

# ★ Goodbye to our ★ amazing Year 6!



Goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils who are leaving us, July 2022.

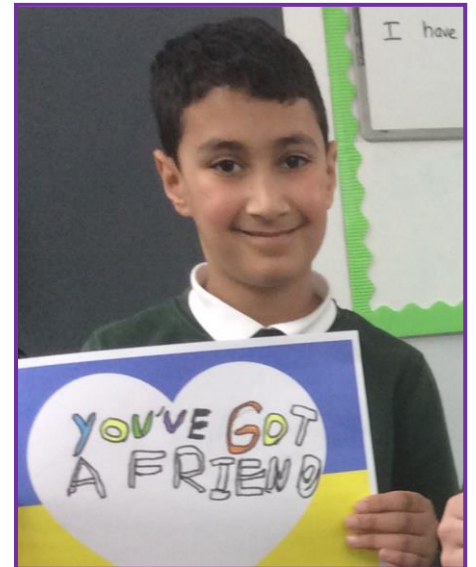


You have been a fantastic group, worked so hard, tried your best and kept us all entertained with your fabulous personalities. We would like to wish you all the best for the future, as you leave us and move on to the next chapter of your education. We hope that you all have your own favourite memories from your time at Laurel Avenue. We certainly will have so many about all of you. Have a super summer, stride confidently into Year 7 and we are looking forward to hearing about all your accomplishments in the future. We'll miss you.

## Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6











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**GOODBYE**



**Good Luck**

A decorative border featuring various colorful flowers, hearts, and stars in shades of pink, blue, yellow, and green.



It's always sad to say goodbye  
to staff who we have loved  
working with in school.

Goodbye to Mrs Page,  
Mrs Lines and  
Miss Browbank.

**GOOD LUCK!**  
*good luck*

We have enjoyed working  
with you and would like  
to wish you all the best in  
your new ventures.

wishing  
you   
ALL THE BEST

# welcome TO THE TEAM

We are delighted to welcome a new member to our team - Mrs Tew who is our new SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator).



I'm really pleased to be working at Laurel Avenue as your SENCo. I've been here a few weeks now and am loving getting to know the children - they have been very welcoming. As a SENCo, I'm a firm believer that every child learns and develops in unique ways and it's our job to find out what works best for them. If you would like to speak to me about any concerns you have, I work Monday - Wednesday and am always happy to meet. I'm looking forward to getting to know all parents next academic year so we can work together to help your children thrive.

Mrs Tew

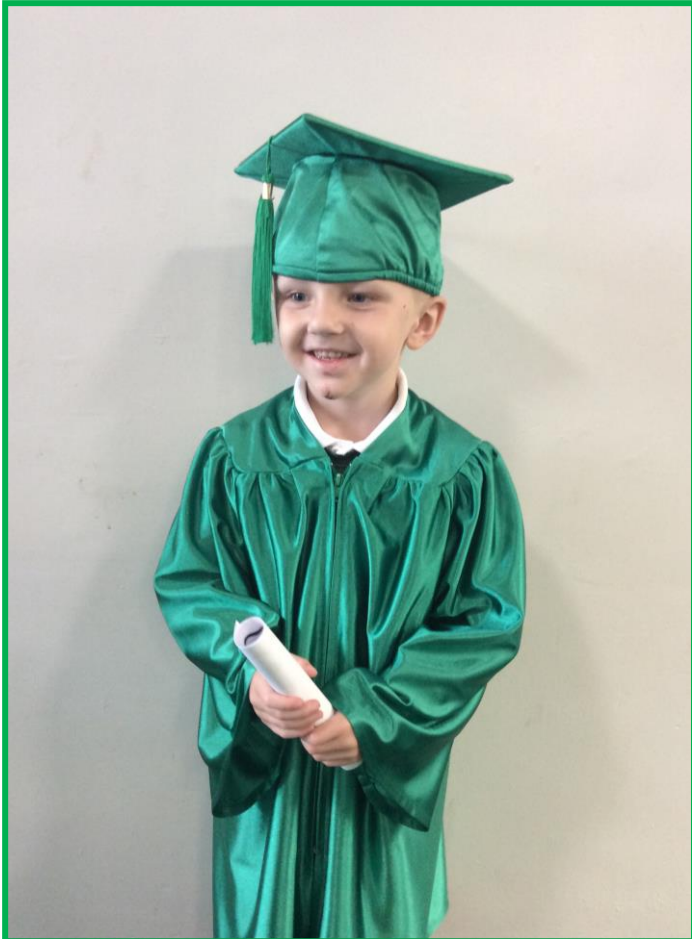




Congratulations to our amazing Reception children who graduated last week. They are all ready to move to Class 2 and we can't wait to see all their fabulous future achievements!



***Congratulations!***











Thank you to all the  
parents, carers and  
family members who  
supported our  
Reception children's  
Graduation. It was  
lovely to see you all in  
school and we look  
forward to sharing  
many more  
celebrations with you.





# A DAY OF WELCOME

Friday 12 June 2020

A Day of Welcome was a great success!

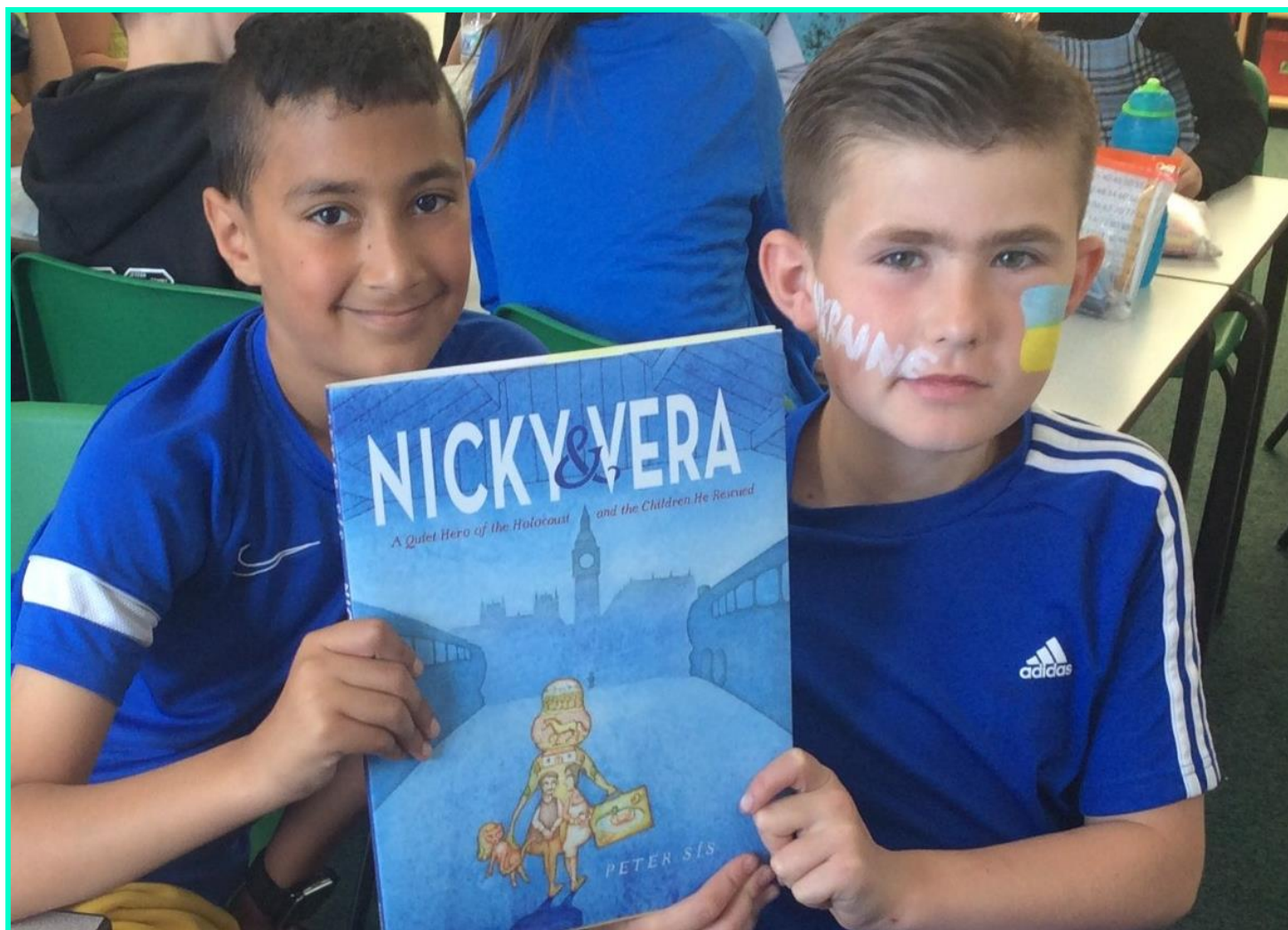
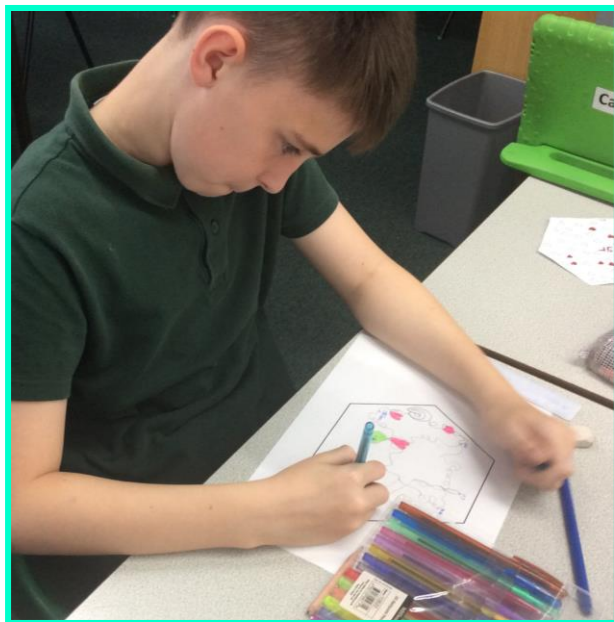
Younger children focused their work around *The Suitcase* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros which is a touching, timely tale about the importance of kindness and understanding. It was a great book to use to explore the ideas of home, empathy and friendship and was used to encourage children to think about important themes in the story through both discussion questions and the activities they completed.





Children in Years 5 and 6 were very interested in learning about refugees and were shocked about the number of asylum seekers and refugees there are in the world. They enjoyed learning about Nicholas Winston and how he helped the children in WW2.

They focused some of their work around the book *Nicky & Vera - A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued*. This book is a tribute to one man's courageous efforts to protect Europe's most vulnerable, and a timely portrayal of the hopes and fears of those forced to leave their homes and create new lives.



Thank you so much for your kind donations - we raised £93.65 which will be sent to Refugee Action UK. Everyone looked fabulous in their yellow and blue.



A huge well done and thank you to Catherine for her thoughtful idea to celebrate A Day of Welcome. You're a super star!







A group of children from Class 3 represented our school at a science fair organised by the Ogden Trust. Several local schools took part, and showed examples of their work. Our group was a credit to the school; they talked about their recent project on space and listened well to information from the other groups. They asked really good questions too.

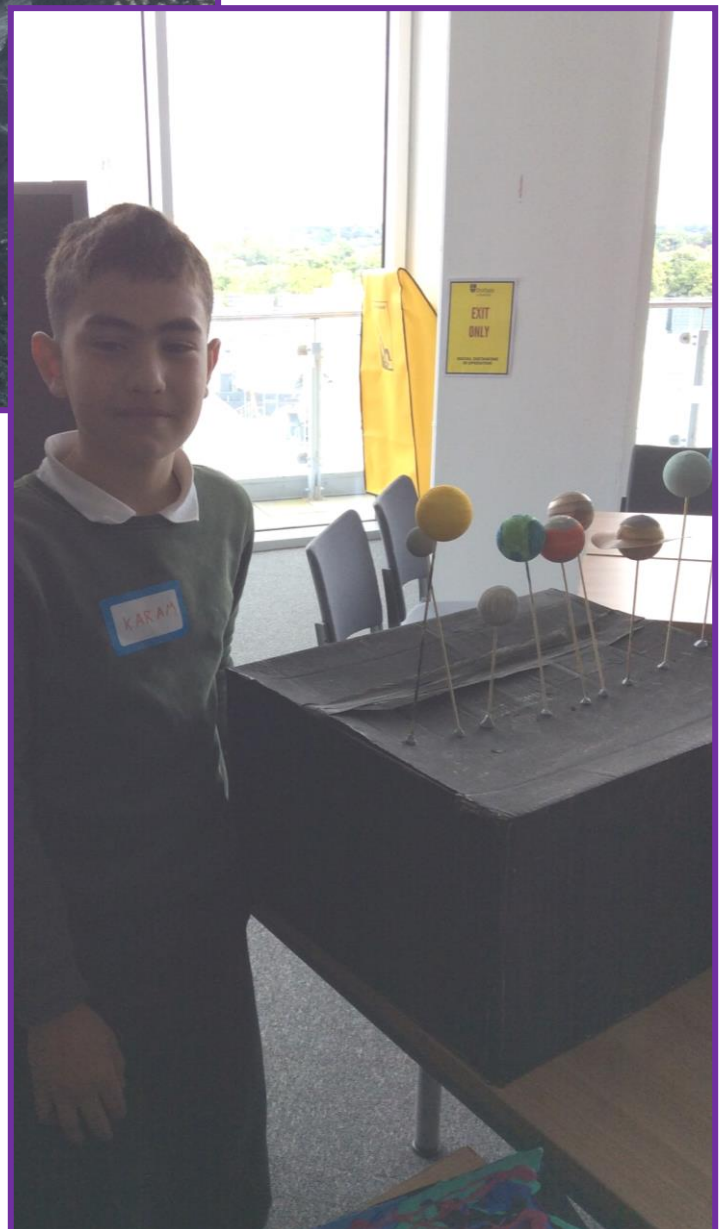
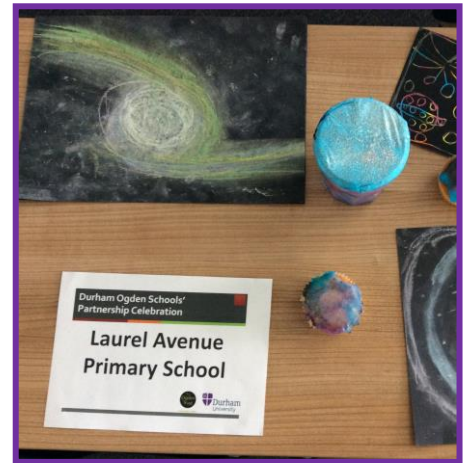




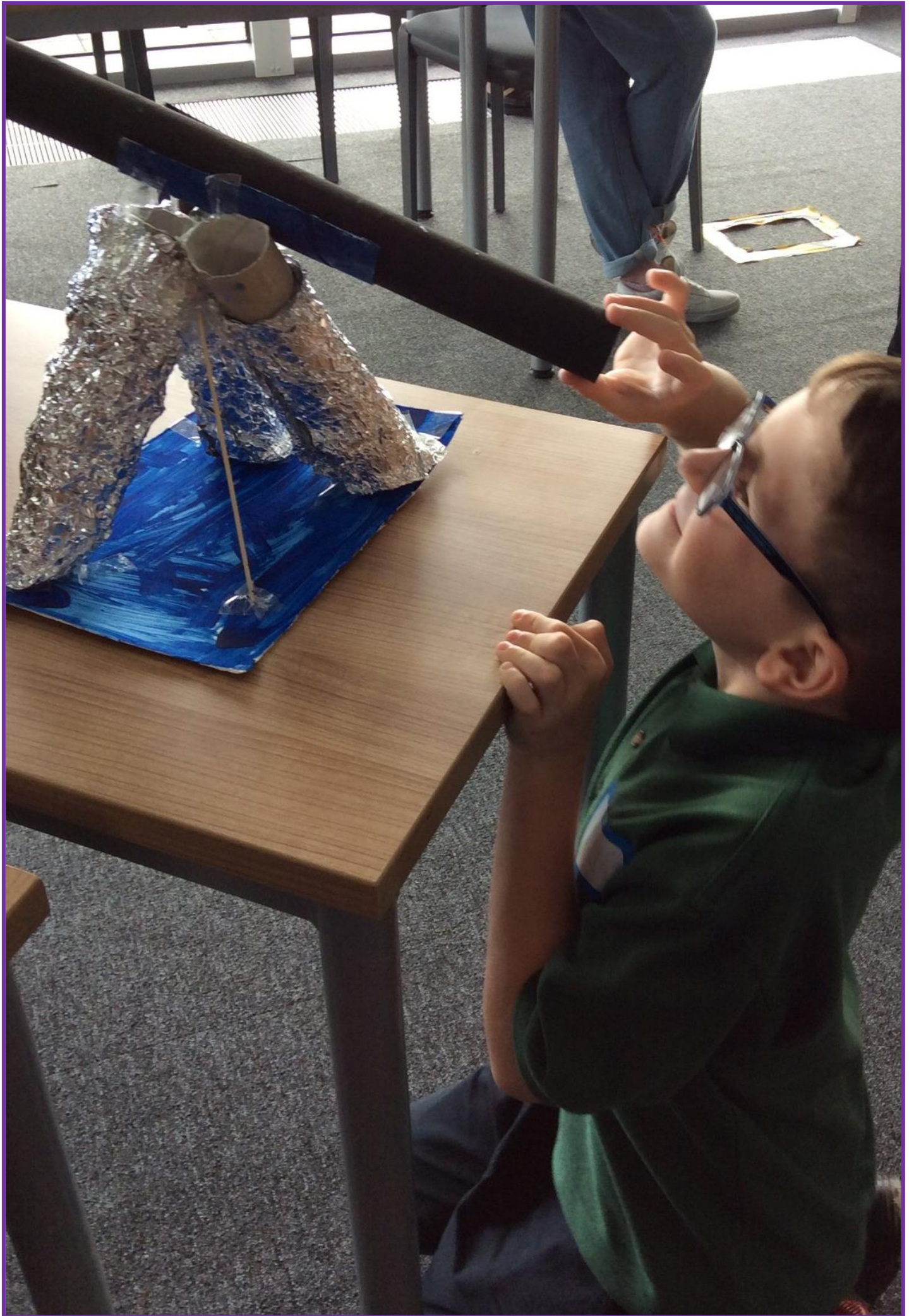


Class 3 have been working on this project for many weeks now. They worked with scientists and artists on a project called 'Eyes to the Skies'. The children talked to space scientists about galaxies in deep space. They used what they had learnt to inspire amazing artwork, which will be exhibited in an online gallery. We will send details of how to access this gallery when we have them. Eight of our children took work from the project to this Ogden Trust science fair at Durham University, where everyone was very impressed with their knowledge and the amazing artwork.











thank  
you



thank  
YOU

## *School Summer Fayre 2022*

*We raised an amazing £835.83!*

*Thank you to the Friends of Laurel Avenue School for all their help organising this event. A big thank you to all parents and carers once again who donated cakes, hamper items and lots of other items to make the fayre such a success. We really appreciate this support.*







*Thank you for all the donations for the class hampers. Class 1 were the winners with the Queen's Jubilee hamper!*





# *Summer Fayre Class Hamper Winners*



*Class 1 enjoyed their  
ice cream party!*



# *Class Attendance Winners*



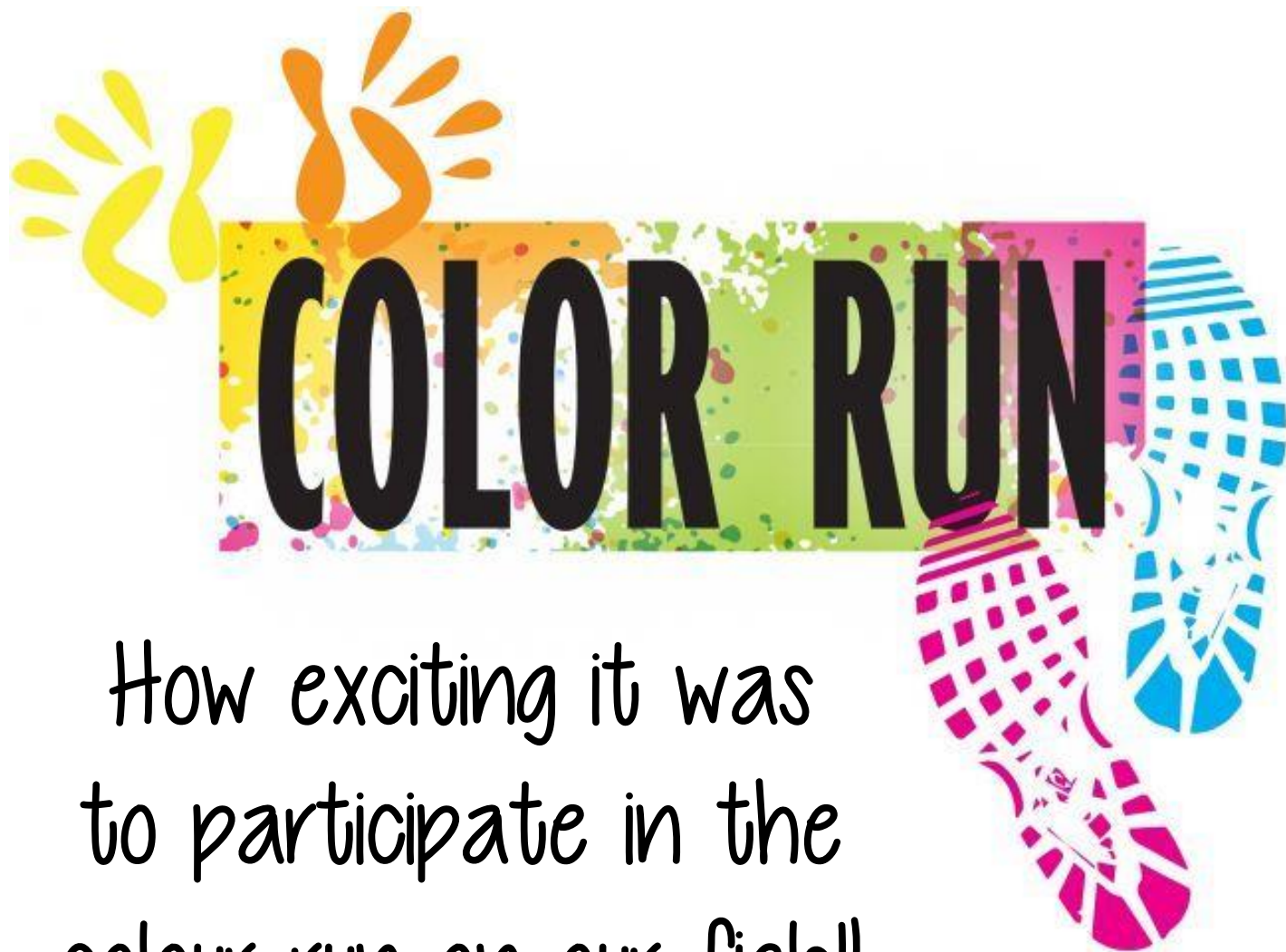
*The class with the best attendance this half term won an ice-cream party.  
Class 2 were the class with the best attendance and had great fun!  
Congratulations Class 2!*





Can you remember  
some of the amazingly  
fun activities we have  
taken part in this half  
term that  
have also  
kept us  
fit?





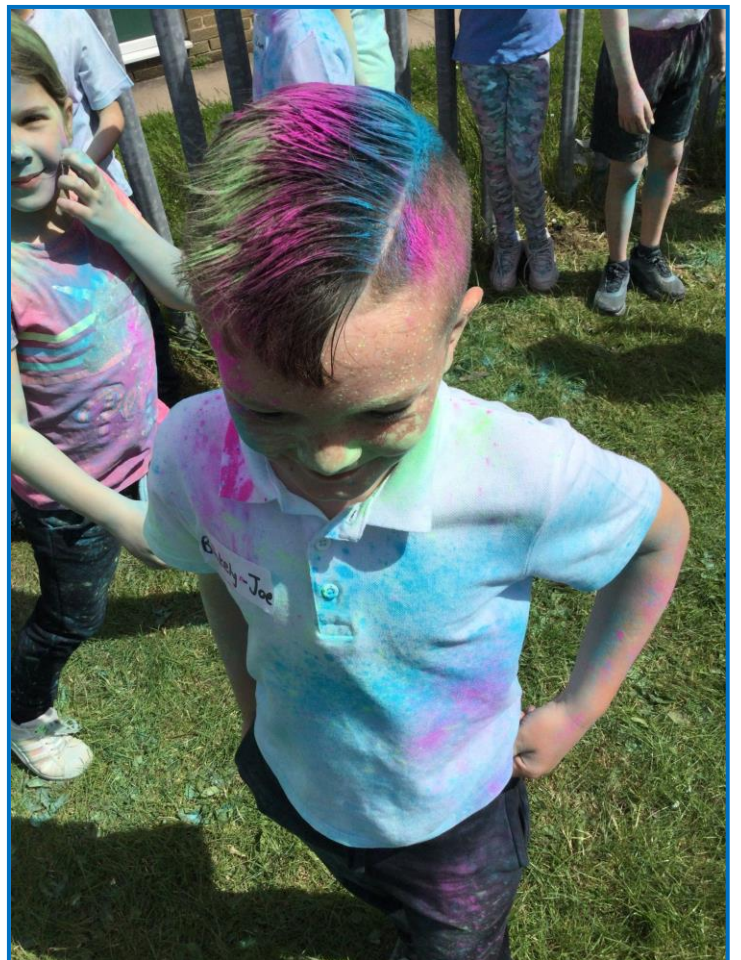
How exciting it was  
to participate in the  
colour run on our field!













# Remember the skipping day?





# Sports Festivals?



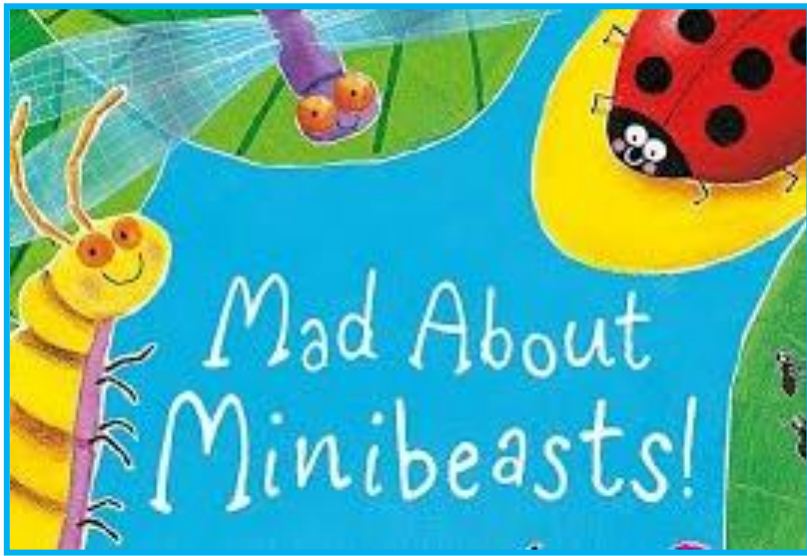


Class 2 are well prepared to investigate the school grounds and see which kinds of insects and plants they can find.



They have been working with the British Ecological Society all term, completing work on mammals. Their new topic is insects and as you can see on the next page, they have already been busy!







# Opening of Dragon Park

Have you noticed that the area of land on the other side of our school yard is looking so much better now and is great to explore? A few years ago, a project turned this area into a nature reserve. A local artist called Graeme Hopper designed and installed many art pieces such as a dragon's head, a miniature castle, pennants, dragon scale benches and gates, signposts, notice boards and waste bins. Unfortunately, over the years the area became overgrown and wasn't suitable to use for recreation.

Gilesgate Residents' Association applied for a grant to clean the area, restore the art pieces and add picnic tables and plants and flowers. It looks great now so why not go down and explore?



Our school was invited to take part in the opening of Dragon Park which was a very special occasion.





We took part in different activities within Dragon Park and enjoyed a Story Teller too!



Graeme Hopper agreed to renovate his installations.  
Aren't they great?





# Teddy bears picnic



We all had a  
lovely time at the  
Teddy Bear's  
Picnic!











The  
weather  
was  
perfect!

The  
Bears  
(and children)  
were very  
well behaved  
too!



Teddy bears picnic





Using cotton buds to create flowers.



Peacock pictures using chalk.



# SPORTS DAY

Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2 children put all their skills training to use across the different sport stations before it was time to race!





# SPORTS DAY







Congratulations to the  
winning team: Yellow team!





Classes 3 and 4 children thoroughly enjoyed their Sports Day. Everyone participated in every race and activity and had a great time during the sporting carousel activities.





# SPORTS DAY



Congratulations to the  
winning team: Blue team!



# Nursery places...

Now is a good time to contact school about a nursery place for September.

Do you have or know of a child who is nearly two and would like to book a place in our nursery to start the term after their second birthday? Do you have or know of any two, three or four-year olds who would like to begin their learning journey in our school nursery?

The next few pages of the newsletter explain the offers and places we have in our school nursery so please give us a ring to discuss a place for your child.



You may not be able to book a place (especially a two-year-old place) or have the sessions you would like if you don't act quickly so please get in touch soon!







If you would like your child to start in the school nursery, you will need to call 0191 3868416 and ask to speak to

Gaynor Davison or

Chris Lawson. You can also email

[laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net)

We'd love to hear from you.



[Click to read our school nursery brochure and find out more about our fabulous nursery.](#)



*Important*



*If you have a nursery aged child and you would like them to start in our fabulous nursery, you need to come into school to complete our application form and arrange a visit.*

***This is the only way your child can start their learning journey in our school nursery.***

*If you are interested in any places for two, three or four-year-olds, please call in at the office, call school on 0191 3868416 or e mail [laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net) to arrange a visit or to check your eligibility code for your two-year-old.*

*We'd love to hear from you.*



*We currently have some spaces available for three and four-year olds. Nursery sessions are start of the week (full days Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.00 – 12.00), end of the week (Wednesday afternoon 12.15 – 3.15, full days Thursday and Friday), five mornings (9.00 – 12.00) and five afternoons (12.15 – 3.15 pm). **Some sessions are full.** 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 or our website.*





Is your child eligible?



## ***FREE play and learn for 2-year-olds***

*Your 2-year-old may be entitled to free childcare from the term after their second birthday at 'Play and Learn' sessions – 15 hours a week.*

*You may be eligible if you meet the criteria on the next page.*

*You can do a quick and easy check on our parent portal.*

*You can access this at [www.durham.gov.uk/playandlearn](http://www.durham.gov.uk/playandlearn) or by scanning the QR code below.*



*If you are eligible, you will be given a code. Please bring this code to the office or call us on 0191 3868416 and we can arrange for your child to start their sessions in our nursery if we have places available.*





## Is your child eligible?

***Your two-year-old can get free play and learn sessions (15 hours) if you receive one of the following benefits:***

- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)*
- *Universal Credit - if you and your partner have a combined income from work of less than £15,400 a year after tax*
- *Tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax*
- *The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit*
- *Support through part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act*
- *The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)*

***Your child will also qualify if they:***

- *are looked after by the council*
- *have a current statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care (EHC) plan*
- *they get Disability Living Allowance*
- *have left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order but we will also need some additional evidence, such as a DLA letter. Please contact us for more information.*

*If you're a non-European Economic Area (EEA) citizen who cannot claim benefits*

*Your 2-year-old may get free childcare if you are getting support under the immigration and Asylum Act and have either:*

- *claimed asylum in the UK and are waiting for a decision (known as 'part 6')*
- *been refused asylum in the UK (known as 'section 4')*

***A 2-year-old you care for may also get free childcare if your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, and you have any of the following:***

- *leave to remain with 'no recourse to public funds' on family or private life grounds*
- *support from your local council because you have 'a child in need', for example they have a disability or a child protection plan*
- *the right to live in the UK because you're the main carer of a British citizen (known as a 'Zambrano Carer')*



# FREE childcare

From  
September  
2017



for **working parents**

of 3 and 4 year olds for up to 30 hours a week

Find out if you are eligible at  
[www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears)



*Our School Nursery takes children for the full 30 hours so please make enquiries at the office or with Ms Davison or Mrs Lawson, to discuss this.*

*Thank you.*

## 30 HOURS

### FUNDED CHILDCARE

*If you think that you are eligible, and you would like to extend your child's education in our nursery to 30 hours, please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears) to find out or look here for more information*

*<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>*



# School Uniform

This is a kind reminder about school uniform in school.  
Two days each week, children should come to school wearing their PE Kit.

The other three days, they must come to school wearing school uniform.



Our school uniform consists of:

Plain black or plain grey skirt, pinafore, school trousers or school shorts.

Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan.

White or bottle green polo shirt.

Bottle green/white summer dress.

Dark coloured shoes only.



PE Kit consists of:

School uniform white or dark green polo shirt.

School uniform dark green jumper or cardigan.

Plain black leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

These must be plain black with no coloured decorations or images.

Plain black trainers or appropriate sport shoes with black laces and no coloured decoration or images.

Thank you if you are ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform daily.





# ParentPay

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to ParentPay so far. From now on, this is how:

- uniform is ordered and paid for;
- consent is given and donations are paid for school visits;
- consent is given for after school clubs;
- payments for dinner money are made.

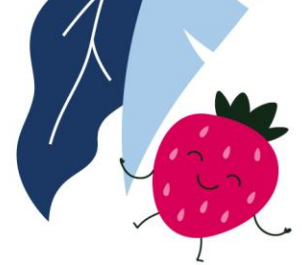
Please call the office if you have not activated your account to see how we can help you with the set up.





# NORTH EATS.

So much more than school food



We are incredibly excited that North Eats, a partnership between Chartwells and Durham County Council and Schools, will be taking over the catering at the school your child attends at the start of the next academic year.

We believe that the key to fuelling young minds comes from understanding both what they need and what they enjoy, which is why we're passionate about serving nutritious and delicious food that pupils love, alongside helping to ensure a healthy body and mind.

North Eats is committed to serving delicious, seasonal, and healthy menus, using carefully selected ingredients that we know pupils love, in doing so reducing waste and helping to build a more sustainable world for future generations.

We will add a selection of new dishes to the menu, while retaining the current popular dishes and theme days that the children know and love. All menus will meet the nutritional guidelines outlined in the school food standards.

Our team are at the very heart of everything we do. All current employees working in the school kitchen and catering team, have been offered a role within the new contract.

Our focus is to invest in the local community and provide enriching experiences. Part of this focus will see us deliver in the coming year Chartwells' award-winning Beyond The Kitchen programme to schools and local communities, delivering targeted workshops focused around five core themes; Nutrition and Health, Cooking and Food, Mental Wellbeing, Sports and Exercise and Sustainability.

Considering the well documented inflationary pressures the market faces into, there will be a small increase to the meal price from £2.20 to £2.25 in September. All children in Key Stage 1 continue to eat free under the Universal Infant Free School Meals policy, as do those eligible for free school meals.

Chartwells is one of the UK's largest education sector caterers. It cultivates a love of fantastic food through exceptional catering services, brought to life by passionate, value-driven teams. You can learn more about Chartwells here – <https://www.chartwells.co.uk/>



# BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success!

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.   
We really do appreciate all that you do!

*Helen Blakey, Ellen Cottrell,*

*Catherine Gillet,*

*Claire Linfoot, Steve Linfoot,*

*June Nichol and Bo Wood.*

*We really would love to welcome some new volunteers. If your child attends Breakfast Club and you could spare even one hour a week, please let Ms Davison know.*

*Thank you.*



*Reminder: Breakfast Club  
starts at 8.20 am.*



**Super Stars** These children have been selected over the last half term as being Super Stars by their teachers for their excellent, hardworking attitude in school.



**Nursery:** *Meisha-Mae, Alannah, AJ, Jordy, Alfie, Esmae, Cole, Ella B, Declan, Zara, Ida, Hollie and Henley.*

**Class 1:** *Aiden, Henry, Phebe, Jude, Rosie, Alexis-Jo and Brooke.*



**Class 2:** *Catherine, Jaxon I, Emily, Tom, Mason, Emma, Charlie S and Tala.*

**Class 3:** *Logan, Amelia, Tyler, Charlie, Bethany, Finley and Amelia.*



**Class 4T:** *Sharie, Matty, Leah, Matthew, Samual, Tommy and Kane.*

**Class 4W:** *Logan D, Aliyah, Mohanad, Summer, Jayden M, Avika and Luke.*

**Mrs Tew:** *Sofia, Luke, Finley, Tyler and Presten.*

**Ms Davison:** *Kris, Tala, Catherine, Karam, Mylo, Logan C and Charlie S.*





A huge well done to all children who achieved 100% this year. This is a fantastic achievement.



Luke Blakey, Callum Collins,  
Bethany Grundy, Tala Shaherli  
and Matty Wild,

Congratulations and enjoy  
your £10 Amazon voucher!



# News from The Community Centre

## Laurel United Youth Group – Summer Play Scheme

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Places for the play scheme are now full. If you would like to join the reserve list please contact the Community Centre office.

Children should arrive on site at 10:45 am and be ready to start the morning session at 11.00 am. Lunch is provided each day and children will be able to choose from a menu. Tuck shop will be available.

## Laurel United Youth Group – Visit to Centre for Life, Newcastle

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

This trip is currently full. If you would like to join the reserve list please contact the office.

Coach will leave at 9.00 am and return at 3.00 pm. Please register at the Community Centre no later than 8:45 am. Lunch is provided.

## Toddler Group – Trip to Lightwater Valley

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August

This trip is currently full. If you would like to join the reserve list please contact the office.

Coach will leave at 9.00 am and return at 6.00 pm. We do not have access to the Community Centre on this day, therefore, no toilet facilities will be available. Please meet outside of the school gates and do not arrive any earlier than 8:50 am.

## 5-a-Side Football Tournament

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Lunch is provided.

This session will be held at Pelaw View Community Centre.

Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Booking via Barbara Webb at Pelaw View Centre.

E: [Barbara.webb@bernicia.com](mailto:Barbara.webb@bernicia.com)

Tel: 0191 2383343





## Laurel United Youth and Toddler Group – Trip to Tees Barrage Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

This trip is currently full.

Coach will leave at 9.00 am and return at 6.00 pm. Children over 8 years will take part in High Ropes, Raft Building and Bell boating. Under 8's will take part in High Ropes and Raft Building and Under 4's will take part in High Ropes and Picnic. Lunch is provided. Registration for this trip will open on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

## Summer Family Fun – Mad Alice Theatre Company presents 'Rose and Robin'

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Laurel Avenue Community Centre  
Suitable for families and children over 7 years.

11.00 am until 1.00 pm. Lunch is provided.

Booking is essential. You can request tickets from Community Centre office.

Reminder – Enquiries and bookings must be via email and telephone only. We cannot answer Facebook messages.

All groups will re commence week beginning  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.



# Have a wonderful Summer break!

Claire Linfoot

Laurel Avenue Community Association.

Tel: 0191 3845427 / 07825956094

E: [admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com](mailto:admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com)





*Learning topics for Autumn Term:*

*Nursery: Ourselves*

*Class 1: Ourselves*

*Class 2: Fire! Fire!*

*Class 3: From Stone to Iron*

*Class 4T and 4W: Britain at War*



*Dinner money will be £2.25 a day from September.*

*Photographer will be in school for individual and family  
photographs on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.*



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HAPPY  
SUMMER



All the staff at Laurel Avenue  
Community Primary School would  
like to wish you a very happy  
and relaxing summer holiday.

Term starts: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September