



Fencing Club

On Mondays this term our school has been holding a Fencing Club. At the club we learned about the footwork you use while fencing and how to handle the fencing weapon. All of the club's members really enjoyed the experience especially when we got the chance to do electric fencing. We were dressed in the fencing clothes and practised battling each other on our third and fourth week. The coach taught us basic moves to block opponents attacks. Overall the club was enjoyable for everyone!

Erin White

Gymnastics

Class 2 took part in Gymnastics sessions and our coach was called Mrs Hall. We practised different rolls, jumps and balances. My favourite jump was a pike and my favourite balance was a tuck shape and my favourite roll was a forward roll. We showed our full sequence to our friends and completed peer assessment. We really enjoyed learning new things in gymnastics!



Zoe Blanchard & Lauren Meakin





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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Murton

Match Day Hero

Miss Nichols is celebrating after being named the Danone Nations Cup Match Day Hero 2015.

Nominated by our football team for being a consistent football manager, supporting the team through thick and thin, arranging the matches and making sure everyone gets some match play. Danone presented the Miss Nichols with a special trophy and a gift card as a thank you for her ongoing support to our football team. Charlotte Broos, CSR manager at Danone, said: "Congratulations to Miss Nichols! This year we want to celebrate the people in the community that make the ESFA Danone Nations Cup an unforgettable experience for the players. The nomination for Miss Nichols from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School really stood out and we are delighted to have her as our Match Day Hero."



Miss Nichols says: "I'm absolutely delighted to receive my Match Day Hero award from Danone. Thanks to everyone on the team for nominating me, I love watching them play football. They have had a fantastic season, I am very proud of them all."

We're Going on a Gruffalo Hunt

On Wednesday Class 2 went on a fun trip to Hamsterly Forest. We had a walk into the woods and we built some habitats for some pretend animals. My group made a den for a fox. We had to find a tree then we found some sticks to dig a hole. When the hole was deep enough we put the fox in it. After dinner we went to see the terrifying Gruffalo who was as big as a house! We made some goodies for him. We also got to play in the enormous play park.

Louis Greenhow





World Book Day



On the 5th March we all celebrated World Book Day. We all got dressed up and everyone from each class got up and paraded around the hall in our character costumes that we chose from a book. Three people from each class won and chose a prize. This year



we had a bit of a change and we invited all KS1 parents to come in to a special Reading Breakfast. Parents and children could share a book whilst eating a delicious breakfast. It was really nice to see all of the children reading to their parents. We really enjoyed World Book Day and can't wait until next year!

Jessica Gair, Millie Rogers, Grace Proudlock

Easter Celebrations

On the 27th March St. Joseph's gathered together to celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. All of the pupils in the school took a lot of time (and a great deal of effort) to create Easter Bonnets and decorated eggs for the competition amongst every person in the school family (even the teachers!) The teachers chose three of the contestants from each year group to win a prize and then all of the pupils took part in Easter activities until it was time for the shared meal. We went into the hall and prayed before we tucked into our food. Some very kind parents came in and helped. We then enjoyed the rest of the day with our families.

Kyle Nichols

Christmas Card Competition 2015

In February 2015 all Minni Vinnies were invited, by the Young Vincentians, to join a Christmas Card Designing Competition,



with a view to having the winning design printed ready for card distribution this Christmas. Our group received a letter from the Vincentians stating that Grace Proudlock and Erin White reached the quarter finals.

SVP Children's Raffle

Mini Vinnies raised over £82 by helping with an Easter Children's Raffle. The money was donated to the Sudan Baby Feeding Programme and we have received a certificate stating that the money will feed two babies for a year. We have supported this charity on three occasions now and intend to keep this charity supported through further fundraising events.







A Step Back in Time

Class 1 and 2 went on a special trip to Beamish In December. We went on a bus to get there. Some people said "Wow!" when we arrived because it was amazing! First we went in an old fashioned house. We played lots of games that people played in the olden days and made some Christmas biscuits. After we left the house we had a ride on a tram that took us to the old town where we could explore the shops. Next we went to see Santa. He gave us each an old fashioned toy and some special reindeer food and we got to feed his reindeer. We got the tram back to the entrance and soon we were on the bus. Some people had a sleep on the bus because we had had such an exciting day!

Zara Laverick & Josie Littlewood

Oh No You Didn't! Oh Yes We Did!

The school were lucky enough to go to see the pantomime Aladdin at the Gala theatre in Durham. We all got ice creams in the interval and they were yummy!









"It made me feel like I was on the stage!" Sophie McQuade

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