

ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 11th March 2016

Music

On Monday 22nd February Year 6 went to a concert at The Gala Theatre Durham to listen to the Durham University Orchestra. The children enjoyed the opportunity to see talented musicians perform.

On Friday 4th March Year 2 worked with a professional singer Bethany Coyle. This is part of a Big Sing project with our Bishop Auckland Cluster of schools. Bethany will be back in school next week to work with the children again before they perform at Bishop Auckland Central Methodist Church along with the other schools involved. A separate letter outlining the details of this event will be sent out to Year 2 children.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated world book day on Thursday 3rd March. The children worked in their 'Family Groups'. It was lovely to see younger children working with older children and sharing their favourite books and associated props!



What else has been happening . . .

On Tuesday 23rd February Connor, Ethan W & Casper from Year 5 visited The Buddhist Retreat Centre near Hexham. This was part of the Faith Week Event organised with our cluster schools to learn about different religions. The children have then worked together to share their knowledge and expertise with each other.

Rev David Briggs from Witton Park Methodist Church was in school to deliver an assembly on Thursday 3rd March. The assembly was on the theme of sharing and looking after each other.

Four children from Year 5 & 6 who are in our Ann Frank Family Group visited Woodhouse Close Community Primary School to view the Ann Frank exhibition that was on show there. This was to give them some background information that they could feed back to their group. Mrs Robinson accompanied them as she is the teacher leading this family group.

(N.B. This term, after discussion with our Year 6 children and VIP group, we have re-named our family groups. The children decided that our Family Groups should be named after inspirational people.)

Yesterday interviews were held at school for the post of Deputy Headteacher. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Collings was appointed and will take up post with immediate effect. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Collings on her success — I know that she will continue to offer invaluable support in making Escomb Primary School the best place to be for our children. Have a good weekend.

Wendy Gill & Staff

Keeping Active

On Tuesday 1st March our **Key Stage 2 Cross Country Team** took part in a competition held in the grounds of Bishop Auckland College. We had some individual winners and team winners that have been to the County finals today. Well done to Ethan S, Tilly R, Patrick B-A, Zak G, Aaron B, Alfie J, Bobby D, Jamie W and particularly 'Well Done' to Leah A who came 2nd in the finals.

Our **Year 3 & 4 football team** have continued to play in the league at the Alun Armstrong Centre. Last Thursday the team played really well and won one game and lost two. Mr Jones has been impressed with the way the team have played together. Thank you to parents for transporting children to and from the event.

Destination Judo visited school last Wednesday and ran taster sessions with Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 children. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and learning new skills.

Year 3 Egyptian Museum

Year 3 children have worked really hard on their Learning Challenge this term 'Can we rediscover the Ancient Wonders of Egypt?' As part of their work they designed and made Egyptian artefacts in school and at home. They set up a museum in the classroom and invited parents to come along and visit. The museum was fantastic and reflected the depth of understanding and enthusiasm that the children have demonstrated throughout this learning challenge. The museum was extremely professional with the children acting as curators and there was an even a visitors book to sign! Well Done Year 3!

Mother's Day Event

Thank you to parents and grandparents for your kind donations of cakes and for coming along to make it such a successful morning. We raised approximately £500 which we are donating to Cancer Research in honour of a very lovely Mum and for all of us who have lost someone precious.

Star of the Week Award

26th February 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Zack R
Class 1	Lyla T
Class 2	Finlay B
Class 3	Adam F
Class 4	Isabel D
Class 5	Alicia M
Class 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week!

*** Finlay B ***

Well Done

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Class Nominations

Reception	Charlie C
Class 1	Lillie C
Class 2	Jessica B
Class 3	Whole Class
Class 4	Noah M
Class 5	Emily O
Class 6	Kate M

Superstar of the Week!

*** Noah M ***

Well done

Writer of the Week

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Reception	Iris C
Class 1	Ethan W
Class 2	Charlie D
Class 3	Hannah D
Class 4	Michael S
Class 5	Grace G
Class 6	Sadie W

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Class Nominations

Reception	Daisy B-W
Class 1	Sophie B
Class 2	Anna T
Class 3	Macey D
Class 4	Matthew B
Class 5	Michael B
Class 6	Jamie-Lee B

**Well Done for producing
such fabulous writing!**

Good to Be Green

Lucky Dip Winners

KS1 Zak R

KS2 Aaron

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KS1 Oliver J

KS2 Lucy E

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 22/2/16
2016

Class 1

100%

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 29/2/16
2016

Class 2

98.3%