

# Newsletter

October 2018



## Elections 2018

*Once again this year we celebrated democracy by holding elections for our new School Council for 2018 – 2019. Children in every class stood for election, campaigning to their class as to why they should be voted in. Every child had a secret vote on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September and our School Council was announced shortly afterwards.*

*Meet our  
proud new  
School  
Councillors*



**VOTE**

**YOUR VOTE  
YOUR VOICE**



*Reception: Shahid and Ben*

*Year 1: Josie and Logan*

*Year 2: Matty and Scarlett*

*Year 3: Daisy and Mia*

*Year 4: Jasmine and Tayven*

*Year 5: Tia and Connar*

*Year 6: Lilian and Kenzie*





*This year our Harvest Festival was filled with Harvest Hope – a collection of songs, dances and a play which gave us time for both laughter and reflection about how fortunate we are to have everything that we need.*

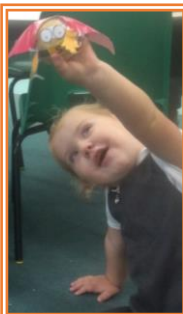


*Thank you for all your kind donations for our Harvest Table.*

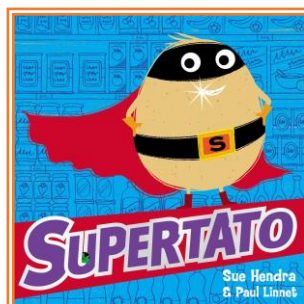
*Some children in Class 4, with the help of Miss Tosney and their Class Governor Mr Linfoot, delivered the food within the local community, even in the rain!*



Nursery have been getting ready for Harvest. They have been counting, printing and painting vegetables and having fun in their vegetable shop by writing lists, using money and finding out the names of the different vegetables.



After reading 'Supertato', Nursery children made their own Supertato.



They explored the garden looking for evil peas to save the vegetables!



*Following our recent OFSTED inspection on September 12th 2018, we are now extremely pleased to be able to inform you all of the outcome.*

*Laurel Avenue Community Primary School remains a 'good school'.*

*This is something of which the whole school community can be very proud. The inspection agreed with evaluations we had made and recognised the considerable strengths of the school. The inspector also recognised the improvements that have been made since the last inspection, the plans we have in place for further improvement and the positive impact these will continue to have. This demonstrates that we know and understand our strengths and areas of development extremely well.*

*Remaining a good school is a tremendous achievement in itself. The inspector acknowledged that there are many areas of outstanding practice across school and thoroughly enjoyed visiting what she called a 'vibrant school where children want to attend and learn.'*

*Particular highlights of the inspection was the confidence with which the children spoke to the inspector, explaining how we keep them safe and how involved they are in everything that happens in our school. She was very impressed with their pupil voice and with their outstanding behaviour, recognising that children work in a respectful, courteous and supportive manner and are enthusiastic in their learning.*

*We are thrilled that teaching and learning has shone so positively through the report as staff work relentlessly to provide what was described as a rich and varied curriculum, stimulating pupils' imagination.*

*Finally, a huge thank you for your continued support. Together we are making a difference and the school is going from strength to strength every year. We hope that you are as proud of our school and your fabulous children as we are.*



**This is a Good School**  
**OFSTED 2018**

# Playground Leaders

Mrs Thompson has trained our new Playground Leaders for 2018:

## The Ned Crew



Playground Leaders deliver exciting new activities at lunchtimes, promoting physical activity in fun ways. Each half term they focus on a different set of skills. So far this term they have been organising dodgeball games. Next term they will be introducing personal challenges so children can enhance their own performance.



*Clarinet*

A group of children from Class 4 are continuing with clarinet lessons again this year.

They are already learning to play a song for our Christmas sing-a-long which we all can't wait to hear!





*Following the NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies and workshop in school during September, each class took part in a 'Buddy's Big Workout' activity in school. Thanks to your kind sponsorship, school*

*managed to raise £281.50!*

*Class 3 were awarded with a special certificate for raising the most amount of money. Well done!*



*Helen from The Blue Cross came into school to deliver an assembly on 'Safety around Dogs' to help the children understand more about dog behaviour and how to stay safe around dogs.*

*See <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/pet-advice/be-safe-dogs> for more details and take the quiz!*



*She also delivered a workshop to Class 4 children about the roles of animals in World War I and II.*



*Ask your child about Cher Ami, the brave pigeon whose bravery managed to save 194 American soldiers during World War I.*

# NSPCC

## How we can help you to keep children safe

We know preventing abuse and keeping children safe isn't simple. But we've got information, advice, resources and more to support you in schools and make things a little easier.

To find out more, visit [nspcc.org.uk/schools](https://nspcc.org.uk/schools) or call our helpline on **0808 800 5000**

Speak out.  
Stay safe.  
school visits



Training and  
safeguarding



Talk PANTS resources

ABUSE  
NEGLECT  
SAFEGUARDING

NSPCC  
information  
service

Dedicated website area



A guide to being  
Share Aware



EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

# Golf



Class 3 took part in a Golf Festival where they developed a range of golfing skills.



# Year 1 & 2 Football Skills



Children in Year 1 and 2 developed their football skills across a range of activity stations before enjoying a football match.



# Zumba

Classes 2 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed learning Zumba moves and creating routines with a dance coach.

# Quick Sticks



Class 3 worked in three teams to compete in mini hockey tournaments. They began by learning the hockey skills of passing, stopping and shooting before taking part in a series of hockey games.



# Natwest – My Money Sense

Years 1 – 6 took part in My Money Sense Workshops, in partnership with Natwest Bank. Key Stage 2 children worked alongside Community Bankers to plan a party to a given budget. Key Stage 1 explored how money is used and the difference between wants and needs. The workshops gave children the opportunity to develop a further understanding of the value of money and a greater appreciation of the difficulties involved with budgeting.



Connor received a prize for using his maths skills to help bring his group's party within budget.





Class 1 have had a fabulous time exploring shapes and their properties and learning how to construct using our brand new giant Polydron!



## The Nifty Fifty Times Tables Challenge

This term we began our new times tables challenge in school.

Times tables knowledge is very important to many areas of maths and fast recall of multiplication and related division facts by heart is essential.

Children are set times table challenges and then have until the beginning of each month to practise before their Nifty Fifty challenge test – which gives them 50 questions within a 3 minute time limit. If they are successful in achieving their Nifty Fifty they will receive an award in Star Assembly and move along the Laurel Times Tables Forest to the next times table. If not, they will have another month to keep practising before taking their challenge again.

Nifty Fifty challenges will take place during the first week of every month and encourage children to learn individually and with increased responsibility alongside times tables learnt in the classroom. To support your child, children working from x2 upwards will receive practise books for daily/weekly practise.

# BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

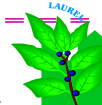
Breakfast Club continues to be a great success with over 40 children attending some mornings! We would not be able to offer this free club without the sponsorship from Greggs and of course without the brilliant support from our dedicated volunteers!

*A very warm and great big thank you to all our brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers...*

*Helen Blakey, Ellen Cottrell, Jessica Cottrell,  
Claire Linfoot, June Nichol, Joe Pickering,  
Tracy Pickering, Tracy Salmon and Nichola Watkinson.*

## FOLAS Christmas Shopping Event

Friday 30th November and Friday 7th December.



Friends of Laurel Avenue Society

After School Tea Club for school children in Reception to Year 6, will run straight after school until 6pm, and includes free transport to the Metro Centre for an adult. Children will receive their tea and enjoy a variety of activities and will need to be collected from the main school entrance at 6.00 pm.

The mini bus will leave school at 9.00 am and will collect from the Metro Centre at 4.00 pm so you can take your shopping home before collecting your child/ren.

You can book one child's place at After School Club which comes with one adult place on the minibus for £15.

You can book one child's place at After School Club which comes with one adult place on the minibus for £15 and then pay an additional £5 for every child who attends the After School Tea Club.

A family member can book a place for an additional child in the family at After School Club which will also come with one place on the minibus for them at £15. If you need an additional booking form for another member of the family, please ask at the school office.

You can book for one or both days. Limited seating so return your forms quickly!

Forms have been sent home this week. If you would like another form, please call in at the office.

Please return the form with the money attached in a named envelope. You will receive a text to confirm that your child's place has been booked and money received.

## JUST A NOTE TO SAY THANK YOU



Your kind donations of cakes and money  
and support of the raffle helped us to raise

an amazing **£306.83!**



**THANK YOU SO  
MUCH FOR COMING**

As always, it was a lovely atmosphere  
in school with many parents, carers  
and children joining us to share the  
fabulous cakes!

## 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.

# Let's get cooking



*Let's Get Cooking started back the first week of term and our first group of chefs have already created some amazing dishes.*



*Congratulations to  
Alan, Kenzie, Kierin,  
Alana, Lilian, Macey,  
Ellie and Jessica.*

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

*Congratulations to the following children.*



*Chloe, Karam,  
Josie, Scarlett,  
Erin and  
Riley*



*Daisy, Grace,  
Ben,  
Mohamad and  
Zac*



*Ella, Rubie,  
Connor,  
Tristan,  
Blakley-Joe  
and Shahid*



Themed Meals. If your child has a packed lunch but would like to have a school themed meal, please call the office to book.



**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:** James, Tom, Hylton, Jaxon I



**Class 1:** All of Reception, Bethany, Blakely-Joe, Ben

**Class 2:** Ebony, Leah, Kane, Kayden

**Class 3:** Milly, Kaiden, Grace, Finlay



**Class 4:** Betsy, Kierin, Frankie, Zican, Brooke

**Ms Davison:** Levi, Jaydan, Kenzie, Sophie





# Congratulations!



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

Nursery: Catherine, Elisha, Emma, James, Jaxon R, Shakya, Tom



Class 1: Ben, Bethany, Charlie, Connor, Ella, Rebecca, Rubie, Tristan, Tyler

Class 2: Alisha, Bailey, Callum, Chloe, Ebony, Erin, Karam, Kayden, Leah, Levi, Logan, Luke, Matty, Ray, Riley, Samuel, Scarlett, Tommy

Class 3: Alex, Aliyah, Cameron, Casey, Daisy, Daniel, Darcie, Finlay, Grace, Jasmine, Jaydan, Kaiden, Layla-Rae, Lee, Liam,



Lilly-Su, Logan, Mia, Milly, Tayven, Tommy, Zac

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



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

**Congratulations to:**

Layla-Rae Niles  
Matty Wild  
Zak Storey  
Grace Wild



**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 2 – Callum Collins

Class 4 – Casey Bainbridge



The LA All Stars absolutely wowed us with their amazing performance of The Greatest Showman. After many months of rehearsals with Claire at the Community Centre, they performed at Belmont Comprehensive like true professionals! We're so proud of you all!

## The LA ALL STARS



They are already planning their next show!  
Please see Claire Linfoot if you would like to get involved!

# Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Tea Club and Junior Youth Club is cancelled  
on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Fancy Dress Halloween disco: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
5.00 – 7.00 pm

£1 entrance fee. Refreshments will be on sale



Monday: Laurel United Youth Group 5.00 – 7.00 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: Youth Council 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Thursday: Toddler Session 9 am until 11 am  
(Children aged 0 – 5 years)

Thursday: Lunch Club 12.00 noon until 2.00 pm Cost: £3.00  
Included is a two course hot meal and activities.  
Taxi service now available.  
Please contact Claire to book transport.

Thursday: Grub Club 3.45 – 5.15 pm  
Activities involving growing and cooking food.  
Free - all children welcome.

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

# Dates for your Diary

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October: Back to school**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, am: Reception Children's Hearing Test

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Children dress up in Halloween Costumes all day

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, am: Classes 1 – 4 Jiu-Jitsu taster sessions in school.  
(PE Kits and water bottle)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Fire Fighter Clothing Collection; information sent closer to date

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Individual and Family Photographs

We still have the forms you sent back to school in September. Please call the School Office if you want to check on any details

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, pm: Nasal Flu Spray for children in Reception – Year 5. You should have received a letter and a text about opting into this. Please contact the office if you have not.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need Day. More information to follow.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: School closed for Teacher Training**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Class 4 visit to Durham University

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Non Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1.30 – 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00 am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch with Parents/Carers invited.  
More details will be sent home next half term

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1.00 pm: Nursery visit to Gala Theatre to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs with Community Centre

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00 am: Class 2 Christmas Production

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00 am: Classes 3 and 4 Christmas Production

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, pm: Nursery and Reception Party. All Nursery children welcome. If their session is not usually a Thursday afternoon, please bring to Nursery for 1.00 pm and collect at 3.10 pm.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long (No Star Assembly)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, pm: Christmas Disco for Year 1 – Year 6

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December: End of Term**

**Spring Term starts Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



**IMPORTANT**

**Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS: 13<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Year 2 Key stage 1 Assessment Period: Month of May 2019**

**Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during the week beginning  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**