



NEWSLETTER



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Murton

October 2014

KS 2 have a 'roaring' time...

"The animals were amazing!"
Dylan Purvis

"I liked the masks."
Roop Kahlon

On Thursday 9th October, classes 3, 4 and 5 visited The Sunderland Empire to see The Lion King. When we got to the theatre in Sunderland we had to wait a while because we were early. After a while it was time to go and get our seats. Suddenly Rafiki, the funniest character, emerged from the vast red curtain and roared "Nants ingonyama bagithi ba-ba" which means 'Here comes a lion, Father'. Some of the other songs in The Lion King are 'Hakuna Matata', 'Be Prepared' and 'I Just Can't Wait to be King'. I enjoyed them all! My favourite part of The Lion King was the hyenas when they said Mufasa's name in a funny voice. When we got back to school we were all really tired but we'd had a fantastic time!

Layton Peacock

Class 2 go wild!

In class 2 we have been learning about safari animals and we have a fantastic Role Play Area. As well as the Role Play we have got a Small World of safari animals. We created some safari landscapes and learned some safari poems. Our topic in RE is 'Family'. We drew some pictures of members of our family. In our Maths we are learning about addition and using number facts.

Louis Greenhow



"I made a monkey and I have been hunting for animals."
Ava Nutman



Stone Age Seaham

Class 3 have been to visit Seaham beach to learn about the Stone Age. The first thing that we did was to think what our groups were going to be called. One was called the 'Sea



horses' and the other was called the 'Spear heads'. My favourite thing was when we made shelters with only waterproof sheets, rope, string and stones. It was very fun! My second favourite thing we did was to make a stone age village out of stones on the beach. I also learned how to survive in stone age times and how to make a fire out of flint and steel. We also cooked chocolate orange muffins over the fire.

Sophie McQuade

Welcome to the family...

In Class 1 this September we welcomed 24 new Reception children into our St. Joseph's family. We have had a very busy first half term making new friends and exploring our new school. Our topic this term is 'Ourselves'. We were visited by our school nurse, Nurse Andrea, who talked to us about keeping fit and healthy. We have also been making some tasty, healthy treats. We enjoyed picking vegetables from our school allotments to make vegetable soup and we also designed and made our own fruit kebabs!

"I've
made
new
friends."
Millie Bell

"I like
playing
outside."
Lennon
Watson



Turning Concern into Action



Mini Vinnies have recently been fundraising for the Sudan Baby Feeding Station and for Polio



Awareness. Our new charity event will take place on the 12th December where we will be wearing our Christmas themed jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. We are also currently running a food bank appeal. Don't forget to send your non-perishable donations to school!

William Turner

Celebrating the agricultural heritage of the North East

On Thursday 18th September, Year 5 and 6 visited Beamish Agricultural Show. The school was represented fabulously as the children won many prizes! First prizes were won in the artwork, vegetable animal and sewing categories while



gingerbread characters and KS1 and KS2 handwriting claimed second prize. The school also won third prize in the vegetable animal category and the flowers grown by the school. Furthermore, the school received an 'Outstanding' award for its contribution to



the show. The children had a fantastic day taking part in activities such as archery, scarecrow making and watching a falconry display, as well as enjoying the Victorian fairground rides such as the shuggy boats! The children then spent the rest of the day exploring Beamish Museum itself.

Erin White

Going for Green!

In September, a tall man came to our school to see how ecofriendly we are, and to find out if we were allowed to keep our Green Flag. Our Eco Council showed him around the school, starting with the chickens. He was amazed with how many different kinds we have and was shocked by the blue eggs! Afterwards we took him to every class. He thought all of the children were exceptionally polite and he said that we were an excellent Eco-School and we got to keep the Green Flag!

Neve Hall



"He said
the hens
were
fantastic!"

Olivia Gair

Gardener's Corner



In Gardening Club this half term, we will be building some new flower beds because the old ones have all collapsed. This term there is also millions of leaves and helicopter seeds for us to sweep up! Miss Thompson has a special sweeping brush which collects them brilliantly. So far gardening club has been extremely fun!

Neve Hall

Eden Colliery Cup Champions!

On the 15th October our school football team travelled to the final group stage of the Eden Colliery Cup in Red Rose, Chester-le-Street and came away cup winners! This was our third successive time at the final but the first time that we have won.

The team put in a fantastic performance by winning all of our three matches!



Kyle Nichols

A message from Miss Jones

I am delighted to inform you that our Year 6 children in 2014 left our school with very good KS2 results:

- 94% of Y6 children achieved Level 4+ in reading (59% level 5)
- 100% level 4+ in maths (59% level 5 and 18% level 6) and
- 94% in writing (35% level 5)

This is a great achievement for the pupils and the school and we look forward to many more successful years.

I hope the hard work and commitment shown by last years Y6 children helps to inspire and raise aspirations of all the children in our school.

Dates for your diary

Christmas Fayre:
Thursday 27th
November



Timetable for collections will be as follows:

20th October – 23rd October – Bottles
3rd November – 7th November – Tins

Cakes may be brought in on the morning of the Fayre.

Our school website: www.murton-st-josephs.durham.sch.uk



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