Petit, Caitlin Bowes, Keira Dinsley,
all of Nursery



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



Harry Petit, Jaydan Tuck,
Grace Wild, Nathan Shepherd,
Betsy Pretty





Congratulations!



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

Stephen Appleby ♦ Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge
 Jay Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Luca Barrass ♦ Alan Bentham ♦ Josie Bird
 Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Caitlin Bowes ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Damien Christopher
 Leola Christopher ♦ Callum Collins ♦ Anthony Cooper ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Douglas Costa
 Nicolas Costa ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Annie Cottrell ♦ Kayden Crampton ♦ Logan Crampton
 Tyler Crampton ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon
 Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons
 Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Alora Gillett ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Finley Haywood
 Riley Haywood ♦ Lainey Jackson ♦ Billy Laverick ♦ Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot
 Casey Maddison ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Tayven Parker
 Thomas Parker ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ James ♦ Sophia Robson
 Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Lewis Rutherford ♦ Anas Sadiq ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott
 Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston
 Brooke Swift ♦ Kierin Thompson ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Matty Wild ♦ Amber Wilson



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

Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker
 Kai Barrass ♦ Luca Barrass ♦ Kaitlyn Bennett ♦ Sophia Bennett ♦ Alan Bentham ♦ Callum Blakey
 Luke Blakey ♦ Caitlin Bowes ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Damien Christopher
 Leola Christopher ♦ Callum Collins ♦ Andrew Cooper ♦ Douglas Costa ♦ Nicolas Costa
 Kane Costello ♦ Annie Cottrell ♦ Kayden Crampton ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton
 Macey Cummings ♦ Joseph Davies ♦ Liam Davies ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Rebecca Dixon
 Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Teah Fearon ♦ Devan France ♦ Tegan France
 Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora Gillett ♦ Daniel Grundy
 Finley Haywood ♦ Riley Haywood ♦ Lainey Jackson ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Bradleigh Locking
 Ben Maddison ♦ Casey Maddison ♦ Mark Mathews ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol
 Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Paker ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Thomas Parker
 Geordie Patterson ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Millie Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Sophia Robson
 Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith
 Ellie Storey ♦ Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson
 Jaydan Tuck ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Matty Wild ♦ Amber Wilson

Whole School Attendance for 2015 – 2016 is an amazing



96.9%



This fantastic result is without doubt a whole school community achievement, thanks to everyone working so hard to ensure that all children attend school as many days as is possible. Thank you for your support and cooperation and we look forward to another year of fantastic attendance starting September!



Congratulations!

Congratulations for 100% attendance all year go to

Callum Blakey, Tia Burrows,
Kane Costello, Kayden Crampton,
Keira Dinsley, Logan Dinsley,
Rebecca Dixon, Jessica Garside,
Daniel Grundy, Paige Nichol,
Connar Shepherd, Nathan Shepherd,
Ellie Storey and Tommy Swainston



Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Laurel United: Youth Group - aged 11+ every Monday 5 – 7 pm **Free**

Tea Club: aged 5 – 11 years, every Tuesday from 3.15 pm
£2 which includes entry to Youth Club.

Youth Club: Aged 5 – 11 years (parents may accompany children under 5 years)
50p entry if not attending Tea Club.

Free Breakfast & Activities Every Saturday 9.30 – 11.30 am



SUMMER - This year's Play Scheme will run from Monday 25th – Friday 29th July
We will be on site for 3 days and will be attending The Haven Point at South
Shields on Wednesday 27th and Flamingo Land N/Yorkshire on Friday 29th.
Further details of trips will be released to children attending Play Scheme.
Price - £2 per day per child. All children will need a packed lunch each day
should they wish to stay on site. For children aged 5 – 16 years.

Monday 1st August – Friday 5th August

King's Church Durham will be running their annual Holiday Club at Laurel
Avenue for children aged 4-11 years. Enter the world of Ancora and become a
Guardian! We will spend the week uncovering the lost treasures and retelling
the stories of Ancora. There will be songs, games, drama, Craft, snacks,
exploring the Bible and much more!

It will run Monday - Friday, 9:30 – 12.00 at Laurel Avenue Community Centre.

Cost: £1 per Child, per day

On Sunday 7th August at 10:30 am there will be a Holiday Club celebration at
Dunelm House as part of King's Church morning service, families welcome.

Cost: Free! To sign up visit the website and fill in the online form at

www.kcd.org.uk/holidayclub or collect a form from Claire at
Laurel Avenue Community Centre.



Have a Blast! Bored in the summer holidays? What will you do?
Why don't you come to hear a story with Adam Bushnell, make music, handle
creepy crawlies, cartoon capers with Liz Mullion, visit somewhere mysterious
and much more at the Summer Blast Off!

Each week there will be **free activities** for children aged 6 – 11.

Venues: Laurel Avenue Community Centre and Pelaw View Centre.

Come along to a session and have fun!

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 27th July to 2nd September.

Mornings for 6 – 8 year olds, afternoons for 9 – 11 years old.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th September: Back to school

Week beginning Monday 12th September: 8.30 – 9.00 am 'Early Birds' intervention groups (8.30 – 9.00), Laurel Learners Homework Club (Wednesdays 3.00 – 4.00 pm) and KS1 Science Club (Thursdays 3.00 – 4.00 pm) start – please watch out for letters

Thursday 15th September: Let's Get Cooking starts for Year 6

Friday 30th September: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (No Star Assembly)

Wednesday 5th October: Individual and Family Photographs

You will receive a letter about your photograph choices in September

Wednesday 12th October, 9.30 am: Harvest Festival

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October, 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening Rec to Y6

Wednesday 19th October: Open Day for Nursery

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October: Half Term

Monday 31st October: Back to school

Monday 14th – Friday 18th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 16th November: Anti-Bullying Awareness Raising Day

Friday 18th November: Children in Need Day

Friday 25th November: School closed for Teacher Training

Wednesday 30th November: Non Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

Monday 5th December, 1.30 – 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December, 10.00 am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

Wednesday 14th December, 10.00 am: KS1 and 2 Christmas Production

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 4th January 2017



*All the staff at Laurel Avenue would
like to wish you a very
happy and safe Summer Holiday.*

