

Chinese New Year

We have celebrated Chinese New Year in our classes. In Class 4 we had a lovely day learning about the different ways in which the day is celebrated. We looked at the story of the Jade Emperor and how the animals were awarded their place on the zodiac. We had arts and crafts in class and designed our own pig money box.



One of our favourite activities was the tasting session. Noodles and fried rice were the favourite and a few of us enjoyed the spring rolls and prawn toast! Some of us were very brave and even tried curry sauce and sweet and sour dipping sauce.

Kai Gardner

Student Council STPG

A group of children from each class have been working together to stop the dangers in our car park. We need your help to stop the chaos! Our aim is to encourage everyone to walk school as much as they can. By doing this you are helping to save the planet by putting less pollution into the environment. We will also be spending more quality time with our families, whilst getting some exercise and that's only a few of the benefits.

We understand it is difficult for the children who live outside of Murton to walk to school, so we are asking you if you could park and stride instead of driving the whole way. After all it would only add 5 minutes to your journey!

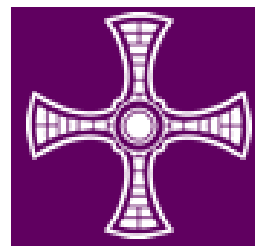
Please help us improve the safety in our car park!



Freya Sproates & Willis Vardy

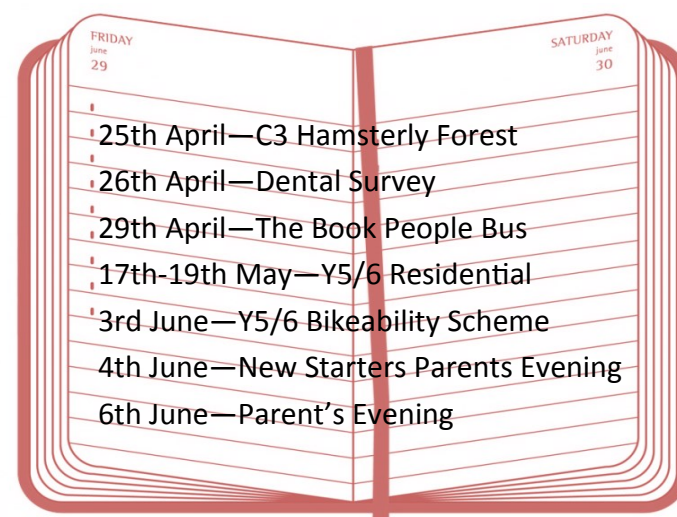
What we do at the Youth Council

At the Youth Council we do many activities such as planning assemblies, doing craft and attending meetings. We enjoy being part of the council and working with teachers and other children and staff from other schools in our local area.



Lucy Pattison

Dates for your Diary



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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Murton

Spring Term 2019

Gem Power

We have been working with Dr Tom Robson and his gem power project this term. In class we are battling with Mrs Cartwright to win diamonds, rubies and emeralds.



Diamond Power – We win these by being responsible, identifying and solving a problem without needing the help from an adult.

Ruby Power – This is earned by supporting our friends and adults in the class. Smiling and helping when we know they have a problem. We love to praise each other when we have shared a good piece of work in class.

Emerald Power- 'Stepping off the edge.' This is the most difficult gem to collect because it can be hard to have a go at something when we know that it is difficult and we might not get it right. Mrs Cartwright and Mrs Dixon have been working with us so that we know it's OK to get things wrong and how we can use our diamond power to help solve the problem. Sighing and pulling faces at a challenge is not allowed in our class now!

Class 4

Shrove Tuesday

We made pancakes to mark Shrove Tuesday in Class 1. We read 'Mr. Wolf's Pancakes'. None of his neighbours would help him and at the end of the story he gobbled them up and ate the pancakes too!



Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday we gathered together as a parish family to prepare together for our journey through Lent. Lent is a time for change, a time to open our hearts to God. During the service Father Hastie made the sign of the cross on our foreheads to remind us we aren't on earth forever and will turn to dust.



Remember man that you are dust and into dust you shall return.

Do you know the ashes come from last year's palm crosses?

During Lent Father Hastie will wear purple. This is to symbolise both pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion and to represent that Jesus is royalty.

Leila Liddle

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Welcome Bishop Robert Byrne

On Tuesday 26th March Lucy Pattison, Isabelle Todd, Miss Jones and I attended a cathedral in Newcastle to welcome the new bishop. 156 schools attended the special welcoming ceremony. We sang lots of songs and met many priests and talked to the new bishop.

Ava Nutman

Liturgy

Year 5 and 6 went to St. Bede's with lots of other schools on Thursday 14th March to see the Youth Council perform a liturgy — it was a great experience. They opened the liturgy with a song and we listened to readings about Lent. Following that, each school came down to the altar with an offering. We were given a purple cross to wear during Lent.

Grace Haswell & Abigail Wallace

PE at St. Bede's

On Friday 1st March the children of Year 5 and 6 took an exciting trip to St. Bede's comprehensive school for a PE session. Miss Barass, a teacher of PE at the school, supervised us. We had a fun morning dancing and going on the trampoline! We returned on the 15th March and prepared ourselves for fun. First we were taught how to do a forward roll and then it got tricky! Most of us struggled to do the handstands on the wall but we sure did have a great time! We enjoyed attempting to do frog headstands. Last, but by no means least, we climbed our way to victory by building human pyramids. In the future we would love to return to St. Bede's.

Josie Littlewood & Zoe Blanchard

World Book Day



We all enjoyed our annual World Book Day celebrations on the 15th March. There were, as always, some amazing costumes! We all designed a wooden spoon book character and prizes were given to the best in each class. In the afternoon we held a book swap in the hall and then we joined up with another class to "Share a Story". Congratulations to our winners!

Food Bank

Every week our class—Class 5 visits the Salvation Army. We donate food for less fortunate people. As Christians we help others. Sometimes we sing songs together and say prayers.



Niamh Bushby

Soccarena

Recently year 1, 2, 3 and 4 took part in a Soccarena football tournament. We tried hard and won a game. We enjoyed it and had a fun day out!

Oliver Higgins.

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Ahoy there!

Our topic this term is pirates! We designed a pirate's bottle and spent a lot of time writing our own message to go inside of the bottle. We wrote messages like "Ahoy there matey it's your captain!" and "I will send you to the sharks!". To make the message look old we stained the page using a tea-bag and water. Then we had to decorate a plastic bottle. Learning about pirates is very exciting work!



Class 2

Easter Collective Worships



During the period leading up to Easter, each class has been taking a turn leading a collective worship to tell the Easter Story. Class 2 told the story of The Last Supper. We had lots of fun! Some of us were narrators and we had lots of words to say. We learnt a new song to sing- this was our favourite part! Our Mission for the week was to be a kind and loyal friend. We all have a very good understanding of why we celebrate Easter and enjoyed gathering together to share the Good News.

Class 2

Footprints!

Class 1 were very surprised this term when they discovered some giant muddy footprints in our yard! We made lots of predictions and had lots of great ideas about how they could have got there! After some investigation work, we couldn't believe our eyes when we saw that Mrs Fox's security camera had filmed some dinosaurs walking around our outside area!



Class 1

Murton Library



Every three weeks Class 5 go to Murton Library and we pick from a big selection of books. At the end the librarian reads us a story. On our latest visit we read the BFG.

Skipping Festival

Class 4 and 5 had a great time at the skipping festival. We had fun and we were very successful. At the skipping festival we won lots of gold awards, a couple of silver and one or two bronze. During the previous weeks we worked our socks off practising! Our hard work really paid off!

Freya Sproates

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