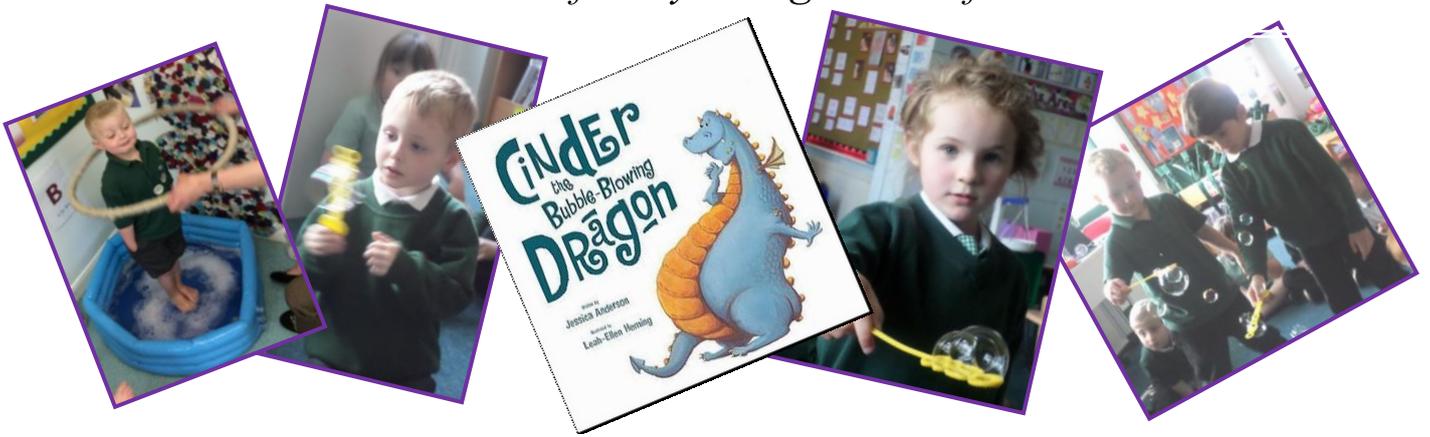


## Science Through Stories Week

*We have enjoyed another excellent week of Science this half term. All classes worked scientifically along themes from chosen stories.*



*Nursery and Class 1 investigated bubbles using the story  
**Cinder the Bubble Blowing Dragon***

*They wanted to know:*

*How can you make a really big bubble? Are bubbles always the same shape?*

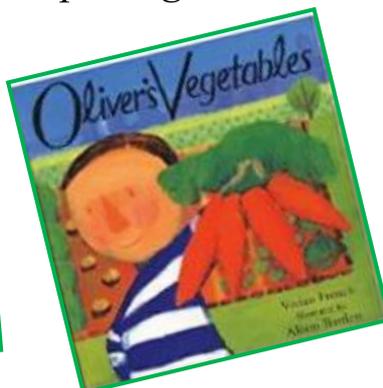
*How can you stop bubbles from bursting? Why are bubbles useful?*

*If you want to know the answers grab some bubble mixture & let your child teach you.*

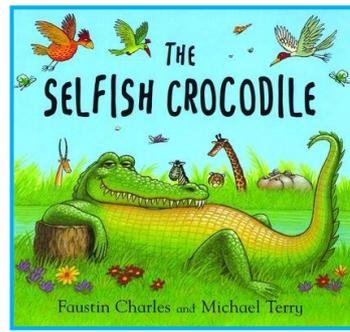
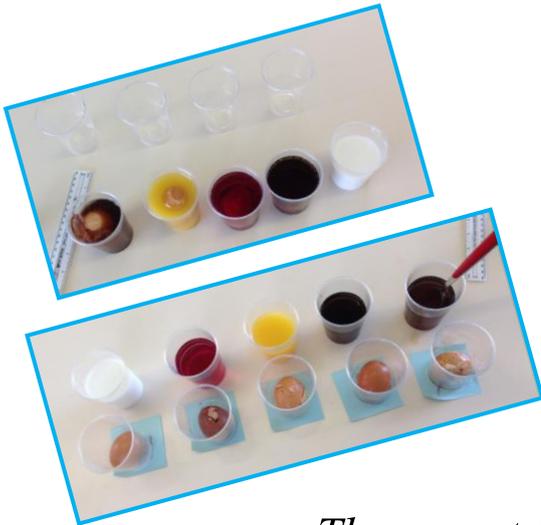
*Class 2 investigated plants using the story*

***Oliver's Vegetables***

*They have planted seeds and investigated the different conditions which plants need to grow. There is an ongoing competition to see whose runner bean plant grows the tallest!*



*Class 3 investigated teeth using the story*  
***The Selfish Crocodile***



*They spent the week learning about teeth. In one investigation they placed eggs in milk, blackcurrant squash, orange juice, diet coke and vinegar overnight to investigate which liquid would cause the most damage to our teeth. We did this by looking at the condition of each eggshell.*

*Class 4 have studied evolution using the story*  
***The Jungle Book***



*'I wanna be like you!'*  
Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book', along with Disney's musical version, inspired Class 4 to investigate the similarities and differences between man and ape.



*Science through Stories Week marks the second week dedicated to Science this year. Last term we had a very successful British Science Week where all children worked on Science Art and Writing, focusing on the theme 'Heat and cold'. Look out for information soon about a third Science Week which will be linked to maths this time with a joint Healthy Eating and My Money Week!*

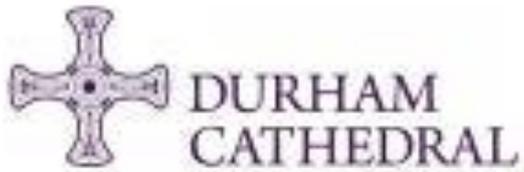
# Huge Congratulations to Alex and Lewis!



After winning in the Level 2 Boccia trials, Alex and Lewis were selected out of many different Primary Schools from Durham and Chester-Le-Street to represent Durham at The Level 3 Summer School Games Finals in Boccia. Fantastic news!!



Year 3 enjoyed a morning of tennis activities at The Riverside Stadium at Chester-Le-Street made even more enjoyable with the appearance of the sun!



*Class 2*  
*Educational Visit*  
*to Durham Cathedral*

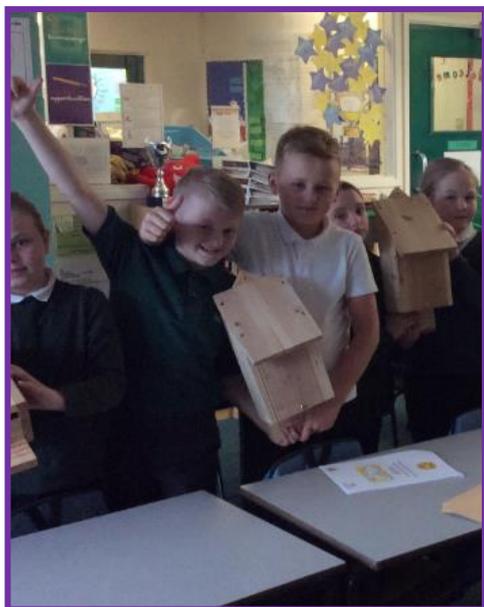


*Class 2 had a brilliant time at Durham Cathedral. They learned more about the story of St Cuthbert and explored Durham's riverside, finding out about the wildlife that lives there.*



# Bat Boxes

*Year 5 children worked with representatives from Wilmott Dixon builders, who are currently working on the re-development of Houghall College, to make bat boxes. The boxes will be put up around the grounds of Houghall when the building work is complete. We were able to keep one of the boxes for school and it has been put up outside Class 4.*



# Groovy Greeks

*As part of the 'Groovy Greeks' topic, Class 4 enjoyed a visit from a drama group. The main character of Homer retold the famous poem 'The Illiad' with a little help from an interrupting Council worker! It has inspired Class 4 to write their own Greek myths.*



# Let's Get Cooking



Congratulations to the latest graduates of Let's Get Cooking: **Ben, Kierin, Kenzie, Macey, Jack, Alora, Oliver & Alana.**

Congratulations to the Club for taking part in The Big Cookathon. They even had an article written in the Northern Echo! This is what the Northern Echo wrote...

Aspiring chefs have been taking part in a mass cooking event. Members of the Let's Get Cooking Club at Laurel Avenue Community Primary School put their cooking skills to the test in the Children's Food Trust's Big Cookathon 2016 last week. The youngsters made the suggested Big Cookathon cottage pie recipe.



The club, which has been operating for eight years, offers all junior-age children six cooking lessons a year, in the hope that by the time they start secondary school they will be able to cook full meals.

# Summer Fayre 2016

Monday 27th June, starting at 1.30 pm

## Coloured Hamper Raffle

Each class has chosen their colour, as listed below. Please bring in an item of the correct colour. The winning class will receive a prize of a movie with refreshments and the hampers will be raffled at the Fayre.

**Nursery – ‘Olympic Rings’ theme: Blue, Black, Yellow, Red & Green**

**Class 1 – ‘Rainbow’ theme: Rainbow or any Colour of the Rainbow**

**Class 2 – ‘At the Beach’ theme: Blue & Yellow**

**Class 3 – ‘Team GB at The Olympics’ theme: Red, White and Blue**

**Class 4 – ‘England Football Team in the European Championship’ Theme: Red & White**

We are collecting any items of uniform that you no longer need, to sell at the Summer Fayre.

All donations of items in good condition will be very gratefully received for the bric a brac stall: children’s toys, cuddly toys, games and books. Also, any gift bags that you no longer need for our hook the bag game.

Please bring items into school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, or Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the morning at the very latest.

# 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



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.

Thank you to everyone who supported **Happy Shoesday** by wearing shoes that made your feet happy!



With the £1 donations from those children who took part, we managed to raise £47!

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



Lilly-Su Parker, Grace Wild, Devan France  
Lee Jones, Alfie Johnson and Alex Scott

Oliver Pickering, Lewis Rutherford, Paige Nichol  
Annie Cottrell, Teah Fearon and James



Luke Blakey, Michael Kavanagh, Tommy Swainston  
Samuel Linfoot, Thomas Parker, Zak Storey and Ray Cooper

All children from age 3 to 5 receive a free carton of milk every day. Once your child turns 5 (whilst they are in Reception) they are no longer eligible to receive a carton every day. If you would like to pay for your child to continue to have milk once they turn 5, then please visit this website...

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) and register your child there.

*Cool Milk*

Cool Milk will inform school.  
It costs less than £15 a term.



Our YoYo Instructors, Anthony, Kayden, Paige and Millie have continued to be very busy teaching yoyo tricks to all the classes.



They recently visited Nursery to demonstrate their tricks and teach Nursery children how to yoyo!



**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:** Alisha Walton-Rowlands, Travis Patterson  
Lainey Jackson, Callum Collins, Damien Christopher



**Class 1:** Jasmine Emery, Aliyah Barker

Kaiden Watkinson, Layla-Rae Niles, Devan France

**Class 2:** Kai Barrass, Leon MacDonald, Tyler Crampton

Tia Burrows, Brooke Swift



**Class 3:** Jay Bainbridge, Jessica Garside

Harley Patterson, Kenzie Watkinson, Ellie Storey

**Class 4:** Luca Barrass, Millie Petit, James, Andrew Cooper

**Ms Davison:** Anthony Cooper, Kayden Crampton



Paige Nichol, Millie Petit, Jay Bainbridge

Cameron Thompson, Tia Burrows, Betsy Pretty

**Ms Kelly:** Tayven Parker, Aliyah Barker

Kaiden Watkinson, Layla-Rae Niles, Devan France

Whole School Attendance has dipped a little more this half term but is managing to stay up above national average at



97.2%

which is brilliant!



Let's really hope that we don't dip under 97% with only half a term to go! Keep attending every day!



# Congratulations!



## *Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for April 2016*

*Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Jay Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Jay Bentham  
 Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Caitlin Bowes ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows  
 Callum Collins ♦ Anthony Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Annie Cottrell ♦ Kayden Crampton  
 Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Macey Cummings ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley  
 Rebecca Dixon ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Teah Fearon ♦ Devan France  
 Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie  
 Alora ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Finley Haywood ♦ Alfie Johnson ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Samuel Linfoot  
 Ben Maddison ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker  
 Tayven Parker ♦ Thomas Parker ♦ Geordie Patterson ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Millie Petit  
 Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Alana Robinson ♦ Sophia Robson ♦ Jasmine Rutherford  
 Lewis Rutherford ♦ Anas Sadiq ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd  
 Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift  
 Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Kaiden Watkinson  
 Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Amber Wilson*



## *Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for May 2016*

*Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey  
 Caitlin Bowes ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Damien Christopher ♦ Leola Christopher  
 Andrew Cooper ♦ Anthony Cooper ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Douglas Costa ♦ Nicolas Costa  
 Kane Costello ♦ Annie Cottrell ♦ Kayden Crampton ♦ Logan Crampton  
 Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Oliver Dixon ♦ Rebecca Dixon ♦ Jasmine Emery  
 Mac Emery ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Teah Fearon ♦ Devan France ♦ Jessica Garside  
 Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Alora Gillett ♦ Daniel Grundy  
 Finley Haywood ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Michael Kavanagh ♦ Billy Laverick  
 Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Paige Nichol  
 Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Thomas Parker  
 Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ James ♦ Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Lewis Rutherford  
 Anas Sadiq ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd  
 Ellie Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson  
 Kierin Thompson ♦ Jaydan Tuck ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Kaiden Watkinson  
 Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle*





Congratulations to the children who achieved 100% attendance for Spring Term.

They each enjoyed a treat of a Pizza Hut lunch to celebrate.



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

Devan France, Kierin Thompson, Kenzie Watkinson,  
Anas Sadiq, Liam Davies

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.



Macey Cummings



# 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 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July  
We will be on site for 3 days and will be attending The Haven Point at South Shields on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Flamingo Land N/Yorkshire on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.  
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 1<sup>st</sup> August – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

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



# ***Summer Second Half Term starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June***

***Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Class 4 Athletics Festival at Maiden Castle***

***Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Bright Sparks Group visit to The Castle***

***13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June: Healthy Eating and My Money Week***

***Year 1 Phonics Tests - week beginning June 13<sup>th</sup> 2016***



***Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Non Uniform Day for chocolate donation***

***Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery Visit to Down at The Farm***

***Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, am: Class 4 Golf Festival at Ramside***

***Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June: School Closed for Teacher Training***

***Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 pm: School Fayre***

***Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 10.00 am: Sports Day - Nursery, Reception & Year 1***

***Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Class 3 and 4 Mini Olympics at Maiden Castle***

***Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Class 1 and 2 Mini Olympics at Maiden Castle***

***Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Class 4 Ancient Greek Workshop at Durham University***



***Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Year 1 and 2 Multiskills Festival***

***Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Cricket Festival for selected Key Stage 2 children***

***Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Teddy Bear's Picnic for School Lunch***

***Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30: Sports Day - Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6***

***Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, am: Year 1 and 2 Outdoor and Adventurous Festival at Maiden Castle***

***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 am: Reception Graduation***

***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Annual School Reports out to Parents/Carers***

***Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Parents/Carers welcome to discuss report in school***

***Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly***

***Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leavers' Lunch with meal choices selected by Year 6 children***

***Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 9.15 am: Celebration Assembly***

***Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Treat lunch for children achieving 100% attendance during Summer Term***



***Autumn Term starts back: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016***