

9-18 March British Science Week 2018

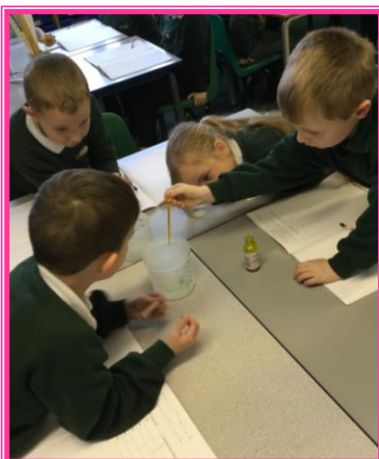
For Science Week 2018, Dr Research worked with all children across one day, carrying out investigations linked to things that fly.



Classes made iridescent butterflies and investigated dandelion seed dispersal. Class 4 also investigated the aerodynamic properties of birds.



Each class did their own investigations during the week based on various scientific investigations.



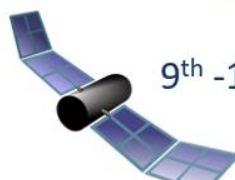
Class 2 carried out a number of investigations. They experimented to see how many drops of colour would change the colour of water. The children worked in groups and measured out different amounts of water before dropping some food colouring into the containers. They then counted how many drops of colour it took to change the colour of the water.

Over the week they also used rain gauges (which they had made) to measure the amount of rain which had fallen during the week.

Class 4 investigated moving objects through the use of gears, levers and pulleys. They were given a challenge by our 'Physics into School' student, Mr Brogan, to make a catapult which could fire into a castle in the same way armies from the 'Golden Age' of the Islamic Empire attacked cities. They used a lever mechanism to recreate the ballista catapults, investigating the link between the angle of the catapult lever and the height and distance the paper boulder travelled.



Exploration and
Discovery
9th -18th March 2018





After nearly 18 years of working as an Admin Officer in the school office, Mrs Lindsay has decided to take EARLY retirement.

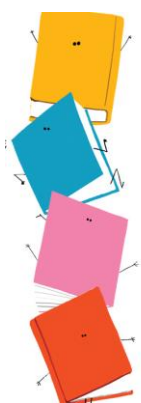
*(She would like the **early** part pointed out!)*

She has been a very important part of the team over all these years, helping to keep everything organised and running smoothly. We have all really enjoyed working with her and will miss her being around school. I'm sure that you will all wish to join in with our thanks and appreciation of her work in school and wish her all the best for the future.



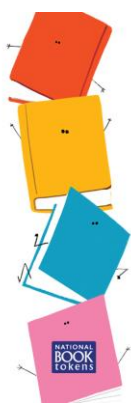
Mrs Ferguson will now be working all day Monday, all day Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Mrs Marie Angus will be joining our team after the Easter Holidays and working Wednesday afternoons, all day Thursday and all day Friday. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our team!

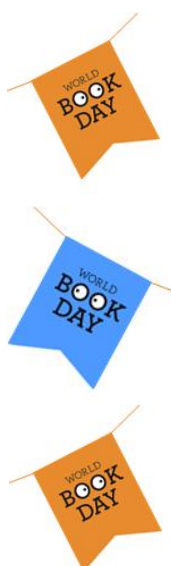


WORLD BOOK DAY

1 MARCH 2018



We didn't let the weather spoil our World Book Day plans and rescheduled to Wednesday 7th March!



World Book Day 2018 was organised by our School Council. Children dressed up as characters from the Harry Potter books and carried out magical activities linked to this theme. Children in Classes 3 and 4 read favourite books to our younger children during the afternoon.





We even read books outside during lunchtime in our fantastic new gazebo!

There were lots of opportunities to read during Brilliant Book Week and we enjoyed reading and sharing our favourite stories over lunch times.



Class 3 attended a Multi Skills Festival at Maiden Castle taking part in a range of activities including football, tag rugby, team games and fitness training.



Infant Agility Festival



The children in Class 1 really enjoyed their trip to New College for the Infant Agility Festival. They participated in lots of different activities and practised the skills they have been learning in PE such as balancing, throwing, catching, running, skipping and jumping.



Class 4 enjoyed visiting Carville Methodist Church to join in with the Easter Journey.

Through story and drama, the children were able to relive the events from Good Friday to Easter Monday.





Once again, the children of Laurel Avenue have shown how fabulous and excellently behaved they are whilst representing school.

We always receive numerous compliments about the behaviour and attitudes of our children so it was once again lovely to have received an e mail from sports coaches a few weeks ago.

Hi. Just wanted to pass on our thoughts from the gymnastic carousel. The team of coaches that were working with the children over all four sessions all spoke to me and said how well behaved the children were from your school. This was from both sets of children. Their excellence, manners and response to instruction was significantly more than any other school throughout the four sessions and they all tried their hardest on each piece of equipment. Durham City Gymnastics Club want to say a special thanks to each and every one of the pupils for this and wanted to say how much we enjoyed having you all coming to our centre. A massive well done to you all.

Glen and Vicki Wharton (Directors) and all of the staff at the Durham City Gymnastics Club.

We are sure that you are all as proud of your children as we are!



*We are still working towards completing
The Rainbow Flag Award.
This term we have been working hard on the
'Inclusive Curriculum' section.*

*Last week in our PSHE lessons, children
looked at diversity and inclusion. Children in
KS1 used some of our new books and
thought about what makes them special,
unique and how we are all different but all
still valued and treated equally.*

*KS2 children had the opportunity to explore
different gender identities and terminology.
The children really enjoyed these sessions
and were keen to discuss with others what
they had learned.*

Our Ambassadors



*Jo and Lewis from DISC worked with
children from Classes 3 and 4 to develop
their role as LGBT + Ambassadors.*



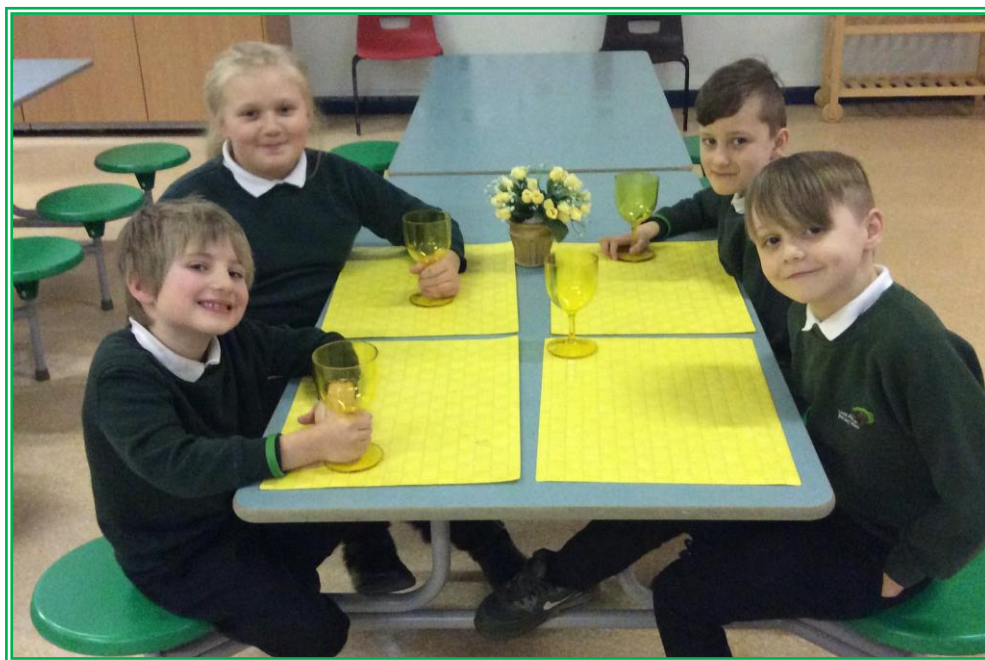
Let's get cooking



Congratulations to our last group of chefs who completed their Let's Get Cooking Course: Macey, Ellie, Jessica, Kenzie, Nathan, Ben and Alan. Our latest chefs have been busy creating culinary delights and will continue their course after the Easter holidays.



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



Lee, Casey, Alan and Billy



We would be very appreciative if you could please take some time over the holidays to make sure that all uniform, PE kit and coats have your child's name in. Staff try very hard to make sure that children return home with the correct uniform every day but it is very difficult when so many items have no names and children are not sure which is theirs.



Names can wash out easily so it would be fantastic if you could check after every wash.

Thank you!



BREAKFAST CLUB



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, Nichola Watkinson and Michelle Smith.



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

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

Class 1: Monday and Tuesday

Class 2: Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 3: Wednesday (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.



Mother's Day



*Thank you to everyone
who supported our
Mothers' Day Tea.*

*We hope you enjoyed
the delicious treats prepared
by our talented
Friends of Laurel Avenue.
We raised an amazing £228!*



THANK
YOU... 





The School Council worked with the Playground Leaders to organise the Sport Relief Challenge. Children were split into a blue team or a red team and individually made long jumps.

The School Council and Playground Leaders carefully measured each jump so that they could be totalled to find a winning team.



Thank you for sponsoring our event and buying the red and blue wristbands. Please send in all sponsor money by the end of the first week back, thank you.



*The final totals were VERY close!
Red Team – 44.08m Blue Team – 45.38m
making the Blue Team the overall winners!*

Children who achieved the longest jump for each year group won a Sport Relief balloon. Congratulations to:

<i>Nursery – Xavier Batog</i>	<i>Reception – Finley Haywood</i>
<i>Year 1 – Kayden Grundy</i>	<i>Year 2 – Layla-Rae Niles</i>
<i>Year 3 – Manuela Mangeth</i>	<i>Year 4 – Kai Barrass</i>
<i>Year 5 – Macey Cummings</i>	<i>Year 6 – Oliver Pickering</i>



Although 89% of children have a family member who has downloaded the free app, it would be great if every child could share their achievements with home. If you need a copy of your child's code, please call in at the office or ask your child's teacher. If you have changed your phone and need to download the app again, please call the office to receive the code again or ask your child to ask us to send you a text with the code on. Thank you!

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: Peyton Griffiths, Tyler Blakey



Class 1: Ethan Farley, Chloe Gibbs

Class 2: Sharie Stephenson, Samuel Linfoot

Class 3: Grace Wild, Alex Scott



Class 4: Kierin Thompson



Ms Davison: Tommy Swainston, Ben Fearon

Whole School Attendance is currently at



96.6%



Let's continue to try and keep our attendance the best it can be. Bring your child into school before and after any appointments that can't be made after school or during the holidays to get their mark and so they don't miss a whole day of learning!

Thank you.





Congratulations!



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



*Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Xavier Batog ♦ Josie
Luke Blakey ♦ Tyler Blakey ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Leah Brown ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Lilly
Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Macey Cummings
Logan Dinsley ♦ Sophie Dixon ♦ Tristan ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Ethan Farley
Azka Fayaz ♦ Saliha Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Devan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Chloe Gibbs
Nicole Gibbs ♦ Rubie Gillespie ♦ Alora ♦ Peyton Griffiths ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Liam
Rebecca ♦ Finley Haywood ♦ Riley Haywood ♦ Ella Johnson ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Qanita Kinarian
Billy Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Leon MacDonald ♦ Rosie Machin ♦ Ben Maddison
Casey Maddison ♦ Manuela Mangeth ♦ Finlay McIntyre ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris
Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Shakya Parker ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Lily Quan
Joey Reay ♦ Leo Renwick ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Karam Shaherli ♦ Mohanad Shaherli ♦ Connor Shepherd
Nathan Shepherd ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson
Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Connor Wild ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Matty Wild
Teagan-Leigh Wright ♦ Johnny Zhang*

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



*Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Xavier Batog ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Lilly
Callum Collins ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton
Macey Cummings ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Sophie Dixon ♦ Tristan ♦ Elisha Emery ♦ Jasmine Emery
Mac Emery ♦ Azka Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Devan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Chloe Gibbs
Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora ♦ Peyton Griffiths ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy
Kayden Grundy ♦ Finley Haywood ♦ Riley Haywood ♦ Ella Johnson ♦ Lee Jones
Zhixin Li ♦ Catherine Lidstone-Hill ♦ Emma Linfoot ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Yibo Liu ♦ Rosie Machin
Ben Maddison ♦ Casey Maddison ♦ Manuela Mangeth ♦ Finlay McIntyre ♦ Ebony Morris
Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty
Lily Quan ♦ Joey Reay ♦ Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Anas Sadiq ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott
Karam Shaherli ♦ Mohanad Shaherli ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Tommy Swainston
Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Grace Wild
Matty Wild ♦ Harrison Wright ♦ Johnny Zhang*



OLIO is an app and a website which helps supermarkets redirect their food at the end of the day to people who would want to eat it.

Anyone can use OLIO and there are no criteria for users to be able to pick up food. Can you help to stop food going to waste? A collection point for the OLIO app and website has been launched in the Laurel Avenue Children's Centre. Using OLIO, food is collected from supermarkets at the end of the day by volunteers and anyone can pick it up from the centre for free. So download the app, or log on to the website, pick times you like, and come and collect your food!

Thanks.



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

Congratulations to:



Ethan Farley
Zac Whittle



Laurel Avenue Community Centre



Monday: Laurel United Youth Group

5 – 7 pm

(For children aged 11 – 18 years)

Tuesday: Junior Youth Club (Children aged 5 – 11 years)

Tea Club – 3 pm until 4 pm

Youth Session 4 pm – 5.30 pm

Thursday: Toddler Session 9 am until 11 am

(Children aged 0 – 5 years)

Thursday: Lunch Club 12 pm until 2 pm

Cost: £3.00

Included is a two course hot meal and activities.

Taxi service now available. Please contact Claire to book transport.

Friday: 'Information Station'

Home Group, Credit Union, Job Centre, One Point

Children's Services will all be here between

10 am – 12 pm for any queries, help or advice.

No appointment needed, just drop in during this time.

Tel: 0191-3845427 Mobile: 07825956094

Email: Claire-laCa@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for Your Diary



Monday 16th April: Summer Term starts

Friday 20th April, 9.30 am: Science Assembly – Gases in the Air

Thursday 26th April, am: Year 1 and 2 Outdoor Adventurous Activities Festival at Maiden Castle

Year 2 SATS will take place during the month of May

Friday 11th May, am: Class 3 Mini-Tennis Festival at Framwellgate School

Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May: KS2 SATS

Tuesday 15th May, am: Class 2 Multi-Skills Festival at Maiden Castle

Wednesday 16th May: Firefighters' Clothes Collection in today

Friday 25th May: All classes receive Destination Judo session across day

Friday 25th May: Break up for Half Term

Monday 4th June: Half Term starts

Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during week beginning 11th June

Thursday 14th June: Year 3,4 and 5 visit to Oriental Museum

Thursday 14th June, am: Change 4 Life Festival for children who attended the After School Club

Friday 15th June, 1.00 – 4.15 pm: Bright Sparks visit to Durham Castle

Thursday 21st June, am: Class 1 Come Dancing Festival

Tuesday 26th June, am: Class 3 Quad Kids competition at The Riverside

Thursday 28th June, am: Class 3 Come Dancing Festival

Wednesday 4th July: Class 4 Cricket Festival at Brandon Cricket Club

Wednesday 4th July: Reception Sports Festival at Newton Hall Infants

Thursday 5th July, am: Class 2 Come Dancing Festival

Wednesday 11th July: Teddy Bear's Picnic for school lunch

Thursday 12th July, am: Class 4 Come Dancing Festival

Friday 13th July: Annual Reports Home to Parents

Friday 20th July: Break up for Summer

More dates will be added next term and sent home.