



# NEWSLETTER



**St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Murton**

**Spring Term 2017**

## Youth Village Ministry Retreat



On the 11<sup>th</sup> January the Year 6 children went to the Youth Village Youth Ministry Retreat where we got the opportunity to spend time with our friends and also to make new friends! We stayed overnight in cabins and each person had a key card for their rooms. We spent a lot of our time reflecting and giving thanks to God for everything we have and how fortunate we are.

*Erin Vardy*

## Working in Partnership with St. Bede's

Class 4 have been working with some different teachers from St. Bede's. First, an Art Teacher came to our school to do some art with us. Over three weeks we designed and made doves with patterns and quotes on them. A few weeks later we did some yoga with a Sports Teacher and we carried out a routine to some peaceful music. After that, over the next two weeks, we did some dancing. We also worked with a Music Teacher who taught us to sing 'When the Saints Go Marching In' and 'Frere Jacques'. We got to record ourselves singing and listen back to our performances.

## Chinese New Year

To celebrate Chinese New Year all of the classes spent a day doing lots of different activities. In Class 3 we created our own blossom trees and wrote a retell of The Great Race which is a story about how the years of the zodiac got their names. Next, after lunch, we drew a picture of what we thought the mythical beast Nian might look like.

*Niamh Bushby and Alicia Kaur*



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## Safer Internet Day

All classes in the school participated in an Internet Safety Day which informed the children about how to stay safe when online and when using mobile phones and tablets. We went around the different classes where the teachers taught us different things about the internet and how to stay safe. Some of the things we learnt are: who we should talk to online (only people we know), to play on age appropriate games, what to do when a stranger wants to meet up.

The children then split into KS1 and KS2 and practised assemblies to present to their parents about all that they had learnt.



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## Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins. During this time we remember how Jesus spent 40 days by himself in the wilderness, praying and thinking. Shrove Tuesday is sometimes called Pancake Day because in the past people would give up rich foods and made pancakes to use up their rich ingredients. In lots of the classes we made our own delicious pancakes. In Class 3 we read The Runaway Pancake about a pancake that ran away, we laughed at the end when the pancake got eaten by the fox!

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## Ash Wednesday



On Ash Wednesday we all went to church to begin Lent. We got ashes in the shape of a cross on our foreheads to show that we are starting a new life. We try to be more helpful and kind during the six weeks of Lent. The priest made the ashes by burning palm leaves from last year's Palm Sunday and mixing them with oil and water.

*Gurdeep Sunner*

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## World Book Day

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March it was World Book Day. We all dressed up as different characters from stories. I dressed up as a Storm Trooper. Some people went to a Book Swap where they could swap two old books for two that they hadn't read before. We read lots of stories in class and some people won prizes for their costumes.

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## Easter Assemblies

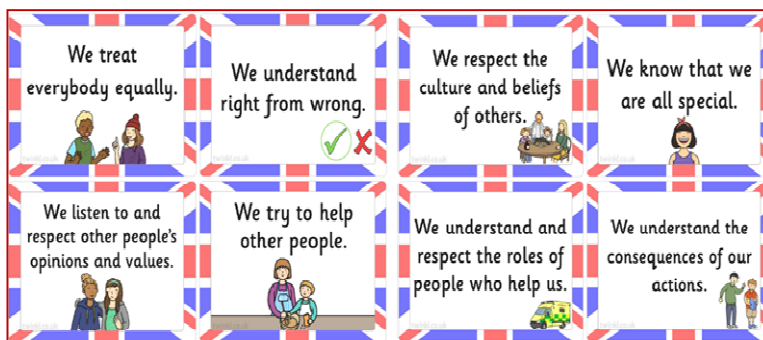


All of the classes held an Easter Assembly for the whole school to watch. Class 5 did an assembly about the Last Supper. Some of the boys played disciples and took part in eating the bread and drinking the wine whilst others narrated the story. Gurdeep played the part of Jesus and washed the disciples' feet. He broke the bread like in the real story when Jesus had his last meal with his disciples. All of the classes did a different part of the Easter story to remind us of the real meaning of Easter and how Jesus died on the cross and gave up his life for us. Class 4 did their assembly about Palm Sunday, Class 2 and 3's was about Good Friday and Class 1 did an assembly about Easter Sunday.

*Georgia Rutherford*

## British Values Day

On British Values Day we went to all of the different classes and learnt something different from each teacher. We learnt about democracy and the rules of law. We thought about making choices and the things that we have a right to as children. We learnt that everybody is different and that we need to be treated fairly.



*Jack Davison*

## Day for Easter

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> April it was Easter Day and we wore Easter bonnets and had a parade. Prizes were given to the people with the best bonnets. We also had an egg decorating competition. We decorated the eggs in lots of different ways and some people dyed eggs too. We had an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon and we all found some little eggs and got a big egg each. The whole school gathered in the hall at the end of the day for a special shared meal with sandwiches and cakes and fruit.



*Jessica Davies*



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## Kick Rounders

In Class 3 we have been working with a coach learning how to play Kick Rounders. First we were rolling and circling the ball. Everyone had a go at it to see if they could score points. We worked in teams throwing, catching, kicking and fielding. We enjoyed scoring lots of points. Kick Rounders is a lot of fun!



*Lennon Watson and Willis Vardy*

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## Skipping Workshops

Class 4 are soon taking part in a Skipping Festival. A skipping teacher came in to school to teach us skipping skills and we learnt loads! The skipping teacher was really nice – she taught everybody something new about skipping and we are all feeling excited for the festival!

*Harry Clarkson & Daniel Ayre*

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## Street Dance

Some of the children in Class 4 and 5 have been taking part in an after school street dance club! We got the chance to go and perform at a Dance Festival at the Glebe Centre. We watched a lot of other groups dance and they were really good. Before we stepped up on stage we all felt nervous but once it was over we wanted to do it again! We were very proud of ourselves and were excited to tell everyone how fun it was!

*Flynn Saddington and Lauren Meakin*

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## Mini Vinnies

During Lent the Mini Vinnies went to church every Monday Morning to do the Stations of the Cross. The junior children were invited to attend and a few children from Breakfast Club joined in with us.

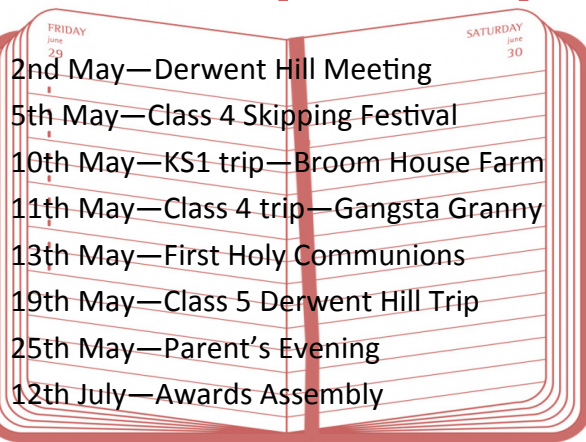


We have once again had a tremendous response to our Food Band Appeal and we would like to thank all of the people who supported this.

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## Dates for your Diary



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