

Newsletter 17th June 2016

Dear Parents,

What's been happening in school. . .

Curriculum and Learning

- Year 5 have taken part in a 'Play in a Day' event based on the Amazon Rainforest. Children worked really hard to produce a performance to show to their parents at the end of the day.
- A Athletics assembly took place on Tuesday 7th June for Years 2, 3 & 4 to raise the profile of using Athletics at home and the importance of maths in every day life.
- We have started a Forest Schools Project. This entails a group of Year 3 & 5 children working in the grounds of Auckland Castle carrying out activities such as making dens for their string characters and identifying trees in the surrounding area. Mr Gillis is accompanying the children whilst Ruth Chittendon from Auckland Castle leads the project.
- On Thursday 9th June Reception Class visited Escomb Church as part of their RE curriculum. Reverend Roni Mechanic performed a baptism and discussed the features of the church. Pupils enjoyed their visit and their packed lunch at Escomb Play area. Thanks to Escomb Village Hall for kindly allowing us to use their facilities.
- Our Britain through the Decades project continues. Matthew, a professional photographer worked with Year 4 and Year 5 on Thursday 9th June. The children explored the history of cameras and photography. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. On Friday 10th June Ira the Storyteller shared his fascinating tales with Year 1, 2 and 3. His input inspired the children to write some wonderful stories and descriptions of their own. On Tuesday this week Bethany Coyle, singer, was in school. Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 had the opportunity to develop their singing skills and knowledge of songs through the decades with her.
- On Wednesday it was the Year 6 Leavers' service at Durham Cathedral. The children were involved in activities that encouraged them to reflect on their time at primary school and to look forward to what the next phase in their education will bring. The activities were followed by a service of prayers and song.
- Year 4 visited the Bible exhibition at Wear Valley Christian Centre as part of their RE curriculum. The children enjoyed this and some follow up work will be done over the next few weeks.

Sport:

- Year 6 will take part in swimming sessions for next 4 weeks (last session 4th July)
- The Year 5/6 Mixed Cricket Team and also the Girl's Cricket Team attended festivals recently. Congratulations to both teams for reaching the County Finals next week.
- Year 6 took part in a FitBlast session in school this week. This is something that we are hoping to introduce as an After school activity from September.
- Year 5 & 6 Athletics team have just returned to school. Mr Gillis informs me that we have had some impressive performances with some of our children getting through to the County Finals. I will up-date you in the next newsletter. Well Done to all the team.

Other events:

Our 'Butty & a Brew' Father's Day Event was well-attended this morning. Thank you to all Dads and Grandads who came along—you helped us raise £125 towards school funds.

Notices:

- The Riding Centre for Special People, Escomb are holding a community fair on Sunday 19th June from 10—4 p.m. There will be pony rides, inflatable slide, ice-cream van, cake stall etc. All welcome.
- Group Photographs—Please return your orders by 22nd June 2016 as a collection has been booked to collect these. Unfortunately any photographs returned after this date will incur a fee from the photographer.

Have a lovely weekend.

Wendy Gill & Staff



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

10th June 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Kibbi M
Class 1	Caelan H
Class 2	Ross J
Class 3	Brooke H
Class 4	James D
Class 5	Whole Class
Class 6	Lucy M

Superstar of the Week!

Brooke H

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Class Nominations

Reception	Iris C
Class 1	Scarlett H
Class 2	Charlie D
Class 3	Brianna T
Class 4	John H
Class 5	Scarlett S
Class 6	Daniel W

Superstar of the Week!

*** Scarlett H ***

ATTENDANCE

Please note that the expected attendance level for the whole school and individuals is 95%.

Holidays in term time is greatly affecting our attendance and where individual attendance falls below this, then referrals are made.

Writer of the Week

10th June 2016

Reception	Nathan K
Class 1	Sophie B
Class 2	Francesca M
Class 3	Jayden D
Class 4	Mia H
Class 5	Lucy B
Class 6	George T

Good to Be Green

Lucky Dip Winners 10th June

Lucy O & Freya F

Lucky Dip Winners 17th June

Jacob C & Evi D

Writer of the Week

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Reception	Zaine B
Class 1	Finley B
Class 2	Finlay C
Class 3	Abigail W
Class 4	Leah A
Class 5	Amelia B
Class 6	Joe B

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 6th June 2016

Year 6

95.7%

Whole School 93.2%