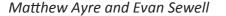
Regional Finals

Our football team reached the regional finals of the Danone Nations Cup on the 19th March at Cramlington Learning Village. We got there 30 minutes before the first match to warm up. The match didn't go great for both teams in the first half with neither team managing to score a goal. In the second game it didn't quite go to plan as we conceded in the first half. Sadly the final score ended in a St. Jospeh's loss. After that we had a one match break—then we got back in to the action. In the first half we conceded many goals and the second half our form didn't change and we didn't manage to score a goal. Unfortunately we didn't manage to score in any of our matches. However, we are still very proud for making it this far - 5th place in the whole North of England.





Gymnastics Training

This term in Class 3 we have been doing Gymnastics. We were working on balancing positions and creating starting and finishing shapes. Over the next few weeks we developed sequences. We think it is safe to say that we loved showing our fabulous sequences on the equipment.

Mark Barnes and Owen Summerbell

Hoopstarz

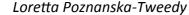
On the 23rd February some of the Class 2 girls went to the Hoopstarz Festival. It was really fun when we did the Two Hoop Munchkin—that was our favourite trick! There were lots of nice people there. We really didn't want to go back to school because it was so much fun!



Lucy Pattison

Dance Festival

We went to the Glebe Centre for a Dance Festival. We practised our dance with a coach. She was teaching us how to dance to the Summer Holiday song. We used buckets and spades and a suitcase in our dance. On the Dance Festival day we watched lots of dancers and some of them were much older than us. We went on a big stage to do our dance and lots of people watched us and we felt shy. After the dance everybody clapped and we felt happy.



Some of the Year 3 and 4 girls performed a Cheerleading dance routine. We all got new red and yellow tops to wear so we would look smart and our dance got a big cheer at the end. We were taught the routine by the dance group who come to our school every Thursday after school and teach us cheerleading.





Erin Kelsey

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Youth Village Retreat

We all came to school in our own clothes with our luggage, ready for our one and a half hour journey to the Youth Village in Consett. Once our teacher took the register, we put ourselves into pairs and walked to the bus. After we got settled down, the bus driver pulled away amd we prepared ourselves for the exciting journey. As we got off the bus, the driver collected our bags and returned them to us. The whole of our class and Year 5 went to the auditorium, where we were shown a video about taking a break and stepping back from life. As the other schools left the dinner hall, we went in for our dinner—hungry after the long bus ride. Next we were introduced to our new rooms where we would sleep for the night. In our rooms there were two beds, a bathroom and a wardrobe. Later we got split into various groups who were assigned to different workshops such as painting, dance, music and drama. In these groups we made and learnt about new things for the Celebration—an event to show what we've learnt. During the celebration, we showed off our amazing dance moves while the choir workshop sung their hearts out and the drama group acted the Gospel. The art workshop had painted a massive tree, their leaves had our

names on to signal how special we are. On day two, after a good night's sleep, we tidied our rooms and headed for breakfast. After that, we said our farewells and took a school photo before heading home.

Harvey Young and William Turner



London's Burning!

Class 2 went on an exciting trip to the Fire Station. We had been learning about the Great Fire of London in class. We saw the huge, red fire truck and some firemen. Their job is to put out fires and rescue people. My favourite part was when he slid down the pole.

Ava Nutman





Easter Celebrations

On the 21st March, St. Joseph's gathered together to celebrate Easter. 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. Congratulations to our competition winners! We all enjoyed our shared meal together at the end of the day.





Mini Vinnies

During Lent, Miss Ward came to our school to support the Mini Vinnies in creating purple ribbons for the church community. Over one hundred ribbons were made using purple silk and were handed out at church. Wearing the ribbon is an outward sign to others that you are observing the Lenten season. We have also been busy collecting donations for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Please remember to send your dontations in to school, they are always gratefully received!



Georgia Rutherford and Jasmine Edwards-Bennett





Dates for your Diary 19th April— Class 2 trip: Winter Gardens 20th April—Choir singing at Glebe Cente 9th May—SATs Week 13th May—Y5/6 High Adventure 21st May—First Holy Communions 26th May—Parent's Evening

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On the 3rd March we had our annual celebration for World Book Day. We started off the day with a Reading Breakfast for Class 1 and 2 and it was wonderful to see so many families sharing stories and a delicious breakfast. Thank you to everyone who came to share their love of reading. Once again we had a fantastic costume parade. Well done to everyone for their fantastic effort! The costumes get better every year!







Iron Man





This term in Class 3 we had an exciting topic about the Iron Man! We all had to go home and for our project create a friend for the Iron Man. Chloe's robot was the biggest! They were all different shapes and sizes and some even lit up! We read the Iron Man novel and it was an exciting read. We discovered that there was a test of strength between the giant and a space bat. We wrote newspaper reports all about it as well as character descriptions and story openings.

Josie Littlewood and Ava Smith

Family Initiative Supporting Children's Health

Class 4 have been very lucky this term! A group called FISCH (Family Initiative Supporting Children's Health) have been in, teaching all of us about healthy living. We found out all about how to eat a healthy diet and how exercise affects out bodies. Each week we did some exercise and found out about a different aspect of healthy living. After we completed the course we all got a certificate to show how much we had learnt.

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