

Newsletter

July 2017

Goodbye & Good Luck to a fabulous Year 6!

It has been an absolute pleasure to know and work with our Year 6 over the years. What fantastic achievements they have all already made and they have so much to look forward to in their futures. Each one has played a huge part in our school over the years and we are going to miss them very, very much!



***Alex, Anthony, Kyran, Jackson, Bradleigh, Lewis, Stephen, James,
Keira, Tegan, Paige, Callum, Caitlin***



Staffing Update

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Victoria Mills to the teaching staff team. She will be teaching Class 2 full time. She has been teaching Year 2 children at Wheatley Hill Primary this year and is very excited to work with our Year 1 and 2 children from September.

This means that we must say a sad goodbye to Mrs Bolam who has been teaching in Class 2 for the last few terms. We have really enjoyed working with her and wish her the best of luck in her new ventures.

From September, Mrs Satterthwaite will be teaching one day a week in Class 3, every Wednesday, so we will also be saying goodbye to Miss Owers who has been working in Class 3 each Wednesday since January.

We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Hindhaugh who has worked with us for the past four years. We have all really loved working with her and will miss having her in school. We wish her the best of luck in her new job in a Nursery full of children who are very lucky that she will be working with them! We will miss you!



Reception Graduation



*Congratulations to our
fabulous Reception
Class of 2017 who
graduated last Friday.
They have achieved so
much already and we
are looking forward to
seeing them all
continue to make great
successes!*



Sports Days

2017 was another great year for our Sports Days.

For the last few years, we have moved away from having one single Sports Day event with all children from Nursery to Year 6 to planning two separate Sports Days.

The first Sports Day for children in Nursery to Year 1 is a high level participation event where children practice their skills across a wide range of activities and join in with all events. The second Sports Day is for pupils Year 2 – Year 6. This acts as good transition into the juniors for children in Year 2 and allows for the more competitive elements of sport to be experienced by children.



*Congratulations to the
winning
Blue Team!*

*Rubie Gillespie,
Rebecca Dixon,
Finley Haywood,
Riley Haywood,
Zac Storey,
Lily-Su Parker &
Callum Hardy.*



A huge thank you to our volunteers for organising the event – Nicola Dixon, Claire Linfoot, Steve Linfoot and Danial Nattress for taking the photographs!



*Students from Durham Sixth Form Centre once again did a fabulous job organising all the events and heats.
Congratulations to the Yellow Team who won overall!*



Key Stage 1 and 2 had their own Mini Olympics again this year.



Key stage 1 children attended Maiden Castle for their festival where they enjoyed a wide range of sporting events and team activities to throw themselves into!

Key Stage 2 travelled to the Riverside Stadium, Chester-le-Street, to compete against other Schools across the county. Children took part in a range of sporting activities including; Tri-Golf, Rounders, Dodgeball, QuadKids Athletics, Cheerleading and Dance. It was a lovely sunny day and everybody gave 100% to their event, representing Laurel Avenue in an exceptional manner.



Ultimate Dodge Ball Sponsored Event



Thank you to everyone who sponsored our Ultimate Dodge Ball event to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

We raised a fantastic £355! £284 went to The British Heart Foundation as schools are allowed to keep 20% - £71!

Congratulations to Riley who raised an amazing £95 and Leon who raised a brilliant £75!



***Thank you** for your kind donations of Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. This is a small selection of the equipment that has already been delivered and there is still more to come!*



Cancer Has No Colours



Many children wore football shirts or bright colours last Friday to pay our respects to Bradley Lowery. Your kind donations raised £125.00 which will go directly to the Bradley Lowry Foundation. Thank you.

Primary Inclusion Athletics

Danny, Lewis and Alex attended an athletics festival at The Riverside, Chester-Le-Street, where they represented school in different athletic events including 400 metres running, hurdles, long jump, javelin and the standing jump. Congratulations for being all round super stars!

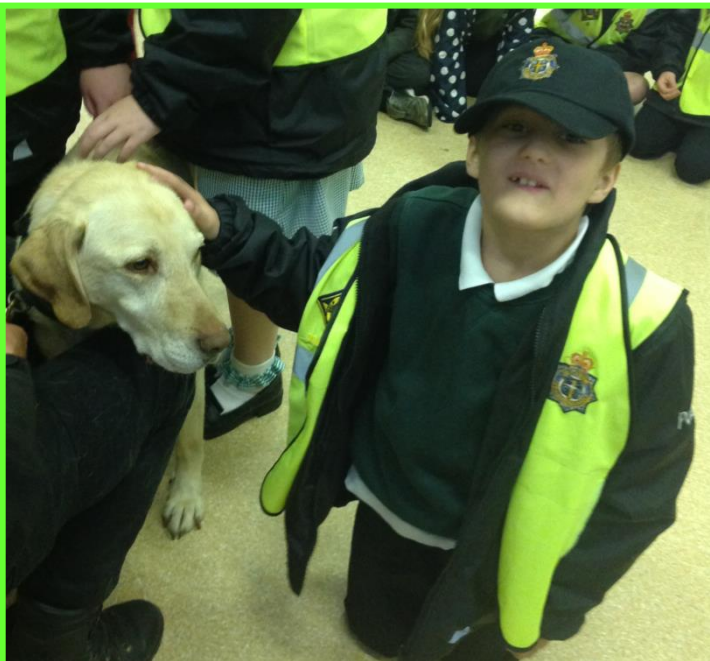


Infinite Air

As part of our Platinum package with Durham School Sports Partnership, juniors were invited to attend an Infinite Air festival. Children had full access to all the trampolines, as well as participating in dodge ball, basketball and a session of street running skills. All children had an amazing time and we hope to be able to visit again in the future.



Mini Police



Years 4 and 5 have been working alongside Durham Constabulary to train as Mini Police Officers. We have looked at how we can prevent anti-social behaviours, presenting an assembly to the rest of school explaining what anti-social behaviour is and how it can affect others. One anti-social behaviour we learnt about was littering. We carried out a litter pick and collected many bags of rubbish from our school field and surrounding area. We had a visit from a police interceptor and police dogs Jet and Ben. We learnt lots more about the police force during this visit and had a lot of fun!

Bright Sparks Visit to Vindolanda



Children who attended Bright Sparks this year were treated to an amazing day out to Northumberland to visit the Roman fort of Vindolanda and its museum. The University Castles students organised the visit and children were able to walk amongst the ruins and watch archaeologists as they excavated the site. They also visited the new interactive museum and watched a 3D film about life on Hadrian's wall.



Let's Get Cooking



Congratulations to the latest chefs for completing their Let's Get Cooking course! Alex Petit, Callum Blakey, Mac Emery, Kane Costello, Stephen Appleby and Oliver Pickering.

Class 3 visit to Durham Cathedral and Castle

Class 3 visited Durham Castle and Cathedral this term as part of our 'History and Heritage of Durham' topic. We learnt lots about our local history as well as seeing for ourselves Prince Bishop Cosin's infamous Black Pineapple Staircase, which we have been studying. We enjoyed carrying out an architectural treasure hunt to locate the Cathedral's Norman and Gothic architectural features. It had been a very rainy start to the day, but we managed to walk there and back without a spot of rain catching us out!



Class Three's exceptional behaviour and manners were commented on by both members of the public and staff of the Cathedral.

BREAKFAST CLUB

GREGGS

We would just like to say a very huge thank you to all our brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers who do such an amazing job, day after day, to keep our Breakfast Club running every day.



We all really appreciate your time and dedication across the year to help us have a great start to our day!
Thank you to:

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



SUMMER FAYRE

School Summer Fayre June 26th 2017

We raised an amazing £715.48!!

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

Pink Candy Floss from Class 2.

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.

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



Mac, Alora, Jessica, Oliver and Macey



Lily-Su, Daisy, Devan, Cameron and Logan

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

Congratulations to: Connor Shepherd Casey Bainbridge
Jaydan Tuck Jay Bentham Alex Petit

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 1: Daley Cartwright
Class 2: Leon MacDonald
Class 3: Kenzie Watkinson
Class 4: Anthony Cooper



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: Finley Haywood, Alisha-Walton Rowlands, Ben Gibbons, Joseph Davies, Josie



Class 1: Ebony Morris, Rebecca Dixon, Ray Cooper, Daley Cartwright, All of Reception for being an amazing, hard working class

Class 2: Kaiden Watkinson, Daniel Grundy, Leon MacDonald, Liam, Jasmine Emery



Class 3: Lilly-Mai Niles, Brooke Swift, Tia Burrows, Anas Sadiq, Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba

Class 4: Jack Fitzsimmons, Bradleigh Locking, Paige Nichol, Alex Petit, All of Year 6 for being an amazing group of young people



Ms Davison: Nicole Gibbs, Saliha Fayaz, Angela Dodmani, Scarlett Pallister, Casey Maddison



Whole School Attendance for 2016 – 2017 is an amazing



96.2%



Although slightly lower than last year's best ever result of 96.9%, this attendance result is still a fantastic whole school and community achievement.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. By arranging for appointments to be made outside of school hours, and bringing your children in to get their marks before and after any hospital appointments that cannot be made outside of school time really helps your child to achieve the best attendance that they can and so make the most progress.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education.



Congratulations!



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for June 2017

Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Theodor Balardelle ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Alan Bentham
Josie ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Tyler Blakey ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Daley Cartwright
Lilly ♦ Callum Collins ♦ Anthony Cooper ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton
Tyler Crampton ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Sophie Dixon
Angela Dodmani ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Azka Fayaz ♦ Saliha Fayaz ♦ Devan France
Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora Gillett
Peyton Griffiths ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Callum Hardy ♦ Riley Haywood
Filip Kedziora ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Bradleigh Locking ♦ Ben Maddison ♦ Casey Maddison ♦ Ebony Morris
Paige Nichol ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Alex Petit
Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ James ♦ Leo Renwick ♦ Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Anas Sadiq
Lilyan Sadiq ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Cameron Thompson
Kierin Thompson ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Yiran Wang ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson
Grace Wild ♦ Teagan-Leigh Wright



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for July 2017

Stephen Appleby ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Xavier Batog ♦ Alan Bentham
Josie ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Caitlin Bowes ♦ Erin Brain
Daley Cartwright ♦ Lilly ♦ Callum Collins ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton
Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Matthew Dixon ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Sophie Dixon
Angela Dodmani ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Azka Fayaz ♦ Saliha Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon
Devan France ♦ Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs
Darcie Gillespie ♦ Rubie Gillespie ♦ Alora ♦ Peyton Griffiths ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy
Siti Haqeen ♦ Finley Haywood ♦ Riley Haywood ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Filip Kedziora ♦ Billy Laverick
Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Bradleigh Locking ♦ Leon MacDonald ♦ Casey Maddison
Kyran Marchant ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Layla-Rae Niles ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Bailey Pallister
Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Thomas Petit
Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ James ♦ Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Lewis Rutherford ♦ Alex Scott
Tommy Scott ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston
Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson ♦ Yiran Wang
Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Connor Wild ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Matty Wild

*Well done to all the following who
achieved 100% attendance for the
whole year!*

*Lilian Ayo-Jayoeba, Callum Blakey,
Lilly Cartwright, Logan Crampton,
Tyler Crampton, Keira Dinsley,
Oliver Pickering, Tegan France,
Jessica Garside, Chloe Gibbs, Alora,
Bethany Grundy, Scarlett Pallister and
Kenzie Watkinson.*



*Special congratulations to
Callum Blakey
for 100% attendance during
Primary School.
An excellent achievement!*

FREE childcare

From
September
2017



for **working parents**

of 3 and 4 year olds for up to 30 hours a week

Find out if you are eligible at

www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears



If you think that you are eligible, and you would like to extend your child's education in our nursery to 30 hours, please visit www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears to find out.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> will also help you to find out more information.

If eligible, you will receive a code which you will need to bring to the office, together with your National Insurance Number and your child's date of birth. We will need to validate your code with Durham County Council before a place can be offered. You will need to complete and sign a parental declaration form to allow this and other checks to be carried out through the new online system. Please make enquiries at the office or with Mrs Lawson, to see if we have any availability. Thank you.

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Summer Play Scheme

Monday 24th July – Friday 28th July, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Cost £2.00 per child per day, packed lunch required

Consent forms required – please see Claire at Community Centre Office

Stevie Bowes Sports Camp

Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August

Email: durhamsport@outlook.com

Kings Church Holiday Club

Monday 7th July – Friday 11th August

Tel: Fay Townsend - 07842057794



Youth Clubs, Toddler Group and Lunch Club will resume week commencing
Monday 11th September.

Mondays:

Laurel United Youth Group 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Over 11 year olds

FREE admission and tuck shop available

Tuesdays:

Credit Union Drop in, 1.00 – 1.30 pm

Why not start a savings account with Credit Union for you or your child? Pop in to see Claire and start saving!



Junior Youth Club & Tea Club (straight from school) 3.15 pm - 5.30 pm 5 years & above

£2.00 per child includes two course meal and entry into Youth Club

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.



Thursdays:

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

£2.00 which includes breakfast and unlimited tea and coffee

Thursdays:

Lunch Club 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm

£4.00 includes two course hot meal and activities. Anyone Welcome!

For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:

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Wednesday 6th September: Back to school Autumn Term 2017

Week beginning Monday 11th September: 8.30 – 9.00 am 'Early Birds' intervention groups, 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 during the first week of term

Thursday 14th September: Let's Get Cooking starts

Friday 29th September: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (No Star Assembly)

Wednesday 4th October: Individual and Family Photographs

You will receive a letter about your photograph choices in September

Friday 13th October, 9.30 am: Harvest Festival

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October, 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening R to Y6

Wednesday 18th October: Open Day for Nursery

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October: Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October: Back to school

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 15th November: Anti-Bullying Awareness Raising Day

Friday 17th November: Children in Need Day

Wednesday 29th November: Non Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

Monday 4th December, 1.30 – 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 15th December, 10.00 am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

Wednesday 20th December, 10.00 am: KS1 and 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 21st December, am: Nursery Party for all Nursery children

Thursday 21st December, pm: Christmas Disco for Reception – Year 6

Friday 22nd December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long (No Star Assembly)

Friday 22nd December: End of Term

Spring Term starts Tuesday 9th January 2017



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