

# Newsletter

April 2017

## Happy Retirement to Mrs Wilkinson!



Mrs Wilkinson started working as a Lunchtime Supervisor 47 years ago at the Infant School, during the time when infants were taught in a different building. She briefly left whilst she looked after her two sons but soon came straight back making it about 41 years in total that she has helped children at Laurel Avenue over lunch times. She has even helped the parents and the grandparents of children who are at school now! It just won't be the same without you and we will all miss you very much but we wish you a very happy and relaxing time! Congratulations, Mrs Wilkinson!

## ***Congratulations to Mrs Lawson!***

*We are very proud to announce  
that Mrs Lawson has won a  
Primary Science Teacher Award.*



*To even be shortlisted for this National Award was a huge success so for Mrs Lawson to have actually won an award demonstrates just how impressed the judges were with the way she leads Science in our school. She will have her award formally presented in Bristol in October but will become a Fellow of the Primary Science Teaching Trust from the Summer Term this year.*

*Congratulations to Mrs Lawson on such a fantastic achievement and to all Laurel Avenue Community Primary School staff and children and the achievement of the Primary Science Quality Mark Gold Award.*



# *Boccia Champions!*

*Do you remember last year when we told you the exciting news that Lewis and Alex achieved second place and won silver medals at The Level 3 Summer School Games Finals in Boccia?*

*Do you remember that we said they would be going for gold this year?!?*

*Well guess what? THEY DID IT!!*



*Stephen joined Alex and Lewis this year and after some tough battles at the 2017 Level 3 Boccia competition, where they once again competed against all of the other districts in the County, they came out as champions and won gold medals!!*

*Congratulations!*

*Fantastic news! We're so proud of you all!*



*After a week of work focusing on Science, children and parents/carers enjoyed taking part in our Science Exhibition and Gallery of children's work.*

*Children worked on Science Art and Writing which focused on the theme 'Food'. The standard of work produced by all classes was once again very high showing the enthusiasm that children have for Science at Laurel Avenue Community Primary School.*



*Thank you to all the parents/carers who visited our Gallery of Science poetry and art on Friday, celebrating work by children from Nursery to Year 6. We hope you had a fabulous time and even learned something Scientific yourselves!*





As part of their work on Christian places of worship, Class 2 visited St. Giles Church where Reverend Alan conducted a tour.



Reverend Alan talked about the Christian celebrations held in churches such as christenings as well as the life of St Giles. Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed looking for carved mice on furniture made by Robert 'Mousey' Thompson who made furniture for many churches.



Children from Year 1 to Year 6 attended the **Music for Youth Primary Proms** concert at the Gala Theatre, Durham on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Music for Youth is a national youth music charity and the Primary Proms are a series of concerts which engage children and inspire a love of music.



Thank you to everyone  
who donated £1 for  
Red Nose Day.  
We managed to raise £74.

**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**



Everyone wore red and  
enjoyed a Red Nose  
menu including cakes  
with red noses!





# The Anglo-Saxons



*Class 3 recently visited Palace Green Library to spend the day emerged in Anglo Saxon Life. We saw a replica of the Lindisfarne Gospels, re-created scenes from the gospel images, dressed up as Monks (did you know they spent at least 3 hours a day kneeling reciting from the gospels?) and created an incipit page. We then carried out a range of activities in the museum gallery, including telling sagas, creating our own illuminated letter and dressing as Anglo Saxons.*



*Our final activity of the day was to study Anglo Saxon artefacts. We got to handle a huge replica sword and even some gold! It was a very interesting day.*



# Class 4 Science Day

Mr Lawes from Durham University led an exciting Science day for Class 4. They had to take an aptitude test involving solving maths calculations and then design and test a rocket for NASA. The day ended with an amazing treat when an inflatable planetarium arrived.



## Class 4 WWI Exhibition



Class 4 created a WWI Exhibition inviting all classes and parents/carers. They were impressive with their knowledge and presentation skills.



***Please keep a note of when your child will need their  
PE kit in school***

***Class 1: Monday and Wednesday***

***Class 2: Monday and Thursday***

***Class 3: Monday (PE kit) and Thursday (swimming kit)***

***Class 4: Tuesday and Friday***

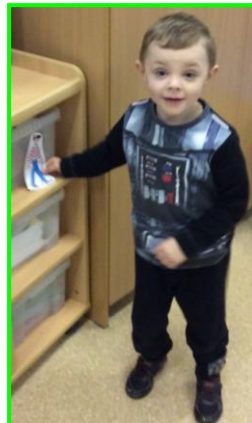
***We recommend children bring their PE kits into school every Monday & leave them on their pegs for the week, bringing them home every Friday.***



To celebrate **World Book Day 2017**, children came to school dressed in their nightwear to take part in our bedtime story event.

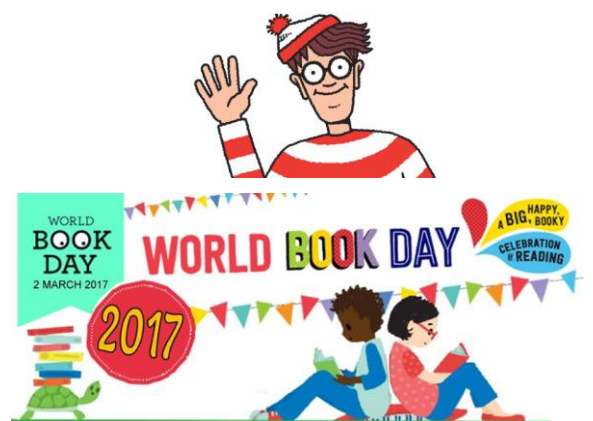


At the end of the school day children in Class 3 read bedtime stories to children in Class 1 and Nursery whilst children in Class 4 read to children in Class 2.



*Where's Wally? Wallys were hidden around school for children to find and win a certificate in the 'Fantastic Where's Wally School Search!'*

Children also could choose to bring a book from home to enter into our school book swap, swapping their book for a new book following the recommendations of their friends. We hope that you enjoyed exploring a new book!





# Mothers' Day Tea



A big thank you to everyone who supported the Mothers' Day Tea. We hope that you enjoyed the delicious treats. Combined sales from the tickets and raffle came to £163.25!



Thank you to the FOLAS team for once again creating a fabulous tea!



## Why not pop along to Belmont Library over the Easter Holidays?

**LIZ MILLION**

WELL KNOWN AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR  
WILL CELEBRATE EASTER AT BELMONT LIBRARY.



Come along and enjoy her stories and drawings!

**BELMONT LIBRARY**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**10.30 – 12.00**

Admission free

**All welcome!**

A free event from the Friends of Belmont Library



# 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, Claire Linfoot, June Nichol, Joe Pickering, Tracy Pickering, Tracy Salmon, Nichola Watkinson & Michelle Winter.*

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.



## 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 or 10p a day.



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



Teagan-Leigh Wright, Kenzie Watkinson, Bradleigh Locking  
Teagan France, Yiran Wang, Keira Dinsley



Casey Maddison, Matty Wild, Zac Storey  
Layla-Rae Niles, Lee Jones, Saliha Fayaz



**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:** Rubie Gillespie, Lilyan Sadiq



**Class 1:** Casey Maddison, Erin Brain

**Class 2:** Saliha Fayaz, Jay Bentham



**Class 3:** Angela Dodmani, Tyler Crampton

**Class 4:** Caitlin Bowes, Jack Fitzsimmons



**Ms Davison:** Ray Cooper, Nathan Shepherd

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

Daley Cartwright

Casey Bainbridge

**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:** Samuel Linfoot

**Class 1:** Ebony Morris

**Class 4:** Callum Blakey

**Class 2:** Jasmine Emery







# Congratulations!



## *Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for February 2017*

Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Xavier Batog ♦ Alan Bentham  
Jay Bentham ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Milena Blum Vestena ♦ Erin Brain  
Tia Burrows ♦ Daley Cartwright ♦ Lily ♦ Callum Collins ♦ Anthony Cooper  
Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Macey Cummings ♦ Liam  
Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Matthew Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Sophie Dixon  
Mac Emery ♦ Azka Fayaz ♦ Saliha Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside  
Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora  
Peyton Griffiths ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Callum Hardy ♦ Finley Haywood  
Riley Haywood ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Filip Kedziora ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Casey Maddison  
Kyran Marchant ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles  
Scarlett Pallister ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ James ♦ Leo Renwick  
Alana Robinson ♦ Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Lewis Rutherford ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd  
Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson  
Kierin Thompson ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Yiran Wang ♦ Kaiden Watkinson  
Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Connor Wild ♦ Matty Wild ♦ Harrison Wright

## *Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for March 2017*



Stephen Appleby ♦ Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Dan Ayo-Jayeoba  
Casey Bainbridge ♦ Jay Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Xavier Batog  
Alan Bentham ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Milena Blum Vestena ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows  
Daley Cartwright ♦ Lily ♦ Callum Collins ♦ Anthony Cooper ♦ Ray Cooper  
Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Liam ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley  
Matthew Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Sophie Dixon ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery  
Saliha Fayaz ♦ Jack Fitzsimmons ♦ Devan France ♦ Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside  
Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Rubie Gillespie  
Alora ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Filip Kedziora ♦ Billy Laverick  
Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Bradleigh Locking ♦ Casey Maddison  
Kyran Marchant ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Layla-Rae Niles ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles  
Scarlett Pallister ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Leo Renwick ♦ Anas Sadiq  
Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Zak Storey  
Cameron Thompson ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Connor Wild  
Grace Wild ♦ Matty Wild





# 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 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm £4.00 includes two course hot meal and bingo with prizes. Anyone Welcome!

Running alongside Lunch Club 12.00 pm – 3.00 pm: *'The Way We Were'*  
- fun and games looking at our past. 'Sing a long', old videos, old games and recipes for meals. To attend just the activities is free.  
To stay for lunch, the cost is £4.00.

**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.

**All activities will be closed during the Easter holidays.**

*Coming Soon:* Thursdays 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and Saturdays 9.00 am – 12.00 pm *'Job Club'*: get help to write your CV and support with job search. In association with Job Centre.

For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:

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# *Summer Term starts: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017*



*Year 6 will be doing their  
KS2 SATS: 8<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017*

*Year 2 will be doing their  
KS1 SATS during the month of May 2017*

*Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during the week  
beginning June 12<sup>th</sup> 2017*

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, am: Class 2 Outdoors Adventurous Activities Festival*

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

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

*Each Monday from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 9.15 – 10.15 am: Year 4 and 5 will start a 7 week Mini-Police Programme in school*

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: School closed for Bank Holiday*

*8<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017: KS2 SATS*

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, am: Year 3 and 4 Tennis Festival at Maiden Castle*

*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Nursery and Class 1 visit to Seaham Beach*

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, am: Year 1 and 2 Soccer Tots at Maiden Castle*

## *Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term*

*Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Back to school*

*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, am: Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition at Riverside Stadium*

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonics Test*

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Healthy Eating Week*

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Non Uniform Day for chocolate donation*

*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 pm: School Fayre*

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, am: Year 1 & 2 Multi-Skills Festival at Durham Johnston*

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Class 4 Cricket Festival at Brandon Cricket Club*

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 am: Reception Graduation*

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Teddy Bear's Picnic for School Lunch*

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Annual School Reports out to Parents/Carers*

*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Parents/Carers welcome to discuss report in school*

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 9.15 am: Celebration Assembly*

## *Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: End of Summer Term*

*More dates will follow next term.*

