

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK



It was wonderful to welcome all of our children back into school and nursery again over the last few weeks. A huge thank you and well done in recognition of all the hard work carried out at home since January. You have been super stars! We must keep being vigilant across the summer term by not sending in children if they have Covid-19 symptoms and continuing to take them for a test. Thank you to everyone who has cooperated so well with this this term. As we move into spring and more people are receiving their vaccinations, we very much hope that there are better days ahead. Have a wonderful and safe Easter holiday.



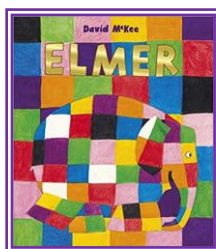
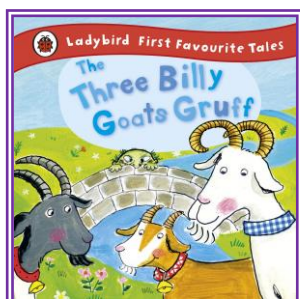
IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



We celebrated World Book Day both at home and at school this year with a wide range of activities for children. Story sharing and online masterclasses with authors took place across the day.



Nursery enjoyed the Three Billy Goats Gruff story, acting out the story with puppets and placing numbers in order to make a track across the bridge.

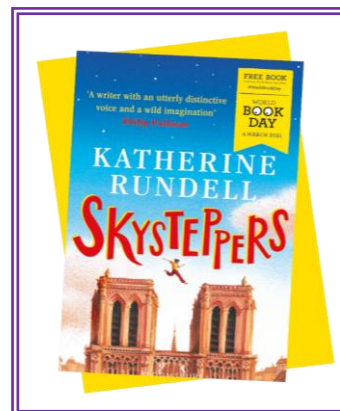
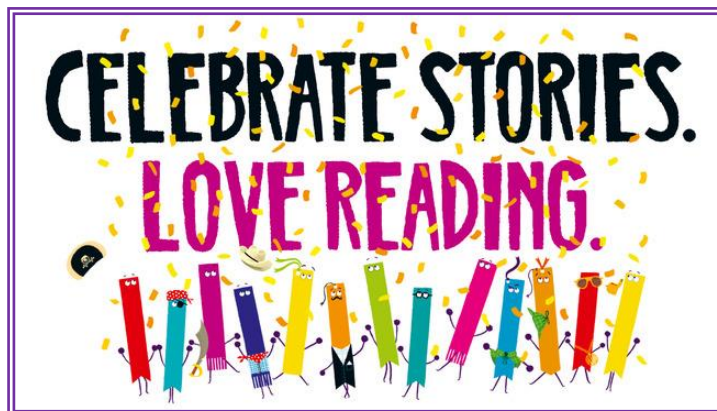
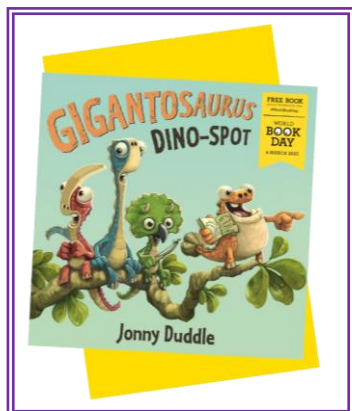


Class 1 loved reading Elmer books by David McKee. Their activities for the day were based around our favourite patchwork elephant.



Class 2 took part in an expert Dino Spotting masterclass with the author Jonny Duddle. They investigated different types of dinosaurs before drawing and writing about them.

They also designed and created their own bookmarks, participated in a book scavenger hunt to find different characters in stories and joined in with a World Book Day live lesson to learn how to bring books to life. They enjoyed singing with Tom Fletcher!



Classes 3 and 4 took part in an expert masterclass from one of the World Book Day £1 books - 'Skysteppers' by Katherine Rundell.

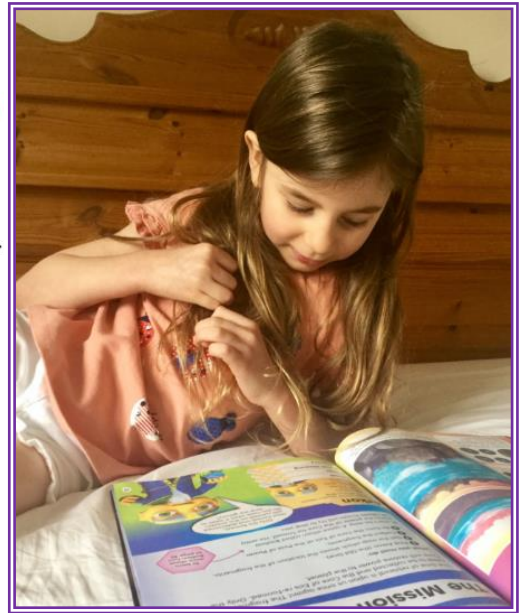
They read an extract where they were introduced to a boy named Matteo who began living a life on the rooftops of Paris. Matteo goes on to have wild and exciting adventures on the rooftops. Katherine also described her inspiration for the story based on her rooftop experiences and the skyrope walk of Philippe Pettit in Paris.

Class 3 selected a character from one of their favourite books and wrote a short story featuring their chosen character as they embarked on an adventure somewhere up high, describing how they would move around.

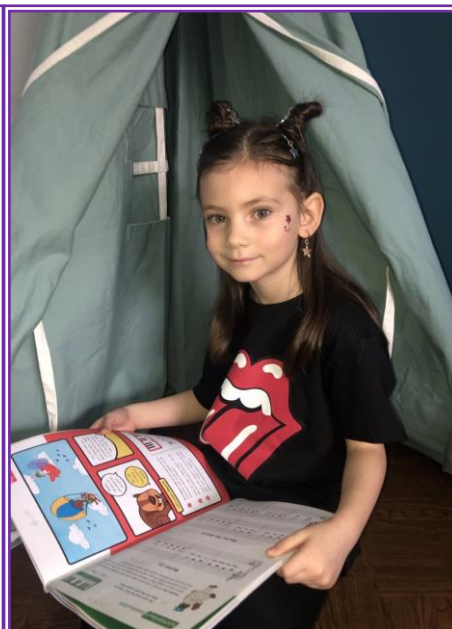
Class 4 were challenged to write about a dangerous, exciting incident and look above to the rooftops for inspiration!

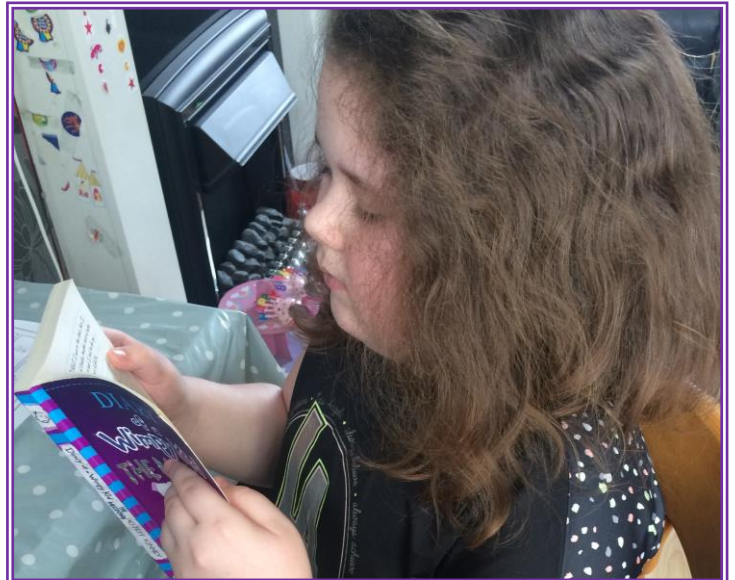
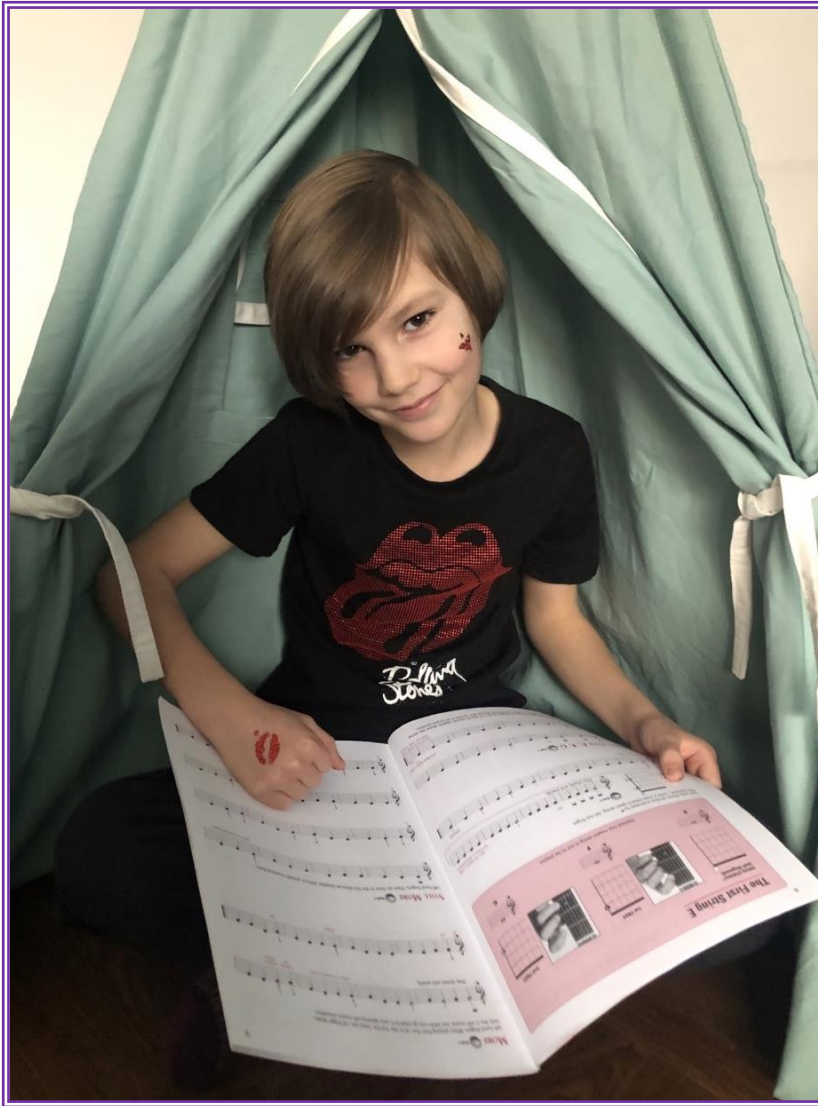
They will be using Katherine's idea of taking a well-known character from a story next term, writing a prequel for that character full of adventure and excitement, as part of their flashback writing.





It was great to see
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so many children
enjoying their
reading at
home on
World Book Day.

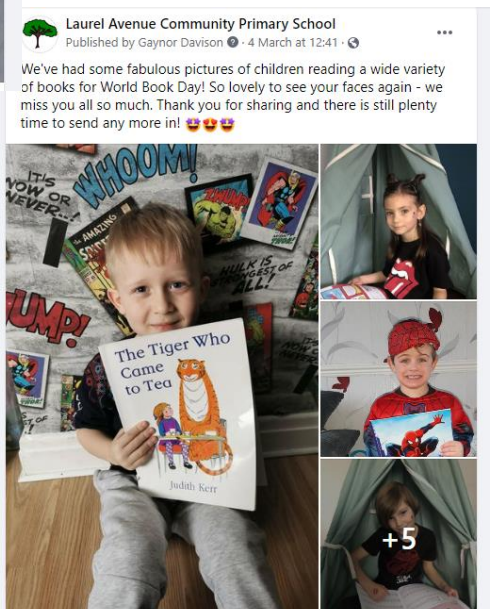
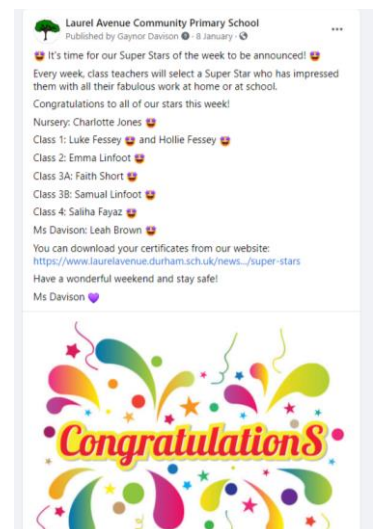




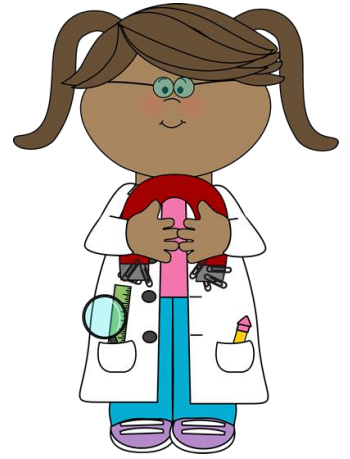
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Laurel Avenue Community Primary School



5-14 March
British
Science
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2021



*The theme for British Science Week this year was
Innovating for the Future!*



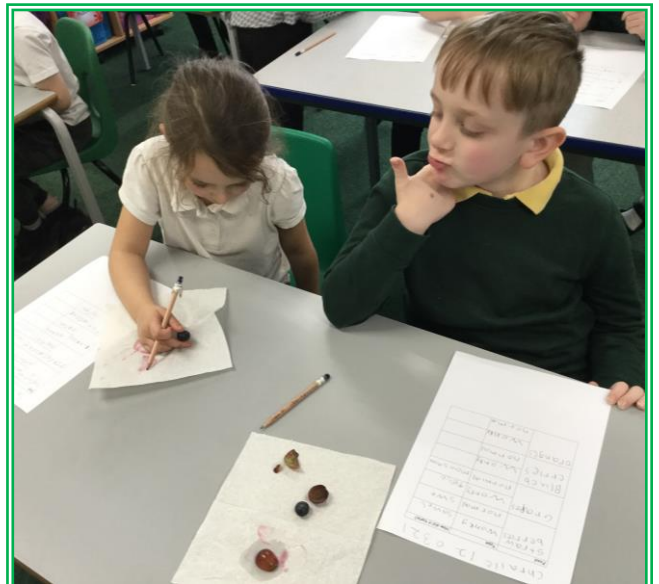
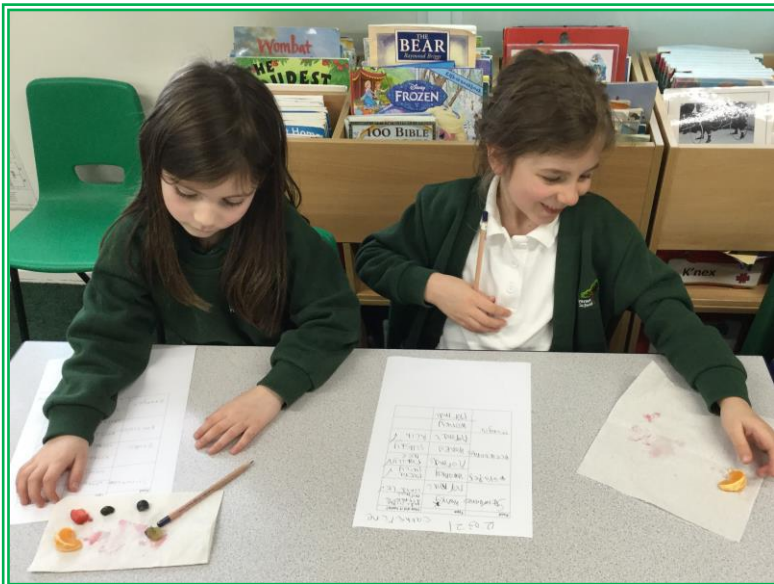
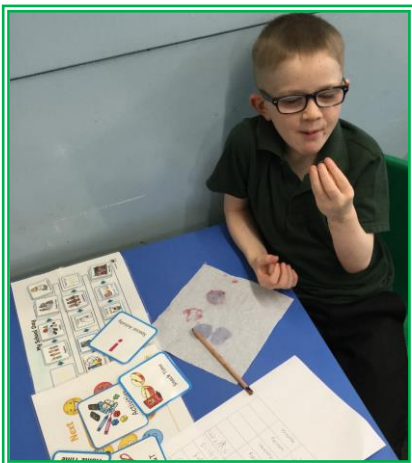
*Nursery and Reception children
investigated melting and cooling
by using chocolate as cement to
make biscuit structures.*





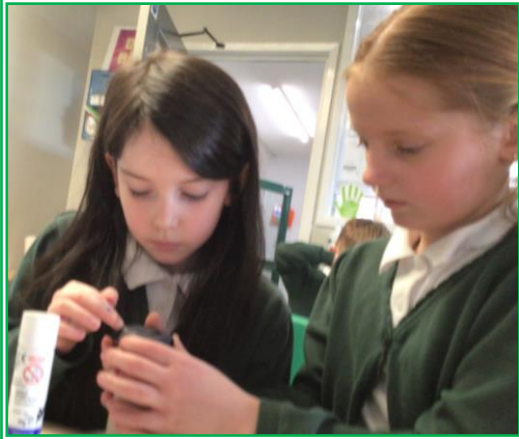
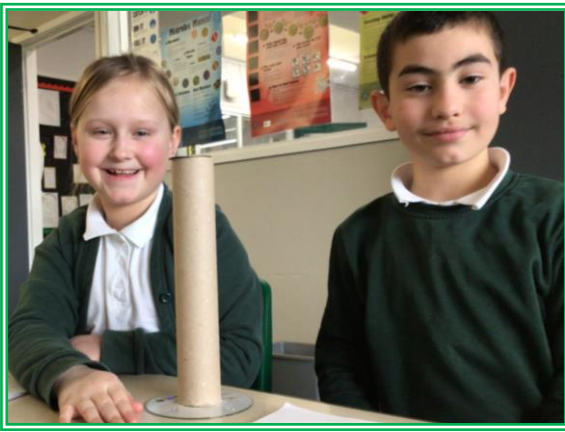


Class 2 investigated whether the way foods look affect how it tastes? They tasted different wonky fruit alongside fruit shaped how we usually see them in shops to see if being wonky affected the taste of the fruit.

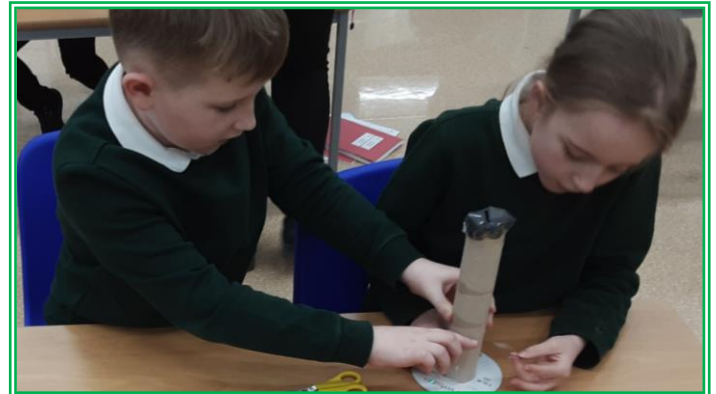


Why not try it yourself at home with vegetables?

- 1. Did the appearance of the vegetables affect how they tasted?*
- 2. Were you able to work out which vegetables were wonky just by tasting them?*
- 3. Have your views about wonky shaped vegetables changed?*



Class 3A and 3B created spectroscopes. Spectroscopes split the light into the colours of the rainbow. The CD screen bends the light as it passes through, filtering the wavelengths of the white light so that all the colours of the spectrum can be seen.



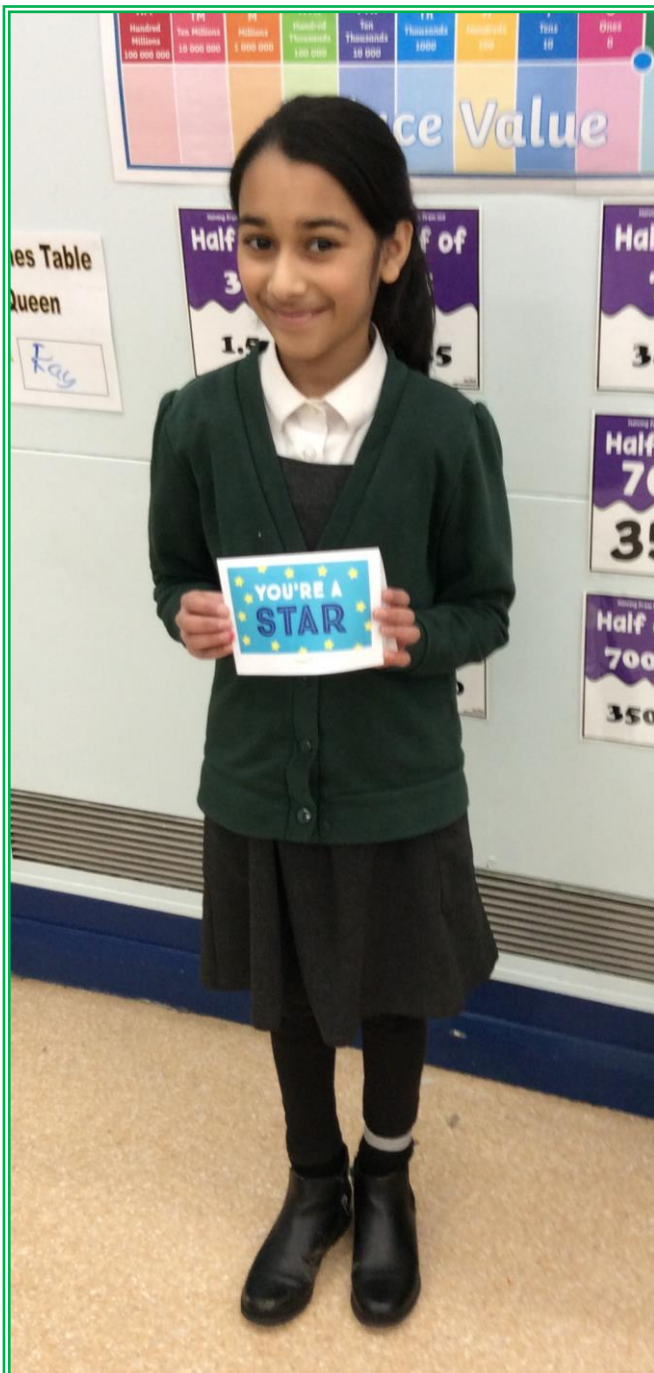
Class 4 learned all about viruses, vaccines and immunity during Science Week. They explored the idea of herd immunity and how it protects communities. They simulated antibodies protecting cells and defeating viruses by finding matching jigsaw pieces and preventing the virus from piling up in the bowl. They also heard about scientists and engineers who in the last year have used their ingenuity to create breathing machines and vaccines for Covid-19.



Half-term Science challenge!

Congratulations to Avika who completed our half term Science Challenge brilliantly. She received her £10 Amazon Voucher last week for fabulous mirror writing. Well done! 🥳👍

You can find her video on our Facebook Page.



RED NOSE DAY



What amazing
Super Heroes we
had in our Nursery!



Friday 19th March

Pay £1 and share a smile!

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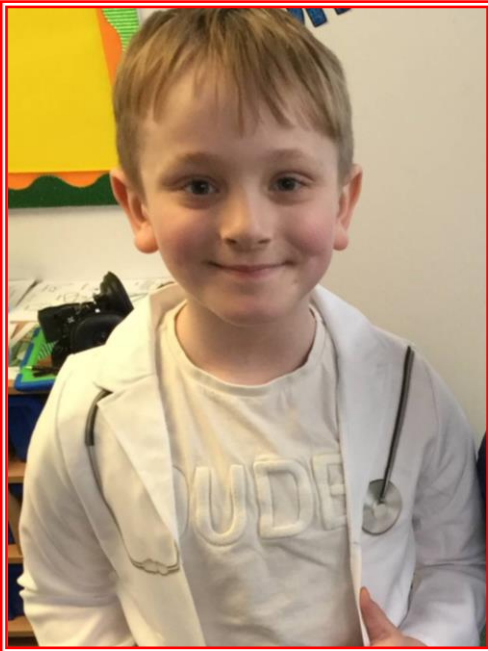
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Which
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get?



Easter Craft Competition Winners

Our Chair of Governors, Ann Elliott judged the competition, which she found very difficult as there were so many brilliant and varied entries!

Nursery

Congratulations to our Nursery winner Aiden for his bee and butterfly.

Second place: Zara

Third place: Phebe



Reception

Congratulations to our Reception winner Imogen for her Easter garden.

Second place: Charlie

Third place: Luke



Year 1

Congratulations to our
Year 1 winner Jaxon for his mammy
rabbit with her two babies in a
field.

Second place: Emma

Third place: Elisha and Catherine



Year 2

Congratulations to our
Year 2 winner Sophie for
her Little Red Riding
Hood eggs.

Second place: Ella

Third place: Olivia



Year 3

Congratulations to our
Year 3 winner Logan for his
Eggcellent Trophy.

Second place: Alisha

Third place: Callum



Congratulations



Year 4

Congratulations to our
Year 4 winner Zak for his
Minions.

Second place: Samuel

Third place: Kaiden



Year 5 and 6

Congratulations to our
Class 4 winner, one of our
Year 6 girls for her
beautiful Easter garden.

Second place: Jasmine

Third place: Kaiden

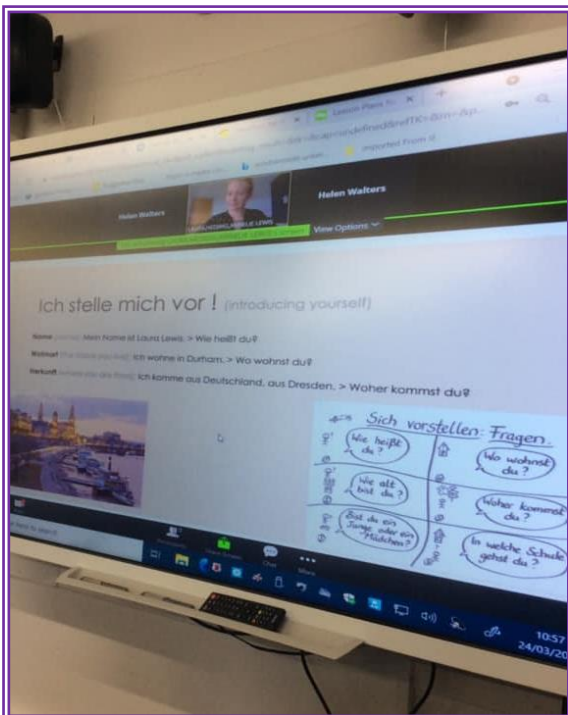
We also have a
special prize for a
joint entry from
Joedn and
Blakley-Joe of
Boris Johnson
making his
announcement
about Covid-19.



EXPRESS YOURSELF

North East Festival of Languages

22-26 March 2021



As part of the North East Festival of Languages, Class 4 enjoyed a German taster session with Laura from Durham University. They learned that there are many similar words in both English and German and that the longest German word is a compound word made up from 44 smaller words! They also found out that there are additional letters in the German alphabet to show different vowel sounds. Laura told Class 4 about many of the Easter traditions which take place in Germany including dying eggs, decorating trees, and playing games with hard boiled eggs. They enjoyed learning some new vocabulary and after the session used Google translate to look up words they were interested in.

Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a puppet show in French where they interacted with the puppets to learn some French words.





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 at school and at home.



Nursery: TJ, Jordy, Harry, Violet and Joedn

Class 1: Charlie, Mason, Nathan, Reuben & Presten



Class 2: Jack, Jaxon R, Tala, Charlie G, Charlie S

Class 3A: Alice, Callum, Phoebe, Bailey & Ethan

Class 3B: Ray, Tommy, Sharie and Erin



Class 4: Lilly-Su, Tayven, Jasmine, Kaiden, Evie, Tommy & Grace



Ms Davison: Romeo, Mason, Amelia, Sophie, Riley & Bethany





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? Even though schools are closed to most children for a few weeks longer, you can still book a nursery place for your child. 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. 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 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 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 at the 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 nearly 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.*

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

Income Support

Jobseeker's Allowance

Support for a 'Looked After' child

Child Tax credits - income below

£16,190

*Guaranteed Element
of State Pension Credit*

*Support under the Immigration and
Asylum Act 1999*

*Employment and Support Allowance
– income related*

Disability Living Allowance (child)

*Working Tax Credits and earn no
more than £16,190*

*Current Education, Health and Care
Plan (child)*

*Special Guardianship, or an
adoption, or Residence Order*



Your 2-year-old may be entitled to 15 hours per week of funded childcare and early education



How do you apply?

Bring your golden ticket into our school office and we will tell you when your child can start.

If you don't have a golden ticket, visit:

<https://education.durham.gov.uk/parentportal/> where you can check whether you are eligible.

If you are eligible you will then receive a letter which you should bring into school.

Places will be available at the start of the term after their second birthday.

Application forms are available from school.

FREE childcare



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



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 to find out or look here for more information <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

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.

Reporting symptoms after the school closes for Easter Holidays

As during the Christmas holidays, schools will remain contactable for a six-day window after the end of term so that we can assist with contact tracing where necessary. We may need to contact you up until 1st April if your child is affected and we will do this by text message.

Laurel Avenue Community Primary School will close on March 26th. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus you must book a test.

*If your child develops symptoms **up to and including March 28th** which result in a positive test up to 1st April, you must inform the school by emailing laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net.*

Please include the name of your child and the date that their symptoms started, as well as your own contact details.










From Monday 29th March

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Monday 29th March onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace.

You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur after this date.

Thank you.

School Holidays 2021/2022

<i>Holiday</i>		<i>Closing Date</i>	<i>Date Re-opens</i>
Summer 2021 (6 weeks 3 days)		Friday 16 th July 2021	Thursday 2nd September 2021
Autumn Half-Term 2021 (1 week)		Friday 22nd October 2021	Monday 1 st November 2021
Teacher Training Day (1 day)		Thursday 25 th November 2021	Monday 29 th November 2021
Christmas 2021 (2 weeks 3 days)		Friday 17 th December 2021	Thursday 6 th January 2022
Spring Half-Term 2022 (1 week)		Friday 18 th February 2022	Monday 28 th February 2022
Easter 2022 (2 weeks)		Friday 8 th April 2022	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day 2022 (1 day)		Friday 29 th April 2022	Tuesday 3 rd May 2022
Summer Half-Term 2022 (1 Week)		Friday 27 th May 2022	Monday 6 th June 2022
Teacher Training Day (1 day)		Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Monday 27 th June 2022
Summer 2022		Thursday 21 st July 2022	To be determined

*These dates only relate to
Laurel Avenue Community Primary School and Nursery.
Each school in the area may hav`e slightly different closing
and re-opening dates.*

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Laurel United Youth Groups

Easter packs and food parcels will be delivered to your home on Saturday 3rd April. Included in your pack will be a 'Lockdown Bear' to remind you of how awesome you have been through completing all of your activities.

We will contact you directly to inform you of the new revised youth session plans that we hope to resume after the Easter holidays. Sessions will be very different and children will be allocated a day and time for their session. There will be no tea club or tuck facilities available just yet, however we are super excited to see you all again and have some fantastic activities planned for you. Please register your interest for a place by emailing the office:

admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com

Easter raffle

If you wish to purchase tickets for our Easter raffle please contact the office: admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com

We have some fantastic prizes donated by Tesco @ Dragonville. The raffle will be drawn live on Facebook on Saturday 3rd April. We will contact any winners and prizes will be delivered to you.





*All the staff at
Laurel Avenue Community
Primary School
would like to wish you a very
Happy Easter.*



If you need to get in touch please email

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