

GOODBYE

Mrs Taylor



We are all really sad to have to say goodbye to Mrs Taylor who will be leaving school on Friday 14th June. We have enjoyed working with her for the last 19 years and will really miss her when she leaves. Mrs Taylor will be keeping very busy and going on lots of adventures. She will be enjoying the countryside with her dog, Piper, and throwing herself into her love of art, including painting. We know that she will always look back at her time at Laurel Avenue with great fondness and we will always remember and appreciate her time with us here.

WE'LL MISS YOU

Lumiere Project - Hamsterley Forest



Our Year 4 and 5 pupils enjoyed an adventure at Hamsterley Forest as part of our involvement in The Lumiere Project.

They took inspiration from the environment and created their own art using natural objects. There will be a workshop in school later this term, where we will be creating eco-friendly artwork of a glittering, icicle-like chandelier made from clear or green plastic bottles.

This will be featured in the Bottle Festoon at The Lumiere Festival.

*Please send into school any clear or green 2 litre plastic bottles.
Thank you!*





Bug Hunt



Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed going on a bug hunt as part of their Science work. They explored the wooded area close to our school grounds. Not only did they discover lots of insects which they identified from pictures, but they also used their maths skills well, creating tally charts to use to produce block graphs back in the Classroom.



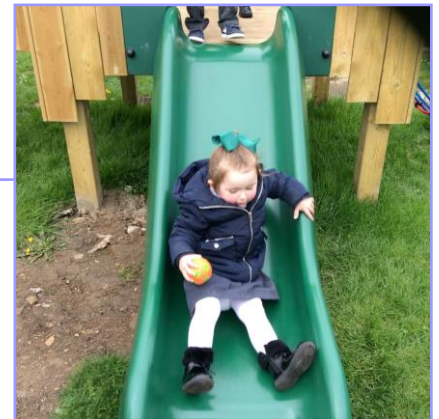
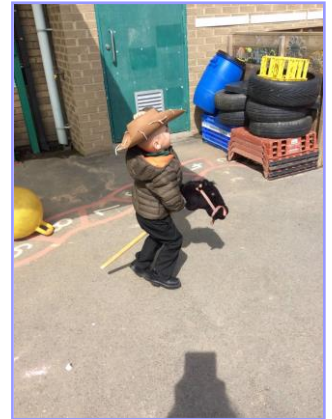
Miss Mills is currently working hard to become a Forest School Leader so that she can lead Forest School programmes in school. This will get our children outdoors and active in the school grounds and local area, where they will learn practical skills such as fire and tool safety and inspirational forest activities, as well as gaining health and safety and woodland knowledge.

Nursery

Nursery children have been reading the book 'Dear Zoo', which inspired them to create a Post Office in their Nursery. They posted their own written letters in the post box too.



Can you see what else we have been doing in Nursery? We're making the most of the sun!





Destination Judo

Children in Classes 1 to 4 had a fun-filled session last week, learning and further developing their judo skills with a coach.



Class 3 Mini Tennis

Class 3 took part in a Mini Tennis Festival at Framwellgate School Durham recently. They learned lots of skills used in tennis, such as hand-eye co-ordination, striking the ball and scoring.



Multi Skills Festival

Children in Year 1 and 2 practised their skills at a Multi-Sports Festival held at Maiden Castle in May. Their behavior and determination to succeed was excellent! Well done!



Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed an Outdoor and Adventurous Festival at Durham Johnston Comprehensive School. They experienced many different activities to work on their skills and coordination.



Reception have been having fun in the sun and applying their learning outside with our fabulous new resources and boards!



Dippy Banners



Do you remember that we told you about the work Class 4 did with Louise Underwood, a textile artist, to design and create a two metre banner to be displayed in The Great North (Hancock) Museum in Newcastle? Well it's currently being displayed as shown in this photograph. Why not pop along and have a look? It's free to see between May and October this year.

Absolutely fantastic!! Well done Class 4!



Last week, Mrs Walters and Class 4 trialed Mathletics; a targeted, rewarding and captivating online learning resource. Children have take-home access to Mathletics, simply signing in with their school username and password using any compatible computer or mobile device.

There are **over 1200 activities** targeting the maths curriculum. Each activity **adapts automatically**, evolving as students progress in understanding. Questions are **marked automatically**, with results data sent directly to the teacher. There are **on-screen notifications** for homework and teacher-assigned activities.

This is what some of Class 4 had to say about their trial:

Kierin: "It will improve homework as most children like to use technology these days instead of paper."

Brooke: "You can learn new skills."



Ellie: "Mathletics encourages children to do Maths works."

Tyler: "Maths games and challenges against other children are fun and encourage you to work hard and improve."

After such an enthusiastic response, we have decided that we will purchase Mathletics, which children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will soon be able to enjoy!



Will you be a Mathletics Superhero?



Bringing books directly to you!

We're making it easier and more convenient than ever to help you and your child find books to love with the Book People Book Bus! From classic children's collections, gripping new fiction, delicious bestselling cookbooks along with great gifts and stationery, the bus will bring **over 250 great titles directly to you!**

There will be 15% commission on all sales, helping school to stock our library and classrooms with free books. And, with prices from as **low as £3** and up to **75% off publisher's prices**, you get even more books for your budget. **The bus will be arriving in school on Monday 17th June.** More information to follow after half term!

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are delighted to announce that we will be opening our new school library in June!



We have converted a shipping container into a library outside Class 4. It has been an exciting journey and we hope that you all enjoy visiting our library after school with your child.

We will be opening the library on Monday 17th June. If you would like to join us, please come onto the school yard for 3.00 pm.

Please return all uniform and PE kit order forms to the office by Friday 24th May. We will place the order on this date to make sure that all items are delivered before the end of term. If you need new order forms, please call in at the office. 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.

Please don't forget to apply sun cream to your child every day.

*Please keep a note of when your child will need their PE kit in school – **from after half term holidays***

Class 1: Monday and Wednesday

Class 2: Wednesday and Thursday

Class 3 will no longer be going swimming.

Class 4 will have swimming lessons for the last half term.

Class 3: Monday and Thursday – PE kits, no swimming

Class 4: Monday (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.



If you are concerned that a child
is being harmed or neglected call



www.durham-scp.org.uk

Themed School Lunches

Our SNAG have arranged a Teddy Bears' Picnic and Seaside Day as themed meals. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a school meal on either of these days, please call the office to let us know. All Infant children are eligible for a free meal. Meals are £2.05 for Nursery and Junior children, unless they are eligible for a free meal.





Let's get cooking

These are our latest group of chefs currently whipping up some delicious recipes.

Take a look at our fantastic new Let's Get Cooking trolley!

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



Blakley-Joe, Sophie, Connor, Riley, Josie and Chloe

Tyler, Nicole, Darcie, Connar and Ben



Summer Fayre 2019

Monday 1st July, 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 or theme.

The winning class will receive a prize of a movie with refreshments and the hampers will be raffled at the Fayre.

Nursery – Picnic Theme

Any items you can take on a picnic!



Class 1 – Strawberries and Cream

Any red or white items!



Class 2 – Seaside Holiday theme

Any seaside and holiday related items



Class 3 – Green and Yellow

Class 4 – Heatwave

Any items in hot colours!



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, please send in any gift bags that you no longer need for our hook the bag game.

Please bring items into school by Friday 28th June, or Monday 1st July 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, Jessica Cottrell, Claire Linfoot, June Nichol, Joe Pickering,

Tracy Pickering, Tracy Salmon, Nichola Watkinson.

You are all Laurel Avenue Super Stars!

Would you like to be a Breakfast Club volunteer and help us to keep our fabulous free club going? Pop in and have a chat!



Join us!

Would you like to join Friends of Laurel Avenue Society and work as part of a brilliant team to support school?

Why not help out at the Summer Fayre to see if you enjoy it and meet the rest of the team?

Please see Ms Davison, Claire Linfoot or Ellen Cottrell. Thanks!

Nursery places

We currently have some spaces available for three and four year olds at the start of the week (full days Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.00 – 12.00) and five afternoons, 12.15 – 3.15 pm. Every three and four year old is eligible for fifteen hours of free Nursery provision. We take children in straight after their third birthday. Application forms are available from the school office.

Is your child approaching the age of two or three? Come and have a look at our fantastic nursery and meet our experienced and dedicated staff. Nursery application forms are available from school. Our places for two year olds are currently full so why not come and put your child's name down on our waiting list? We will have one two year old place after half term.

*Call in at the office, call school on 0191 3868416 or email laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net to arrange a visit.
We'd love to hear from you.*

Star Pupils These children have been selected to be Stars by their teachers this half term for many different reasons, including excellent work and effort during lessons, as well as being kind and considerate to others.

Nursery: Emma, Charlie, Devon and Tom

Class 1: Shahid, Connor, Tristan and Ella

Class 2: Riley, Harvey, Leo and Ray 

Class 3: Kaiden, Finlay, Grace and Jasmine



Class 4: Nathan, Alana, Charlotte and Year 6!

Ms Davison: Lilly-Mai, Savannah, Harrison and Charlie





Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for April 2019

Nursery: Aiden, James, Nathan, Elisha, Emma, Charlie, Presten, Catherine, Hylton, Joseph, Fearne, Hollie, Luke, Madyson, Jaxon I, Tom, Olivia, Savannah, Shakya and Jaxon R

Class 1: Tyler, Ethan, Charlie, Rubie, Bethany, Ella, Shahid & Miyah

Class 2: Josie, Luke, Erin, Leah, Levi, Callum, Avika, Chloe, Kayden, Finley, Riley, Samuel, Ebony, Bailey, Scarlett, Leo, Karam, Sharie, Zak, Tommy, Kane, Alisha, Matthew and Simon

Class 3: Aliyah, Milly, Logan, Jasmine, Saliha, Mia, Darcie, Daniel, Lee, Leon, Casey, Finlay, Lilly-Su, Tayven, Alex, Tommy, Mohanad, Daisy, Jaydan, Kaiden, Zac and Grace

Class 4: Lilian, Tia, Tyler, Macey, Ben F, Jessica, Nicole, Ben M, Lilly-Mai, Betsy, Jasmine, Connor, Nathan, Ellie, Kierin, Brooke and Kenzie

Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for May 2019

Nursery: James, Devon, Nathan, Elisha, Emma, Charlie, Sophia, Presten, Catherine, Joseph, Fearne, Madyson, Jaxon I, Tom, Olivia, Savannah and Jaxon R

Class 1: Tyler, Sophie, Tristan, Ethan, Rubie, Harrison, Bethany, Ella, Shahid and Miyah

Class 2: Luke, Erin, Leah, Levi, Callum, Ray, Logan, Avika, Chloe, Harvey, Finley, Riley, Samuel, Ebony, Bailey, Scarlett, Leo, Lilian, Karam, Tommy, Kane, Matthew and Simon

Class 3: Aliyah, Jay, Milly, Logan, Jasmine, Saliha, Darcie, Daniel, Lee, Casey, Finlay, Lilly-Su, Tayven, Alex, Tommy, Mohanad, Jaydan, Kaiden, Zac and Grace

Class 4: Lilian, Casey, Kai, Alan, Tyler, Macey, Ben F, Jessica, Nicole, Ben M, Frankie, Betsy, Alana, Jasmine, Anas, Connor, Nathan, Ellie, Brooke, Kierin and Kenzie

Whole School Attendance is currently at



97.1%



This is currently a fantastic achievement. Attendance has never been over 97.0% for the full school year, so let's try and keep it over 97.0% for the last half term!! We can do it!!

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!

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



Tommy Scott
Nathan Shepherd
Casey Maddison
Kierin Thompson



Class 1 100% Attendance: Ella Johnson
Class 4 100% Attendance: Charlotte Bestford
Class 3 100% Attendance: Jaydan Tuck



Laurel Avenue Community Centre



Half Term

Coach trip to South Shields: Thursday 30th May 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

To book a seat on the coach please contact Claire

Cost: £5.00 per person



Mondays

Laurel United Senior 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)

Laurel United Junior Youth Group 4.00 – 5.30 pm

5 - 11 year olds

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 4.00 pm if not attending Tea Club - 5op.

Please collect children from Youth Club on time, thank you.

Tuesdays

LA All Stars Rehearsal 5.30 – 7.15pm

Final performance – Tuesday 9th July at Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Tickets will be available from 2 weeks prior to event

Thursdays

Toddler session 9.00 – 11.00 am (Ages 0 - 5 years)

Sessions are FREE and Include breakfast



Thursdays

Lunch Club 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm

£3.00 includes two course hot meal and activities

Wednesdays

Grub Club 2.00 – 3.00 pm Adults only, 3.30 pm-4.30 pm

Families welcome. Activities based around growing & cooking food

Saturdays

We are a distribution point for Durham Food Bank.

Opening times are between 9.30 – 11.30 am.

We will be closed from Friday 24th May until Monday 3rd June.

Foodbank will remain open during this time.

For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:

Claire-laCa@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 0191 3845427 M: 07825956094

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 24th May: Break up for Half Term

Monday 3rd June: Half Term starts

Friday 7th June: Class 3 Anglo-Saxon visit to Palace Green

Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during week beginning 10th June

Week beginning 10th June: My Money Week

Friday 14th June: Year 4 and 5 – Lumiere Project in school

Monday 17th June: Book People Bus in School all day

Wednesday 19th June: Classes 3 and 4 Mini-Olympics at Maiden Castle

Friday 21st June, am: The Big Play. Parents/carers invited to watch performances from 10.30 am followed by picnic lunch outside

Friday 21st June, pm: Classes 1 and 2 Mini-Olympics at Maiden Castle

Wednesday 26th June: Non Uniform Day for chocolate donation for chocolate tombola at the fayre

Monday 1st July, 1.30 pm: School Summer Fayre

Tuesday 2nd July, 9.30 am: Nursery, Class 1 and 2 Sports Day

Refreshments on sale for carers/parents from 9.00 am in Community Centre

Tuesday 9th July, 1.30 pm: Class 3 and 4 Sports Day

Wednesday 10th July: Teddy Bears' Picnic for school lunch

Thursday 11th July: Class 4 Cricket Festival at Brandon Cricket Club

Friday 12th July: Class 3 visit to Durham Castle and Cathedral

Friday 12th July, 9.30 am: Reception Graduation

Friday 12th July: Annual Reports Home to Parents/Carers

Wednesday 17th July, 11.00 – 12.00 noon: Nursery Celebration Event

Wednesday 17th July: Year 6 Leavers' Buffet Lunch

Thursday 18th July, 9.30 am: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 18th July: Year 6 out for lunch

Friday 19th July, 9.15 am: Star Assembly

Friday 19th July: Break up for Summer

Wednesday 4th September: Autumn Term starts

