

Laurel Avenue Community Primary School and Nursery

NEWSLETTER

December  
2021



Merry Christmas

from everyone at Laurel Avenue!





Merry Christmas from our  
amazing Nursery children!







We hope that you  
enjoyed their  
fabulous  
Christmas songs  
and costumes!



# Class 1 – Wiggly Nativity







Well done, Class 1. What a fantastic performance of Wriggly Nativity. It's been a pleasure to hear you all singing in school over the last few weeks and to see you all dancing and acting with such enthusiasm.

We really hope that you enjoyed the videos!

# Class 2 – It's a Miracle!



Class 2 children presented their fantastic production of 'It's a Miracle'. What beautiful singing and acting! We hope that you enjoyed video!





by Classes  
3 and 4



We hope that you all enjoyed the video of Classes 3 and 4 starring in their fabulous pantomime. We are so proud of their wonderful singing and acting and know that you all will be too!







# GOODBYE!

We're so sad to say goodbye to Miss Winter who has been a fabulous lunchtime supervisor. We've loved working with her and would like to wish her the best of luck as she's starts her new business. *We'll really miss you!*



*we will miss you*

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to parents and carers who have continued to work closely with us to keep everyone safe, taking their children for tests and reporting back results so carefully. The last thing we want is to have children absent from school so we appreciate everyone who has worked quickly to arrange testing, enabling their child to return to school as soon as possible.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all staff of Laurel Avenue Community Primary School who have continued to work hard and with so much dedication to ensure the best outcomes for every child in school. Your children are so important to us all and we strive every day to ensure they have the best opportunities to achieve their full potential - with lots of laughter and smiles along the way!

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and see you all in 2022!

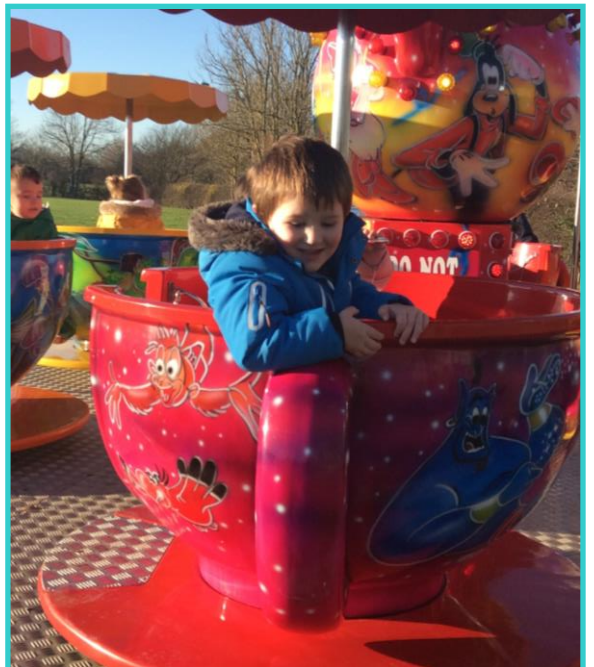
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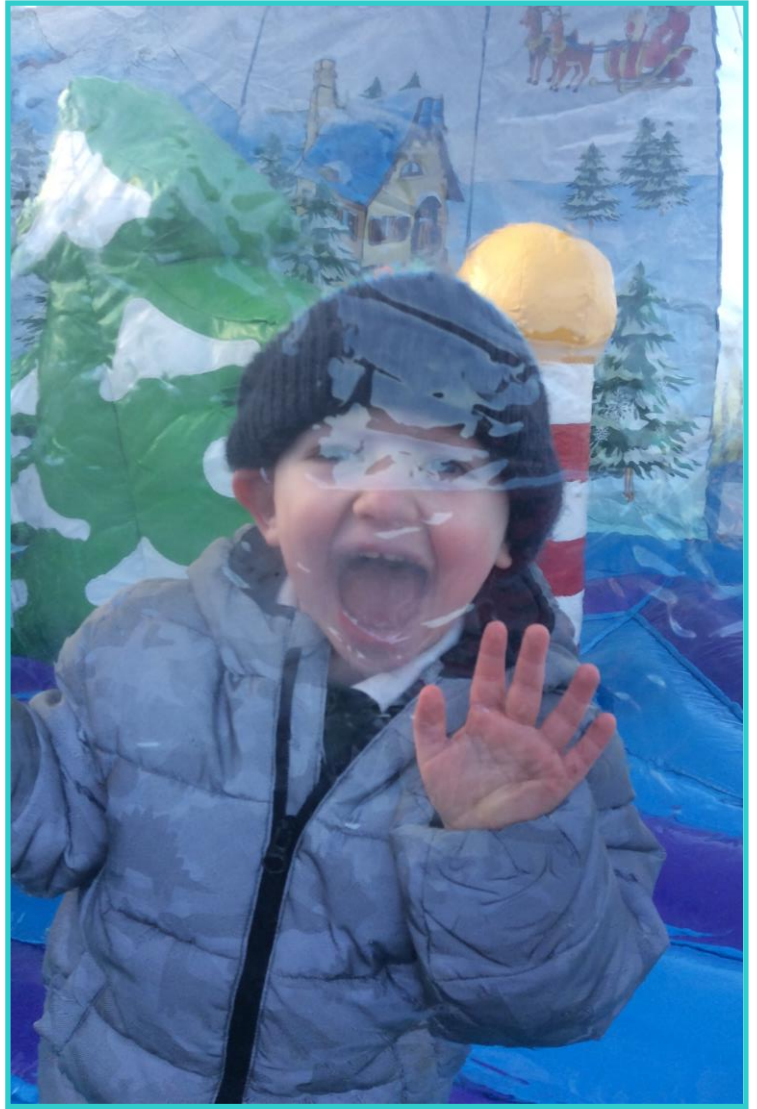


# Christmas Extravaganza

What a fabulous Christmas Extravaganza we had yesterday! From Nursery to Year 6, all children had a brilliant time; a day full of laughter and excitement. After such a sad end to term last Christmas, with so many positive Covid cases, we really wanted to bring something exciting and fun to end the term this year. You can see from the photographs over the next pages that this was certainly achieved. Thank you so much to Claire Linfoot and the Community Centre for making this all possible.





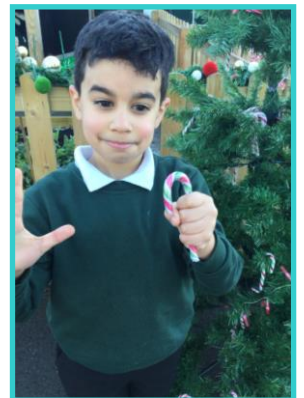
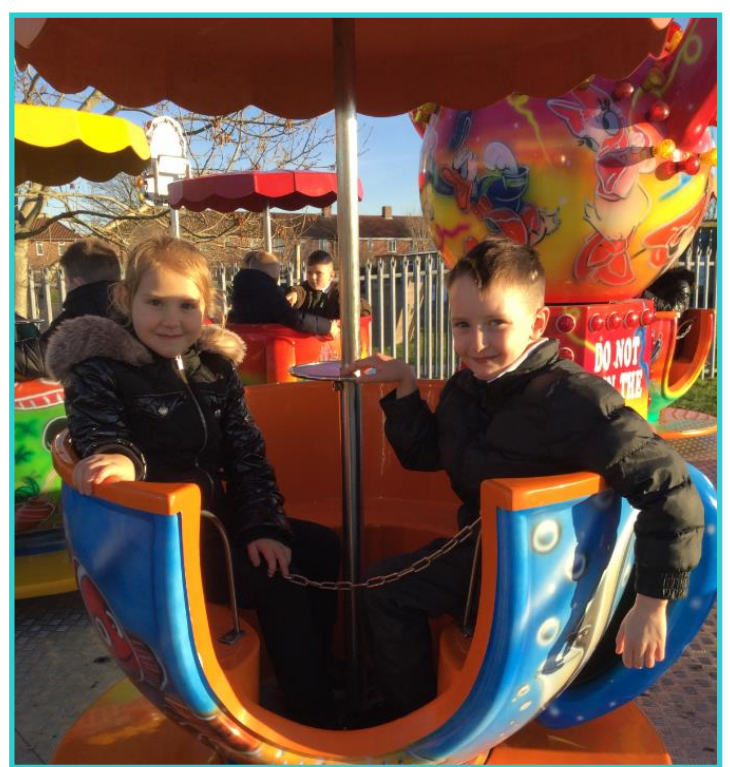






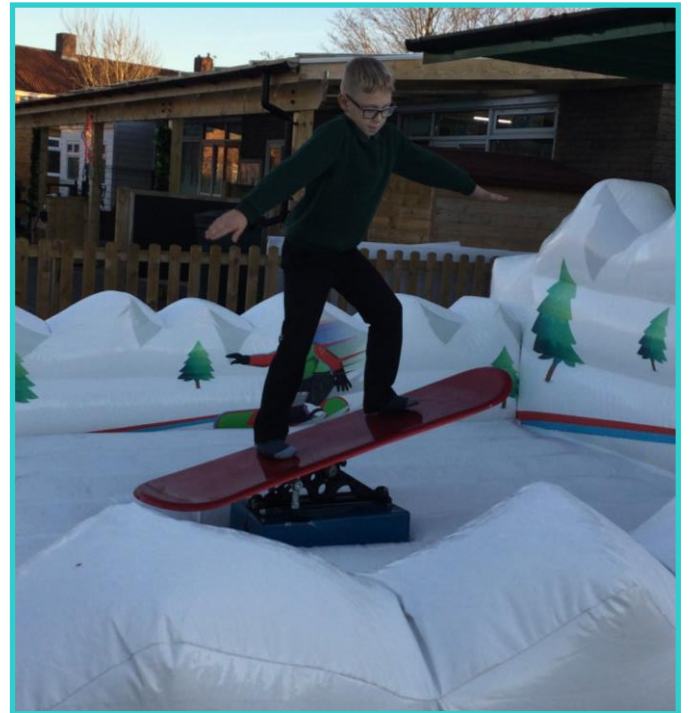




















Children in school enjoyed their Christmas lunch, wearing their cheerful and festive jumpers. We really missed sharing Christmas lunch with you all again this year, but the children really enjoyed their meal.

Thank you to Mrs Webster and Mrs Cairns for cooking such a delicious treat.

We are really happy to welcome Mrs Webster to school as our new cook.



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## Nursery Rhyme Week

World Nursery Rhyme Week is an annual initiative that promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education. Our Nursery and Reception children have had a fabulous time learning nursery rhymes and engaging in a whole variety of activities connected to them. We hope you enjoyed our Reception children singing for you on Facebook. Go over and have a look if you haven't seen yet.



Can you guess  
which nursery  
rhymes the  
children have  
been learning?



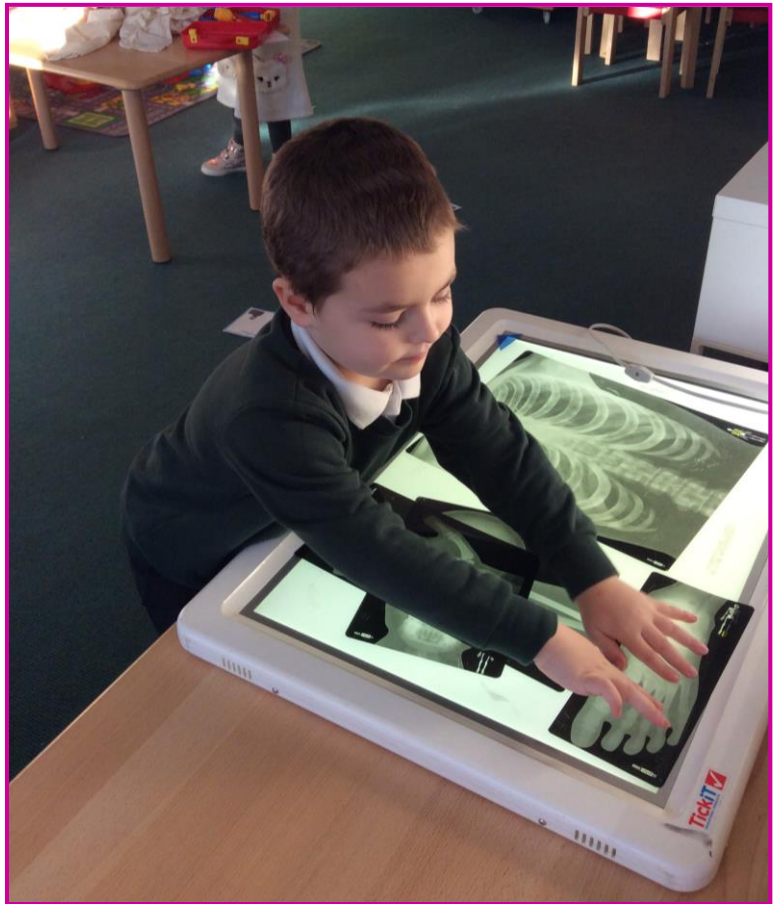




Nursery also loved their World Nursery Rhyme activities related to Incey Wincey Spider.

They used 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' to learn about body parts in their role play area which is a doctor's surgery.





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Nursery Rhyme Week

# JULIA DONALDSON

Class 1 have been reading Julia Donaldson's books this term – a different book each week including:

Room on the Broom

The Gruffalo

The Gruffalos Child

The Smartest Giant in Town

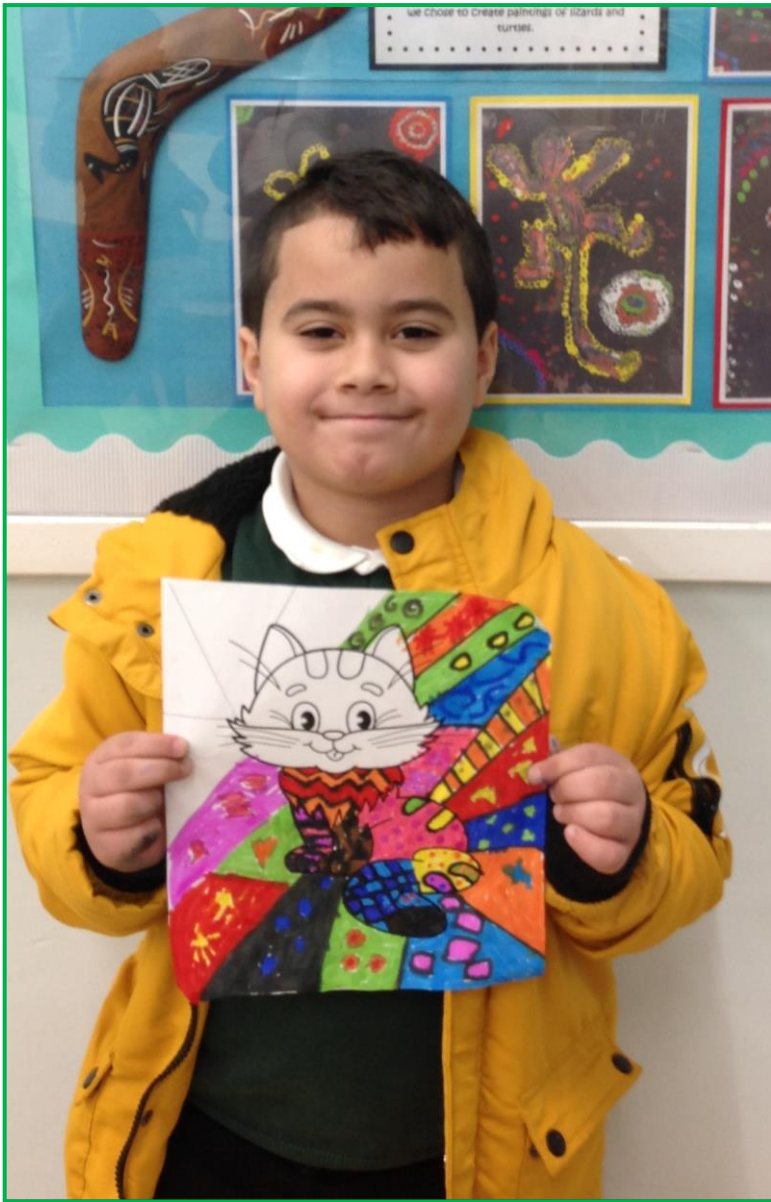
Monkey Puzzle





Art Club have been studying the artist Romero Britto - a Brazilian artist, painter, serigrapher, and sculptor. He combines elements of cubism, pop art and graffiti painting in his work, using vibrant colours and bold patterns as a visual expression of hope and happiness. Haven't they done an amazing job?







*Once again, we celebrated Children in Need Day in style, supporting this amazing charity in school. Children came to school in fancy dress, pyjamas or Pudsey merchandise.*

*During the day, children joined in with Children in Need activities such as Joe Wicks' live PE session; finding out about the important work of Children in Need; mindfulness sessions and thinking about everyday heroes.*



*We raised a  brilliant £120.58!  
Thank you for your  
kind donations.*

# *Anti-Bullying Week 2021*

*We celebrated Anti-Bullying Week in 2021, holding an anti-bullying awareness day and basing work for the week around the*

*Anti-bullying Alliance theme:*

*“Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that ‘One Kind Word’ has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week.”*

*– Anti-Bullying Alliance*



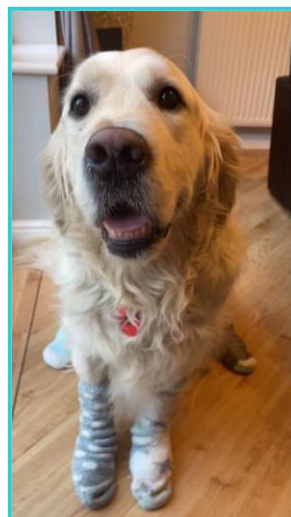
*We had fun on Odd Socks Day where children and staff wore odd socks or brightly coloured tights to express themselves, celebrating what makes us unique.*

*We loved all of the photographs of your pets wearing odd socks too. Thank you for sending them in!*

*Children identified five acts of kindness which including how they can be united to address bullying.*



♥ I Will ♥  
Be Your  
Friend



# 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,  
Abha Dabkara, Claire Linfoot,  
Steve Linfoot, June Nichol,  
Joe Pickering, Tracy Pickering,  
Nichola Watkinson and Bo Wood.*



*Reminder: Breakfast Club  
starts at 8.20 am.*

# CROSS COUNTRY

Children in all classes enjoyed taking part in a cross-country running session with sports coaches.



They completed warm ups before using the school field to take part in their running challenges.

Here are some pictures of  
Classes 1 and 2 completing their  
warm ups and cross-country races.  
Classes 3 and 4 did a brilliant job also!



# New timetable for PE for Spring Term

Class 1: Wednesday and Friday

Class 2: Monday and Wednesday

Class 3: Thursday and Friday

Year 4 will start swimming first half term.

Please bring swimming kits every Thursday from 6<sup>th</sup> January – 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Year 3 will swim after the half term holidays.

Please bring swimming kits every Thursday from 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Class 4: Tuesday and Wednesday



We have a kind request for all parents and carers regarding party invitations. Teachers are happy to hand out invitations for birthday parties but only if all children are invited. Please hand out invitations outside of school if only a few children in the class would be left out and not invited. Thank you.



## The Christmas Present Appeal

We would like to offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to Majors Eric Pearce and Carole Pearce at the Salvation Army in Sherburn Hill who have supported our local schools through the Christmas Present Appeal again this year. Local families have been touched by the generosity of the appeal. They have also benefitted throughout the pandemic with support - food and toiletries. Eric and Carole have gone above and beyond with their continued support.

We will be very sorry to see them leave the area later in 2022, as Eric retires, and wish them all the best for the future.

# News from Laurel Avenue Community Centre



Laurel Avenue Community Centre will close on Wednesday 22nd December and re-open on Thursday 6th January.

Although we've had another year of lockdowns and working within guidance (Covid 19 Guidance for the safe use of multipurpose community centres/permitted activities in multi-use community facilities), we are in fortunate circumstances to share our premises with school, enabling us to deliver services and projects to our local community.

Our Youth, Toddler and Lunch groups have been able to meet since early April once government guidance allowed us to re-open our centre. We have had a fantastic year making up for lost time. This week our Infant and Junior Group enjoyed a party disco, Toddler Group had an awesome time at our Christmas Extravaganza and Lunch Club cooked and enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal.

Children who are invited to attend the Christmas Pantomime on Wednesday 22nd December should confirm attendance no later than 5pm on Saturday 18th December. If you do not confirm, your space will be re-allocated. Children should meet at the Gala Theatre, Durham, at 1:30 pm and must be collected at 5pm.

Please contact Claire if you are unsure of arrangements.

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

Tel: 07825956094



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to working with you in the New Year.

From everyone at Laurel Avenue Community Association.



# Diary Dates



Spring Term starts Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February: Break up for half term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Second half term starts

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: British Science Week

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: End of Term



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Summer Term starts

All The staff of Lauriel Avenue  
Community Primary School would  
like to wish you a very happy and  
safe Christmas and look forward to  
seeing you all in January 2022!

