

## *Gases in the Air Assembly*



*As part of Mrs Lawson's involvement with the Primary Science Trust, we were extremely lucky to be able to invite Professor Tim Harrison to our school for an explosive assembly!*



## *Class 2 Dance Performance at The Gala Theatre*



*Class 2 were fantastic, performing in front of a huge audience, dancing to 'Best Day of my Life'.*



*Lots of family members visited the theatre to watch the dance and thought it was wonderful!*

*We can't wait to go again next year!*

*Thank you to Mrs Cairns who was so impressed, she bought all of Class 2 an Easter Egg!*







*Congratulations to Claire Linfoot  
for taking part in a sponsored zip wire  
from The Tyne Bridge!  
She raised an amazing £1,141.33 for school!  
Thank you Claire and thank you to everyone  
who kindly sponsored her. News about what  
we will spend the money on is coming soon!*

# The Royal Wedding

Children in all classes enjoyed maths and writing activities linked to the Royal Wedding on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

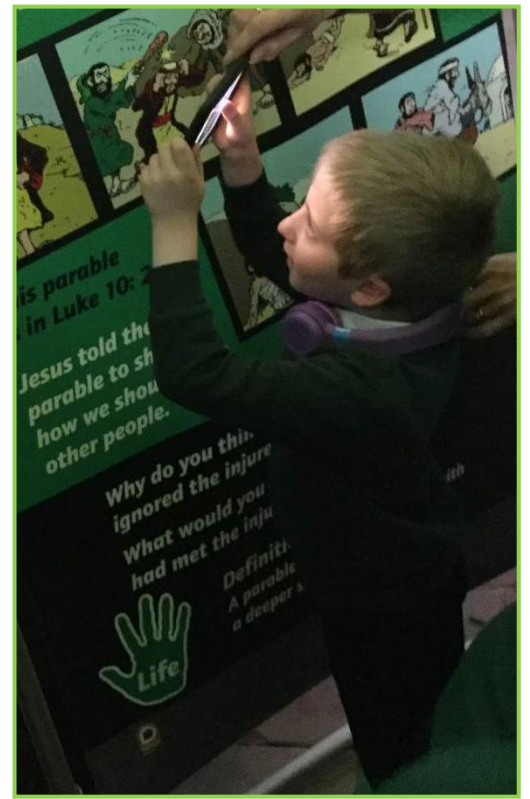


We ended the day with a royal tea party!  
Thank you for all your kind food donations. Can you spot two important guests who joined us?



## Durham Cathedral Life Exhibition

Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Cathedral to take part in the Life Exhibition. This event was designed for Primary School children and used interactive tablets, QR codes, graphics, quizzes, films, songs and a discussion café to help them learn the story of Jesus and about his relevance today.







# AGE Concern

Age Concern UK were so impressed when they delivered a workshop to the children in Class 4 earlier in the year that they asked if they could come back to our school and film the workshop being delivered to children in Class 3. They admired how much our children engaged with the members of Age Concern and with their respectful attitudes.



The film will be used to show the work Age Concern UK do in schools. Once again the children in Class 3 were a real credit to the school.







# Let's get cooking

*Congratulations to our last group of chefs who completed their Let's Get Cooking Course.*

*Betsy, Teagan-Leigh, Azka, Tyler, Leon, Brooke and Jasmine.*



*The next group of chefs have already created some delicious dishes and will be completing their course soon!*

## Mini-Tennis



Class 3 had a fabulous morning taking part in a mini-tennis festival, trying a range of tennis skills activities. Four children took part in a competition against other Durham schools.



*As you know, the School Council worked with the Playground Leaders to organise the Sport Relief Challenge this year. Thank you so much for all sponsor money collected. We managed to raise a fantastic £278.40!*



## Outdoor and Adventurous Activities



Class 2 learned survival skills and took part in an outdoor treasure hunt.



## Multi-Skills Festival



They also enjoyed learning dodgeball and football skills at Maiden Castle.





*We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers about some online dangers faced by our young people. Apps and websites can be a great tool for youngsters to find out about the world, but some areas of the internet are not always safe for children. Our children are sometimes called “Digital Natives” - they are growing up in a world surrounded by social media; they seem very comfortable when adults are sometimes much more nervous of the technology. Children are naive, they are still learning about the world and sometimes they can be taken advantage of by predatory adults.*

*Durham Police have once again been involved in an investigation where primary school children may have potentially been exploited so, to try and prevent any re-occurrence, we would like to suggest the following:*

***\* discuss with your children their use of technology, and take the time to find out more about their online life;***

***\*find out who their online friends are and what apps they are using;***

***\* set parental controls, both on devices and on the home and mobile internet feeds - this is not a fool proof solution, but it does reduce the chances of children coming into contact with either inappropriate material or individuals.***

*Advice on setting up Parental Controls is available from [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) by following the parental controls links. Alternatively, the NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to provide free support on setting up controls which is available by ringing their helpline on 0808 8005002.*



## ***Talk about their online world***

*We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers, but what about staying safe in the digital world? Having regular conversations about what your child is doing online, just like you would their day at school, is the best way to keep them safe.*

*You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they're worried and make sure they know what's ok to share online - and what's not.*

*You can find out more about the social networks, apps and games your child uses with the Net Aware tool on <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>*



## ***3 tips to help start the conversation***

- 1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.*
- 2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.*
- 3. Talk about personal information and what to share online.*

*Get more advice about how to talk to your child to help them stay safe...*

*<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>*

## ***Create a family agreement***

*Creating a family agreement is a great way to start talking about online safety. It'll help your child understand what behaviour is appropriate when they're online. They'll also know who they can turn to if they are ever worried about anything they see or do.*

*Download and print an agreement template...*

*<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/share-aware-family-agreement.pdf>*

*We are sending out a copy to get you started.*



## Laurel Avenue School Council

As part of our work looking at the British value of democracy, our School Council visited the Town Hall to find out more about local government and also to meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Durham.



The Deputy Mayor of Durham is currently one of our School Governors, Councillor Katie Corrigan.





*After a very informative discussion about life as a Mayor, they were given a tour of The Town Hall. They also met the Mayor's bodyguards who discussed their role during formal occasions.*





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



*Matty, Karam, Logan, Daisy, Layla-Rae and Lilyan*



*Josie, Chloe, Lilly-Su, Aliyah and Zac*



# BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success with many 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 – **from after half term holidays*****

***Class 1: Monday and Tuesday***

***Class 2: Tuesday and Wednesday***

***Class 3: Wednesday and Thursday – PE kits, no swimming***

***Class 4: Tuesday (PE kits) and Thursday (swimming kits)***

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

# Friends of Laurel Avenue Society is

a mixture of parents and staff that work together for the benefit of our School. Some are full-time parents, some work part or full time.

**So why should you become involved?**

**It's totally flexible!**

- \* There are a variety of ways you can help and be involved – from helping at an event or sharing skills and advice.

- \* You don't need to attend meetings. Contact us and volunteer for events by email or telephone.

**Be more connected**

- \* There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.

- \* You will get to know teachers and support staff on a more familiar basis.

**You will be part of a great network**

- \* Every Friends of Laurel Avenue event is an opportunity to meet new parents

- \* You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of helping to improve the school for all children.



## Be a role model

- \* By getting involved with Friends of Laurel Avenue you will show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is too.
- \* Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied.

## It's fun!

- \* Help plan events, socials and get-togethers.
- \* Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds.
- \* Get your whole family involved!

We are sending out a letter this week with a reply slip for you to complete if you would like to join FOLAS. Why not come and join us?

We really would love to recruit some more Breakfast Club volunteers. Do you have even one hour per week spare to help out between 8 and 9 am?

Let us know, we'd love to welcome you! Thank you.



Thank you for all your kind chocolate donations for the Easter Assembly Raffle.

**FOLAS raised £95.80**



# MarvellousMe Parent Quick Reference

## Accessing MarvellousMe

- ★ **To sign up to MarvellousMe**, download the MarvellousMe Parent app from the App Store or Google Play Store, or join up at [www.marvellousme.com](http://www.marvellousme.com). Enter your join code and tap 'Sign up'. It's free for parents!
- ★ **If you have a MarvellousMe account**, just open the app and log in with your email and password. You don't need to enter the code again.
- ★ **Please check you've logged in to the mobile app**, if you use MarvellousMe on an Apple or Android device.



## Common Questions and Tips

### Q: How do I get a join code?

Please ask the school office or your child's teacher for your unique join code.

### Q: I've forgotten my login details.

Tap the password reset link, or contact our Help Centre at [www.marvellousme.com](http://www.marvellousme.com).

When you reset your password, you need to open the mobile app on your device and log in, as the reset happens in a browser. This ensures you get the alerts when there's MarvellousMe news!

### Q: When I try to log in, I get the message: 'Email address is already in use.'

You already have a MarvellousMe account, so just log in with your email and password.

### Q: How do I see my child's history?

Tap the icons under 'News' on their home screen, and then the blue timeline boxes.

### Q: How do I add a second child to my app?

Tap 'Add Child', then enter their join code. You do not need to join up again.

### Q: How do I share the app with family members or carers?

Either give them the same join code, or tap 'Share your app' in 'Settings'.

### Q: Can I message the teacher?

We limit replies to Hi5s, so not to create extra work for teachers. Hi5 every time you get a message, to thank the teacher for keeping you informed, and to celebrate your child's success.

### Q: How do I get alerts?

You need to be logged in to our mobile app, on either an Apple or Android device, to get alerts.

Check you've switched on notifications for MarvellousMe in your device's settings. We recommend permanent alerts. Alternatively, delete and re-install the app. You won't need to join up again, just log in and accept notifications when prompted.



# Facebook

We are still waiting for quite a few permission slips back from parents/carers about whether or not we can use your child's pictures on Facebook. We are restricted about what we can add until we have all replies back. Please call the office if you need a new form. Thank you.



*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!*

*Legionnaire caps are on sale for £5 from school.*



**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:** Emma, Shahid, Jaxon, Harrison

**Class 1:** Josie, Alisha, Callum, Finley

**Class 2:** Salina, Luke, Scarlett, Matty

**Class 3:** All of Class 3, Teagan-Leigh, Tia, Nicole

**Class 4:** Kane, Jessica, Azka, Lilian

**Ms Davison:** Mohanad, Claire, Brooke,

Layla-Rae



*Please don't forget during the summer term to:*



*\*apply sun cream on your child before school*

*\*fill your child's water bottle with still water only. If they have lost their school bottle, they are on sale for £2*



# Congratulations!



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

*Sabir Amin ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Alan Bentham ♦ Jay Bentham*

*Joseph ♦ Josie ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Leah Brown ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Callum Collins*

*Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Sophie Dixon ♦ Tristan*

*Elisha Emery ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Ethan Farley ♦ Azka Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon*

*Jessica Garside ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Rubie Gillespie*

*Alora ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Liam ♦ Rebecca*

*Finley Haywood ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Karolina Kardzis ♦ Shahid ♦ Zhixin Li*

*Catherine Lidstone-Hill ♦ Emma Linfoot ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Ben Maddison*

*Manuela Mangeth ♦ Finlay McIntyre ♦ Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Layla-Rae Niles*

*Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Bailey Pallister ♦ Savannah Pallister ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker*

*Tayven Parker ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Lily Quan ♦ Joey Reay ♦ Jaxon Roberts*

*Alana Robinson ♦ Hylton ♦ Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Anas Sadiq ♦ Lilyan Sadiq*

*Alex Scott ♦ Blakley-Joe ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Karam Shaherli ♦ Mohanad Shaherli*

*Connar Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Zak Storey*

*Kierin Thompson ♦ Jaydan Tuck ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Kaiden Watkinson*

*Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Connor Wild ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Teagan-Leigh Wright*

*Johnny Zhang*



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*Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Macey Cummings ♦ Logan Dinsley*

*Tristan ♦ Elisha Emery ♦ Ethan Farley ♦ Azka Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Mia Fielding*

*Jessica Garside ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Rubie Gillespie ♦ Alora*

*Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Rebecca ♦ Ella Johnson ♦ Lee Jones*

*Karolina Kardzis ♦ Shahid ♦ Qanita Kinarian ♦ Zhixin Li*

*Catherine Lidstone-Hill ♦ Emma Linfoot ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Yibo Liu ♦ Casey Maddison*

*Finlay McIntyre ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Savannah Pallister ♦ Scarlett Pallister*

*Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Lily Quan ♦ Leo Renwick*

*Jaxon Roberts ♦ Anas Sadiq ♦ Lilyan Sadiq ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Blakley-Joe ♦ Tommy Scott*

*Karam Shaherli ♦ Mohanad Shaherli ♦ Ellie Storey ♦ Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston*

*Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson ♦ Jaydan Tuck ♦ Kaiden Watkinson*

*Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Matty Wild ♦ Johnny Zhang*





Whole School Attendance is currently at



96.5%



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!

Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time each morning. The school gate is open from 8.50 am and locked just after 9.00 am.

Children who are late miss vital parts of their first lesson and have to work hard to catch up.



Thank you.

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

Congratulations to:

Callum Collins

Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba,

Grace Wild

Lee Jones



# 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

Tuesday: LA All Star's Rehearsal  
6.00 – 8.00 pm  
All children welcome

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.

Tel: 0191-3845427 Mobile: 07825956094

Email: Claire-laCa@hotmail.co.uk



## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May: All classes receive Destination Judo session across day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Break up for Half Term



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Half Term starts

Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Bright Sparks Visit to Beamish

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, am: Change 4 Life Festival for children who attended the After School Club

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 3,4 and 5 visit to Oriental Museum

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, all day: Key Stage 2 Mini-Olympics

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

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5 Science Morning, Belmont Comprehensive

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, am: Key Stage 1 Mini-Olympics

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, am: Class 3 Come Dancing Festival

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Class 3 Visit to Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery and Class 1 Visit to Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, am: Class 3 Quad Kids competition at The Riverside

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June, am: Class 1 Come Dancing Festival

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1.30 pm: School Summer Fayre

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

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Reception Sports Festival at Newton Hall Infants

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, am: Class 2 Come Dancing Festival

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, am: Class 4 Come Dancing Festival

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Teddy Bear's Picnic for school lunch

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Annual Reports Home to Parents

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Year 4&5 High School Musical 2, Belmont Comprehensive

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 am: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Break up for Summer

Information about Sports Days will be made available after half term.