



NEWSLETTER



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Murton

Summer Term

Ulverston



On Friday 17th May , Years 5 and 6 attended a residential weekend at the YMCA Lakeside Centre. The ride was long but we all found a way to entertain ourselves. The Year 6 children were shocked at the size of the cabins! We did lots of activities, which pushed us out of our comfort zones and tested our stamina. We did kayaking, archery and bush-craft to name a few. Most of us enjoyed the king swing the best—we know **we** did! We all returned home happy and exhausted (and with **lots** of washing). We really enjoyed our trip to Ulverston and we would love to visit again in the future.

Josie Littlewood and Zoe Blanchard

Cricket Champions!

Eight children from Year 4 and 5 won the 2018-19 Year 5 Cricket Competition. All eight players performed very well and they were deserved winners. After winning a closely contested semi-final, the team went on to win an exciting final. Each of the team members bowled, batted and fielded extremely well and were over the moon to have come first in the competition.





Beamish

Class 2 went on a fun trip to Beamish! We learnt lots about old transport. We now know a lot about the Penny Farthing which is a really old bike. We got to ride a tram and even got to stroke a horse. We loved going super-fast on the stream train! We especially loved lunch time and getting to try some biscuits in the bakery— they were

yummy! It was so funny sitting in the old school because it was very different to our school. There was a huge fire which was there to keep the teacher warm. At the end of the day we rode home on a coach which was a lot different to the transport we rode at Beamish as it was cosy and warm.

Forbidden Corner

Class 4 were so lucky to get to go to the Forbidden Corner this term. The sun was out when we arrived and it was nice to see all of the children laughing and working as a team as they found the different brass rubbings hidden in the mazes and follies. It was an amazing end to our year together!



Butterfly World



In Class 1 we finished off our 'Our World' topic with a trip to Butterfly World and Preston Park. We all enjoyed seeing the beautiful butterflies and were amazed how close they flew to us! We also saw meerkats, ants, snakes and lizards. We enjoyed exploring the play park and our special ice-cream treat at the end of the day!

Hamsterly Forest

At Hamsterly Forest Class 3 had lots of fun because we found numbers and shapes on trees. We found lots of trees in the forest. After that we played Top Trumps. We went through tunnels and hoops and over logs. We hid a teddy and made new homes for animals.



Rhea Gardner and Danny Wilson

Make your own kind of music

On Friday 12th July, Years 5 and 6 performed a Leavers Mass at St. Joseph's RC Church. The children sang beautifully and really told a story as they sang. You could tell there was a lot of hard work put into learning the songs they performed. Miss Parker—the music teacher—worked hard with the children to get them on the right notes and put solos and harmonies into the songs. During the children's performance there was a number of parents crying and a few pupils attending the mass were in tears too. The children's performance was amazing and we wish all of the leavers good luck in their new schools!



Zoe Blanchard

Chicks

In class this term, we have been hatching chicks. The first batch that we put in the incubator only gave us one chick, which after a vote in class was named 'Cheep Cheep'. It was so cute and very noisy and it had to be at the front of the class with us because it did not like to be left on its own. Cheep Cheep got lots of cuddles every day and liked to go to sleep in our cardigans, she was so spoilt that Mrs Cartwright used to take her home on a weekend and she liked to snuggle on the couches!



Stella Corsar

Lindisfarne

Class 5 visited the Holy Island of Lindisfarne this term as part of their Vikings history topic. On a beautiful sunny day, the class took part in a 'treasure hunt', solving a range of clues as they took in the island's beauty. It was a fun day out and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves! The children visited St Mary's Church, the Castle and were even given a tour of a current archaeological dig.



Multi-Skills



This term some of Class 2 have attended the after school club 'multi-skills'. It is a club where we learn lots of different sport skills. It is a little bit like PE. We have played lots of games and had lots of fun! Each week

we did something different. We got to play with a parachute and play different ball games. In a lot of the games we had to play fairly and work as a team. We really hope we can continue this club in Year 2.

"The club
was
amazing!"

Jacob Hall

ASDA

Terry from Asda came to visit Class 3 to talk to us about plastic. Terry said that plastic is killing lots of sea creatures because people aren't throwing it away properly and are throwing it into the water. We are now Plastic Investigators! We went to Asda to see what packaging is made of and how we can help to reduce plastic waste.



Logan Burney and Kieran Singh

After School Climbing Club



In the Summer term, Class 5 took part in an after-school Climbing Club at the Sunderland Climbing Wall in Pallion. Over the course of six sessions, the children built their confidence and climbing skills on a variety of climbing walls. They all showed good teamwork skills

and encouraged each other to push themselves to improve.

"I loved it! I could feel myself getting better every week!"

Reuben Banks

Alnwick Castle

Class 4 have been on a fantastic trip to Alnwick castle this term. We went there because of our topic Myths and Legends and although the day was wet, it did not stop us from having lots of fun!

We started our sessions with the story of Harry Hotspur the Knight from Alnwick Castle. The Chronicler needed our help during the story to decide on what the right choices Harry should have taken in his life. The story was also acted out for us as we sat on warm, fluffy sheepskin rugs!



Next was 'Storming the Castle' where we had to split into two teams, England

v's Scotland. Scotland were trying to capture the castle and we had swords and arrows to battle them to the death with! Obviously, England won and we marched the losers to the dungeon and locked them up!

We flew on broomsticks later in the day and were terrified when we woke a dragon in dragon quest and the rain did not bother us at all!

Kaitlyn Graham

Shotton Hall Outdoor Activity Day



First Class 3 went on a coach to Shotton Hall. Next we did an obstacle course. After that we went on the Night Line. I loved the Water Barrel race because I got soaking! I loved it when we copied the map. I loved it when we had lunch because it was yummy! I loved it when we did the skipping race. In the end we went home.

Hadyn Glass & Hattie Clarkson

Awards



On Wednesday 10th July we gathered in the church for our awards assembly. Many proud parents came to watch. Miss Jones gave out attendance awards, choir awards and gardening awards to name a few. We were all pleased with ourselves and our friends. The children sang beautifully.

The Book Bus

The Book Bus was a big red bus which had lots of books in! You could take your money and buy a book. The man asked us to count our own money to pay for it. It was really nice to have a choice of lots of different books. In the morning we went with our friends and Miss Carlin. After school we went on with our parents.

*"The Book Bus
was full of books
and it was
spectacular!"*

Isobelle Parker

Sports Day



On Sports Day we took part in lots of races like the Long Run and Bean Bag Relay. It was so much fun! I got first place in the running race! The toddlers did a race and the Dads and Mams too!

Josie Littlewood and Joseph Iwenya

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Destination Judo



The whole school had the opportunity to have a go at Judo when we were visited by some of the team from Destination Judo. It was so much fun! We went into the hall and it was

“We had to take our partner down by grabbing them and lifting them!”

Theo Wotton

covered in mats. We got to learn new skills and play games. It is very important you are sensible when practising and listen to the instructors.

River Cruise

To finish our Geography topic on rivers, Class 4 went to Newcastle and cruised down the river to the mouth of the sea. As we travelled out towards the sea it became colder and colder because of the wind coming off the sea. On the trip we saw the different features of the river and how the river helped industry. There were lots of manmade buildings along the river banks and we even saw a lighthouse!



Hareni Kanthjegan



The Walk to School Council came together to promote walking to school in an assembly. We did this the week before the National Walk to School Week. The group decided to close the church car park. We explained what we had discussed in our meetings and how if we walk to school it would help go towards getting our Bronze travel plan award, which is important for our new school extension.

Jessica Davies

Music Showcase

We have been busy learning lots of different songs this year with Miss Parker the music teacher. We had lots of fun at the Big Play! Lots of schools in County Durham joined in. We got to sing in front of all our parents. At the start we were afraid but by the end we felt proud. We really loved the song at the end when the whole school sang together.



Amelia Carter and Adam Grogan

Year 5/6 Athletics

Year 5 and 6 children took part in an athletics festival at Easington Colliery Primary School. It was an exciting day and we competed against athletes from many other local schools. After competing in running, throwing and jumping events, we all took part in a relay race. We all tried our very best and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



First Holy Communions



Children from Year 4, 5 and 6 made their First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Church. A lot of hard work went into preparing for the event and we all enjoyed singing, writing prayers and reflecting on our relationship with God. Our special day was exciting and it meant a lot to all of us.

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