

Newsletter

October 2016

School Council Elections

The School Council Elections for 2016 – 2017 have been in full force this half term. Children stood for election, giving a presentation speech to their class before the elections took place with secret ballots in every classroom on Thursday 22nd September. We were very excited to announce the winning candidates in Star Assembly.

VOTE**YOUR VOTE
IS
YOUR VOICE**

Congratulations to our new School Representatives...

Reception: Erin and Scarlett

Year 1: Daisy and Liam

Year 2: Darcie and Lee

Year 3: Anas and Tyler

Year 4: Oliver and Ellie

Year 5: Oliver and Mac

Year 6: Keira and Bradleigh

Our new School Council have already had their first meetings this term and put some ideas into place. They organised our 'Big Me' Day raising money for the charity ActionAid. Children came dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up and wrote a letter or postcard to their future selves, whilst learning about and raising money for children in the world's poorest countries who don't always have the same opportunities that we do.





Claire and Steve Linfoot came into school to talk to children about their jobs. Claire talked about her role when she worked as a nurse and Steve discussed his role in Health and Safety. They had to answer so many questions that they need to come back again to talk to all classes!



*We raised
£72
Thank you*



The School Council have also organised a Halloween themed day for Monday 31st October with spooky maths, writing and science activities all day. Children are all invited to dress up in a Halloween themed outfit.



*This year we based our
Harvest Festival on the theme
Harvest: What's in a Word?*

*Thank you for all your
kind donations for our
Harvest Table.*



Class 4 delivered the food within the local community.





The Duke of Kent and the Lord Lieutenant Mrs Snowden visited Police HQ at Aykley Heads on Friday 7th October.

Primary Schools represented Durham Constabulary and the Mini Police to greet them. Keira and Tegan represented the Mini Police from Laurel Avenue. It was a fantastic experience for all involved!



Carol Redhead, our School Nurse, will be in school on Thursday 20th October at 9.00 am. If you have any questions or would like to come and see her about any concerns you may have with your child/ren, then why not drop in and see her? No appointment needed!



We are happy to be able to welcome our new School Cook to the team.

Mrs Nicola Bell has already been working with us for a few weeks now and has already settled in very well, preparing delicious dinners every day!

Our new SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) has been selected and they will be meeting shortly after half term to discuss the menu and lunchtime events.

Reception: Ray Cooper
Year 1: Layla-Rae Niles
Year 2: Tayven Parker
Year 3: Brooke Swift
Year 4: Kierin Thompson
Year 5: Kane Costello
Year 6: Tegan France



School Fruit Shop

Children in Nursery, Classes 1 and 2 receive a piece of fresh fruit each day for free as part of the Government's fruit scheme.



Children in Classes 3 and 4 can buy a piece of fresh fruit each day for only 50p per week or 10p a day.

Our school is supporting the 'Once a Week, Take a Peek' campaign, which aims to encourage parents/carers to work together to beat head lice.

*Head lice are a normal part of childhood with as many as one in ten children experiencing head lice at any time. Although anyone can get head lice, they are particularly common amongst children of primary school age, who spend more time in close contact with their friends. **So you need to be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly, ideally once every week.** The best known symptom is itching, but not all children will itch at first so don't rely on this.*

*The good news is that you can deal with head lice quickly and easily. To help you with this we are sending you a copy of the **Once a Week, Take a Peek leaflet and a head lice comb** with this newsletter. The advice in this leaflet is in line with the latest guidelines on how to deal with head lice.*

*We will be sending out a half termly text: **'Support the crusade against head lice by remembering to once a week, take a peek!'***

We will also send out a text to inform parents/carers if a case of head lice has broken out in your child's class.

We hope that we can all work together to minimise the cases of head lice in school. If you would like any support, please call in to see us and we can put you in touch with the school nurse. Thank you.



JUST A NOTE TO SAY THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who supported our
Macmillan coffee afternoon in September.
Your kind donations of cakes and money and support of the
raffle helped us to raise an amazing

£170.08

As always, it was a lovely atmosphere in school with many
parents, carers and children joining us.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING



BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success with over 40 children attending some 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,
Tracy Salmon, Nichola Watkinson, Michelle Winter*

Friends of Laurel Avenue Society

If you would like to become a member of FOLAS, we would love to have you join us.

Our next meeting is Monday 7th November, 9.00 am.

Would you like to help? Come and have a chat and a cuppa!

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Fayre will be held on Monday 5th December, 1.30 pm.

We would be grateful for donations of toys, games, books and bric-a-brac. If you have any items that could be used as raffle prizes or bottles for the bottle tombola, they would also be gratefully received, thank you.

Winter Soccertots

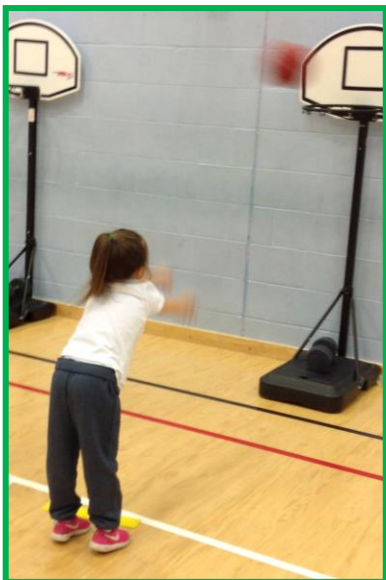


Children in Reception and Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed attending a fun football festival with other Primary Schools at Meadowfield Leisure Centre in September.

The festival consisted of mini games and a carousel of activities working on football skills.

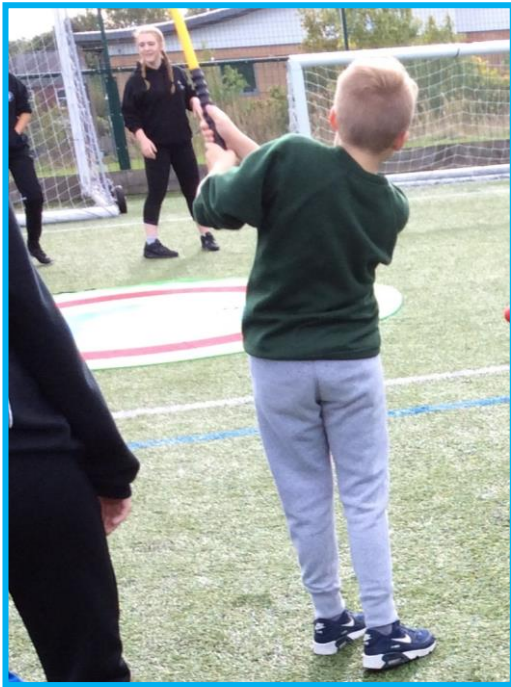


Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 enjoyed a Multi Skills Festival at New College Durham. They were able to develop a whole range of sporting skills with a wide range of fun activities!



Golf Festival

Class 4 took part in a golf festival at Meadowfield Leisure Centre. They took part in different golf challenges across the morning which developed their putting and chipping golfing skills.



Andy, sports coach from the Schools Sports Partnership who has been leading PE lessons and an after school club this half term, has been keeping everyone active over a Tuesday lunchtime with a range of sporting activities on the yard.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti-Bullying Week for
2016 is
14th – 18th November.
The theme is
'Power for Good'.

The key aims of the week are...

To support children to use their Power for Good – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.

To help parents and carers to use their Power for Good – through supporting children with issues relating to bullying and working together with schools to stop bullying.

To encourage all school staff to use their Power for Good – by taking individual and collective action to prevent bullying and create safe environments where children can thrive.

More information will follow after the holidays.

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: All of Nursery, Lily Cartwright, Leo Renwick



Class 1: All of Reception, Rebecca Dixon



Class 2: All of Class 2, Aliyah Barker, Leola Christopher,

Class 3: Nicole Gibbs, Nathan Shepherd, Jasmine Rutherford

Class 4: Anthony Cooper, Keira Dinsley, Jackson Laverick

Ms Davison: Liam, Daniel Grundy, Jay Bainbridge



Please find a few minutes to talk to your child about these 'Stay Safe Online' rules.



YOU
NOW

YouNow is a fairly new app that allows users over the age of 13 to stream live video and receive comments from viewers.

Broadcasters (the children using the app) are encouraged to become popular and to create content that will attract more viewers. There is also a system for buying a currency to virtually tip broadcasters. Videos created could be copied and stored. Durham Police have been made aware as a result of an ongoing case that children are being encouraged to behave inappropriately, and are then involved in swopping the images generated.

Further advice is available at <http://parentinfo.org/article/a-parents-guide-to-younow>. Parents of primary aged children will want to ensure that their children do not have access to this app and that older children are aware of the possible dangers.



Congratulations!



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for September 2016

*Stephen Appleby ♦ Esther Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge
Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Alan Bentham ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey
Caitlin Bowes ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Daley Cartwright ♦ Lily Cartwright
Callum Collins ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton
Macey Cummings ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Matthew Dixon ♦ Oliver Dixon
Rebecca Dixon ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Devan France ♦ Tegan France
Jessica Garside ♦ Ben Gibbons ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie
Alora Gillett ♦ Siti Hageem ♦ Riley Haywood ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Filip Kedziora
Samual Linfoot ♦ Bradleigh Locking ♦ Ben Maddison ♦ Casey Maddison
Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Scarlett Pallister
Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Alex Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Jasmine Rutherford
Anas Sadiq ♦ Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith
Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson
Jaydan Tuck ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands ♦ Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson
Grace Wild ♦ Matty Wild ♦ Teagan-Leigh Wright*

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

Congratulations to:

Kai Barrass, Logan Dinsley



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.**

**Class 1: Ebony Morris Class 2: Leon MacDonald
Class 4: Callum Blakey**

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Mondays until 14th November:

LA All Stars 5.00 – 7.00 pm

LA All Star Production will be held on

Tuesday 15th November, 6.00 pm.

All proceeds will be donated to Children In Need.

Mondays from 22nd November:

Laurel United Youth Group resumes 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Tuesdays:

Tea Club 3.15 – 4.00 pm (straight from school)

Youth Club, 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Ages 5 years & above

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 pm if not attending

Tea Club and costs 50p.



Thursdays:

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

£2 which includes Tea/Coffee and snack

Thursdays:

Lunch Club & Bingo 12 pm - 2.30 pm £4.00 includes two course hot meal and bingo (including prizes). Anyone Welcome!

Saturdays:

Saturday mornings we are open between 9.30 - 11.30 am for FREE Breakfast for families and activities with children. All free, in partnership with Durham City Food Bank.

For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October, 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening Reception to Y6

Wednesday 19th October: Open Day for Nursery

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October: Half Term

Monday 31st October: Back to school

Monday 31st October: Halloween Day – Spooky Maths and Creative writing.
Children to dress up in Halloween themed costumes

Thursday 3rd November: Class 2 Great Fire of London workshop in School

Monday 7th November, 9.00 am: FOLAS (Friends of Laurel Avenue Society) Meeting

Monday 14th – Friday 18th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 16th November: Anti-Bullying Awareness Raising Day

Friday 18th November: Children in Need Day

Friday 25th November: School closed for Teacher Training

Wednesday 30th November: Non Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

Monday 5th December, am: Reception Flu Vaccinations

Monday 5th December, 1.30 – 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December, 10.00 am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

Wednesday 14th December, 10.00 am: KS1 and 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 15th December, am: Nursery Party for all Nursery children

Thursday 15th December, pm: Christmas Disco for Reception – Year 6

Friday 16th December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long (No Star Assembly)



Important:

*Year 6 will be doing their
KS2 SATS: 8th May – 11th May 2017*

*Year 2 will be doing their
KS1 SATS during the month of May 2017*



*Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during the week
beginning June 12th 2017*