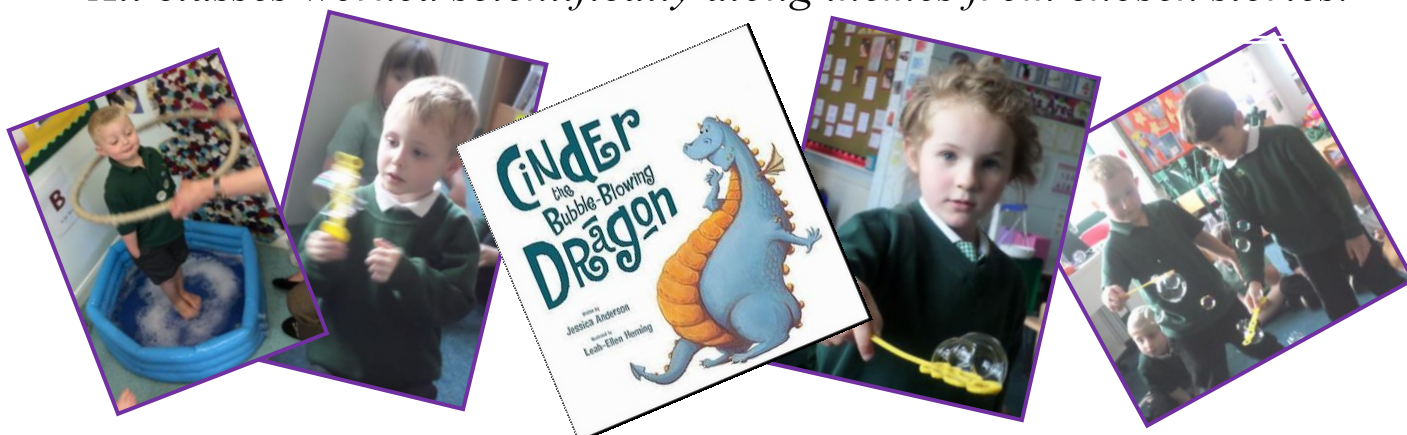


Science Through Stories Week

*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.

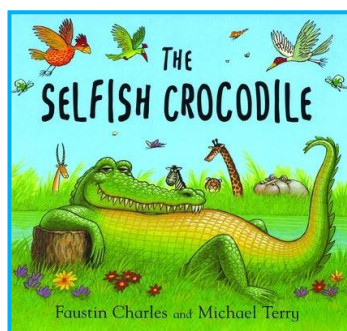
Class 2 investigated plants using the story

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

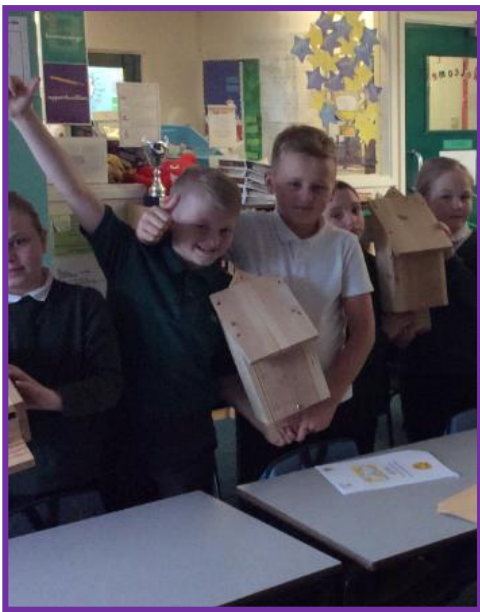


Class 2 had a brilliant time at Durham Cathedral. They learned more about the story of St Cuthbert and explored Durham's riverside, finding out about the wildlife that lives there.



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 24th June, or Monday 27th 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 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 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.



Summer Second Half Term starts: Monday 6th June

Tuesday 7th June: Class 4 Athletics Festival at Maiden Castle

Friday 10th June: Bright Sparks Group visit to The Castle

13th – 17th June: Healthy Eating and My Money Week

Year 1 Phonics Tests - week beginning June 13th 2016



Wednesday 15th June: Non Uniform Day for chocolate donation

Thursday 16th June: Nursery Visit to Down at The Farm

Friday 17th June, am: Class 4 Golf Festival at Ramside

Monday 20th June: School Closed for Teacher Training

Monday 27th June, 1.30 pm: School Fayre

Tuesday 28th June, 10.00 am: Sports Day - Nursery, Reception & Year 1

Wednesday 29th June: Class 3 and 4 Mini Olympics at Maiden Castle

Friday 1st July: Class 1 and 2 Mini Olympics at Maiden Castle

Monday 4th July: Class 4 Ancient Greek Workshop at Durham University



Tuesday 5th July: Year 1 and 2 Multiskills Festival

Wednesday 6th July: Cricket Festival for selected Key Stage 2 children

Friday 8th July: Teddy Bear's Picnic for School Lunch

Monday 11th July, 1.30: Sports Day - Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday 12th July, am: Year 1 and 2 Outdoor and Adventurous Festival at Maiden Castle

Friday 15th July, 9.30 am: Reception Graduation

Friday 15th July: Annual School Reports out to Parents/Carers

Monday 18th July: Parents/Carers welcome to discuss report in school

Tuesday 19th July, 9.30: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 19th July: Year 6 Leavers' Lunch with meal choices selected by Year 6 children

Wednesday 20th July, 9.15 am: Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 20th July: Treat lunch for children achieving 100% attendance during Summer Term



Autumn Term starts back: Tuesday 6th September 2016