

Newsletter

October 2019

School Council Elections 2019

We have a new School Council!

Once again, we celebrated democracy by holding elections for our new School Council for 2019 – 2020. Children in every class stood for election, campaigning to their class as to why they should be voted in. After the secret voting, our School Council was announced.



Reception: Emma and Shakya

Year 1: Miyah and Sophie

Year 2: Logan and Alisha

Year 3: Scarlett and Erin

Year 4: Daisy and Layla-Rae

Year 5: Tayven and Lee

Year 6: Teagan-Leigh and Connar

School Council



They will meet regularly with Mrs Walters across the year.



*This year our Harvest Festival focused on **Harvest Help** and told the journey of our food from seed to mouth, whilst thinking about helping out those not as fortunate as ourselves.*



Thank you for all your kind donations for our Harvest Table. For many years now we have taken your generous donations and distributed them to the elderly within our community. However, this year we discussed it with the children and they felt that it was important to support all areas of the community who may at times need help. All your kind donations will go to support Food Bank this year.



Nursery have been having fun with fruit and vegetables at Harvest Time this year. They have explored different kinds of fruit and vegetables, described them using great maths vocabulary, created brilliant prints with them and then finally chopped up lots of fruit to make a fruit salad which they **loved** eating!





Nursery and Reception children have been learning about celebrations this term. Nursery decided to organise a birthday party for Fifi the doll.



The children made her a chocolate birthday cake, wrapped and gave her presents and organised a fabulous party for her. Nursery and Reception are currently having a spooky time celebrating Halloween!





It is always a pleasure to go into Nursery to see what our creative, happy Nursery children are up to! If you would like your child to start their learning journey in our fabulous Nursery, call or email to arrange a visit and put your child's name down on our admissions list.

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We offer places for two, three and four-year olds.

We'd love to meet you and your child and discuss the start of their exciting learning journey in our school nursery.



European Day of languages

26 September



Class 1 learned how to say the different colours in French and coloured in pictures of Elmer and rainbows. They also made some Eiffel Tower pictures using pasta and sticks.

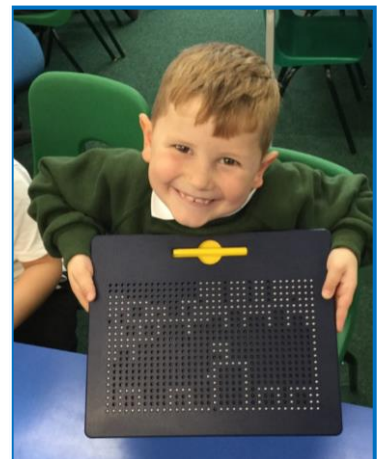


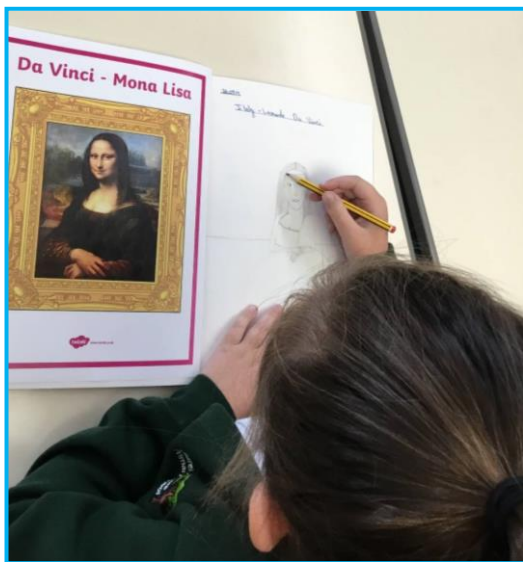
*Class 1:
France*



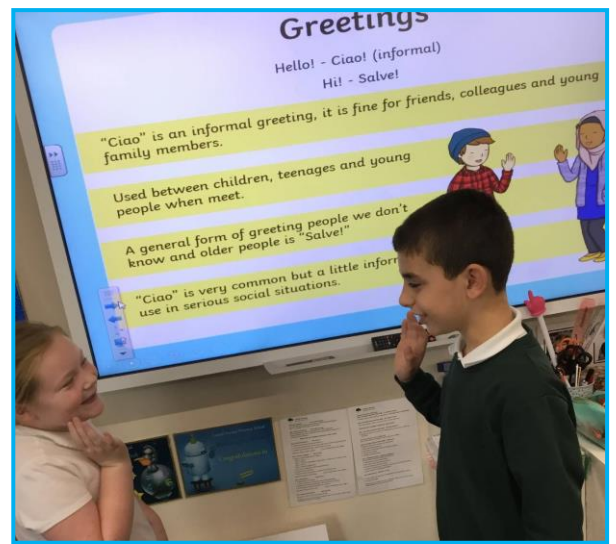
*Class 2:
Spain*

Children learned how to say different colours in Spanish and coloured in pictures using these Spanish words. They then looked at different buildings in Spain, focusing on the Basilica in Barcelona. They used the Basilica as inspiration to draw pictures, build wooden representations and copy its image using the magnetic boards.





Class 3: Italy

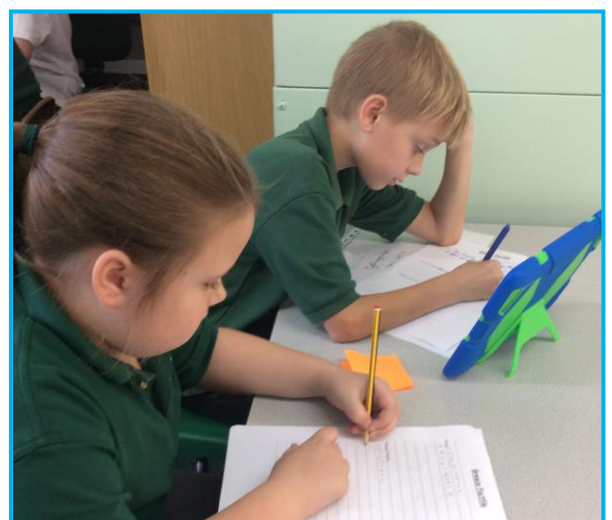


Class 3 studied Italy. They learned basic language including greetings and colours. They researched Italy and used this to write some poems. The children also learned about the artist Leonardo Da Vinci and recreated the Mona Lisa as a sketch.



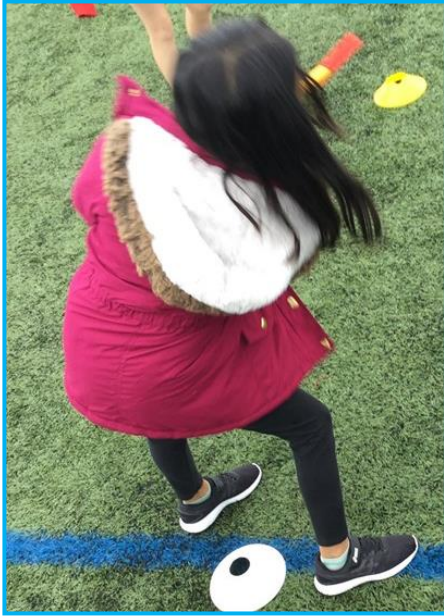
Class 4: Greece

Class 4 explored the world of modern Greece, discovering the traditional alphabet; sampling foods such as feta cheese, hummus and Greek yoghurt and learning about the work of Greek artist Alexis Akritchakis.



Golf

Class 3 took part in a
Golf Festival at
Meadowfield Leisure Centre.



They had a
wonderful time
developing a range of
golfing skills.



Class 2 Multi Sports



Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Framwellgate School Durham.

The children practised a wide variety of different skills such as football, hockey, golf, agility, speed and worked on their spatial awareness.



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

£304.33!



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

**THANK YOU SO
MUCH FOR COMING**

School Fruit Shop

Children in Nursery, Classes 1 and 2 receive a piece of fresh fruit each day 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.

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



Friends of Laurel Avenue Society

Would you like to join FOLAS?

FOLAS are the

Friends of Laurel Avenue School.

We are a small group of very friendly parents/carers and school staff who help raise money for school and hold events for charities. Our next meeting is

Wednesday 13th November, 9.00 am.

Why not come along and meet the group and see what it is like to be a part of our school community!

The Nifty Fifty Times Tables Challenge

We are still working hard on our 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.

So keep practising!!

Children are awarded their Nifty Fifty certificates in Star Assembly once a month and we will let you know using our Marvellous Me app.



Let's get cooking

Our Let's Get Cooking chefs have been hard at work creating some delicious dishes.



Congratulations to Frankie, Nicole, Lilly-Mai, Connor, Tyler, Betsy and Kai.

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



*Layla-Rae,
Darcie, Saliha,
Connar, Frankie
and Tommy*



*Rubie, Shahid,
Blakley-Joe,
Tristan, Shakya
and Elisha*



*Kayden, Tayven,
Scarlett, Nicole,
Leah and Jay*

SNAG

News from the School
Nutrition Action Group



A big welcome to our new
School Nutrition Action
Group for 2019 – 2020:
Tala, Ella, Finley, Kayden,
Summer, Lexie and Tyler.

Our SNAG discussed the menu and new options for our Winter Menu before sampling some biscuits and flapjack. They also organised a number of themed lunches including celebrating National Curry Week. We have a Halloween themed meal to look forward to before half term as well as Children in Need and the favourite, Christmas Lunch.





We would be very appreciative if you could please take some time to make sure that all uniform, PE kit and coats have your child's name in. Staff try very hard to make sure that children return home with the correct uniform every day but it is very difficult when so many items have no names and children are not sure which is theirs.



Names can wash out easily so it would be fantastic if you could check after every wash.

Thank you!



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 for settling in so well, Ella, Olly-Joe, Emily, Nathan

Class 1: All of Class 1 for an excellent start, Tala, Myla-Mai, Jaxon R, Madyson,

Class 2: Julia, Charlie, Tristan, Riley, Karam



Class 3: Ray, Emily, Avika, Summer, Logan D

Class 4: Charlotte P, Jay, Nicole, Ben, Lexie

Ms Davison: Ben H, Jaxon R, Simon, Shailea, Tommy Sw





Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for September 2019

Nursery: Evie-Mae, Kris, Aiden, Ella, Hollie, Luke, Presten, Charlie, Mason and Jasmine 🌟

Class 1: Tyler, Elisha, Devon, Catherine, Emma, Savannah, Jaxon R and Tala 🌟

Class 2: Levi, Callum, Logan, Joshua, Ethan, Chloe, Charlie, Rubie, Bethany, Ben, Shahid, Alice, Bailey, Blakley-Joe, Karam, Miyah, Connor and Simon 🌟 🌟

Class 3: Luke, Erin, Leah, Ray, Avika, Logan D, Saliha, Harvey, Samuel, Ebony, Scarlett, Lilly-Su, Mohannad, Tommy Sw, Kane, Jaydan, Kaiden, Zac, Matty and Matthew

Class 4: Kai, Jay, Tyler, Jasmine, Nicole, Darcie, Daniel, Lee, Lilly-Mai, Tayven, Frankie, Betsy, Alex, Connor and Grace

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

Congratulations to:



Leah Brown
Kai Barrass
Tyler Blakey
Scarlett Pallister
Alisha Walton-Rowlands



IMPORTANT

Please let us know if your personal details have changed including home address and telephone numbers so that we are confident that we are sending information to the correct recipient. Also, you are able to change your consent for the use of your child's photographs at any time. Please contact the office to make any changes, thank you.

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Free October Half Term Activities for children aged 5 – 16 years

Monday 28th 9.00 am – 3.00 pm, Tuesday 29th 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
and Thursday 31st 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Thursday 31st October: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Halloween Disco



Limited Places – please book to avoid disappointment.

At Pelaw View Community Centre
Wednesday 30th October 1-3pm - Football Skills
at Park next to the Pelaw View Centre



New activity - after half term

Wednesdays: 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Sherburn Road Football Skills @ Laurel Avenue
Children living on the top estate will be escorted
from Pelaw View Car Park.

Please meet at 3:45 pm and return at 5:45 pm

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Laurel United Youth Groups

Senior 11+ years – Mondays 5.00 – 7.00 pm, 50p entry

Junior 5-11 years – Tuesdays 4.00 – 5.30 pm, 50p entry

Tea Club

Tuesdays 3:15 – 4.00 pm (straight after school), £2.00 per child which includes entry to youth club. Please remember to send money into school or Community Centre clearly marked with child's name by no later than Tuesday morning.

Any additional spending money for the tuck shop can also be included.

Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9.00 – 11.00 am. Sessions are for children aged 0 – 5 years.

Breakfast and activities are FREE.

Credit Union savings club is also held during this time; school children may also bring their savings books into school on Thursdays. To find out how to join please contact school office or Claire at Community Centre office.

LA Rising Stars – Tuesdays 6.30 – 8.00 pm, all children welcome.

This session is FREE. Activities include cheerleading, drama, musical classes, singing and dancing.

Lunch Club – Thursdays 12.00 – 2.00 pm, everyone welcome.

£3.00 includes a 2 course hot meal and activities.

Caff Gaff

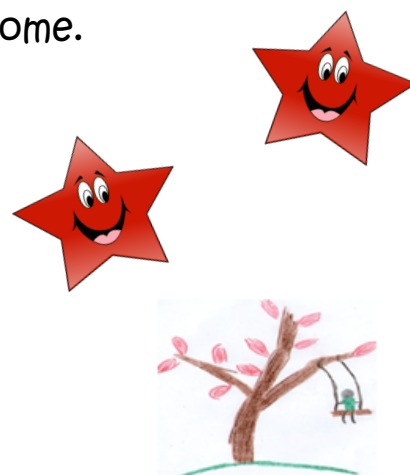
Coffee morning, every Friday between 9.00 – 11.00 am.

FREE - everyone welcome.

Light Exercise class

All ages. Come along and meet new friends and get fit!

Every Friday 9.30 – 10.30 am. Sessions are FREE.



We are a distribution point for Durham Food Bank.

Opening times are between 9.30 – 11.30 am every Saturday. For further information about referrals or other distribution point opening times, please contact Durham Food Bank: 0191 3037559.

Tel: 0191-3845427 Mobile: 07825956094

Email: Claire-laCa@hotmail.co.uk

Diary Dates



Friday 25th October: Break up for Half Term

Monday 28th – Friday 1st November: Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th November: Back to school

Monday 11th – Friday 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 13th November: Anti-Bullying Awareness Raising Day

Wednesday 13th November, 9.00 am: FOLAS Meeting, everyone welcome

Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day. More information to follow.

Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day themed lunch.

Tuesday 19th November, am: Class 3 Gymnastics Festival - Durham Gymnastics Club

Tuesday 19th November: Class 4 visit to Durham University – Physics into School Day

Thursday 21st November, 1.00 pm: Flu Immunisations in school

Tuesday 26th November: Durham Mayor visiting school

Wednesday 27th November: Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

Friday 29th November: School closed for Teacher Training



Monday 2nd December, 1.30 – 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December, 10.00 am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Lunch with Parents/Carers invited.

More details will be sent home next term

Friday 13th December, 10.00 am: Class 2 Christmas Production

Monday 16th December: Class 3 Sports Festival

Tuesday 17th December, pm: Nursery and Class 1 visiting Pantomime at Gala Theatre

Wednesday 18th December, 10.00 am: Classes 3 and 4 Christmas Production

Wednesday 18th December, pm: New College presenting The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe in school

Thursday 19th 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 3.15 pm.

Friday 20th December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long (No Star Assembly)

Friday 20th December, pm: Christmas Disco for Year 1 – Year 6

Friday 20th December: End of Term

Spring Term starts Tuesday 7th January 2020



IMPORTANT

Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS: 11th May – 14th May 2020

Year 2 Key stage 1 Assessment Period: Month of May 2020

Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during the week beginning June 8th 2020

Year 4 Multiplication-Tables Check will take place within
the three-week period from Monday 8th June 2020