

Dear Parents,
Please find below our latest news

Holocaust Memorial day

On the 27th January, Finlay C, Connah R, Connie H and April G travelled to the Holocaust Memorial Day at Lanchester EP primary school with Mrs Sangster. We were honoured to meet a Holocaust survivor (Sigmund Ciffer) who told us all about his life. Sigmund, who likes to be known as Sigi, was born in Marcalgergelyi – a small village in Hungary- 1925. He didn't have the easiest life when he was young as he was a Jew. In later life, Sigi was forced to depart from his family and his childhood home. We were given the chance to ask Mr Ciffer some questions about what it was like throughout the Holocaust. Unfortunately, only 3 of his siblings survived through that vile, gruesome time. We listened intently to all his responses and took in all the information he had to tell. After our questions had been answered, we had the opportunity to write our own reflections on forgiveness using Purple Mash. Thank you Sigmund Ciffer for sharing your amazing life experiences with us!

Written by Connie, April, Finlay C and Connah – Year 6

Super Swimmers!

On Friday the 31st January a group of children from years 3-6 participated in the swimming gala as part of the level 2 Primary Games. Children represented the school brilliantly by showing great determination, which later paid off during the events. All together there was 24 schools competing. 12 in the morning and 12 on the afternoon.

This is our swimming team!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sophie H	Finlay H	Sophie B	Harrison S
Matty R	Elise G	Thomas B	Connie H
Kate D	Lena C	Daniel B	Jess B
Mason T		Lucy R	Ethan R
			Finlay C

The Dodge Ball League

Over the past weeks, 9 year 6 children have taken part in the dodge-ball league at Bishop Barrington. We played every Wednesday night after school and played 3 or 4 games that lasted 14 minutes each. We all want to say a big thank you to Mr Brentnall for organising this and supporting all of us along the way. We had a brilliant time playing dodge-ball and would love to play this again. The games were so fun and the rules were very fair. We won lots of matches but some schools were just too good to beat!

By Charlie, Jayden and Anna

SATS Meetings

The Key Stage 2 SATs meeting was held in January for Year 6 parents.

A meeting for Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2 parents) is scheduled for 3.45p.m. on Wednesday 26th February.

A text will be sent so that you can confirm your attendance.

Climate Change Workshop and Tree Planting

On Friday 7th February Year 5 had a climate change workshop with Alice Grieve who works for Oases. We learnt a lot and we played fun games. One game we played was a timeline on electricity. After that Alice showed us a power point about climate change. On the power point there was a lot of interesting things - one of the things was if all of Antarctica melts, some of the UK would be underwater - but don't be scared. If it happens, it won't be for a long time! After the power point we played another game about how we can do our little bit to help climate change.

On the afternoon we walked down to Escomb lakes to plant 10 trees. Trees are a good way to help the environment because they take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen in to the air. We didn't care if we got your dirty or our feet wet. We had a lot of fun! Thank you Alice for coming in and teaching us.

By Chloe Dodds and Lucy Hetherington

The Adventures of RobinWood

On Wednesday 5th of February, Year 6 and some teachers signed up to do a tough challenge and face their fears. They started off with a long coach journey that took about 1hr 45minutes to get to RobinWood near Alston. When we arrived we had to do a walk from a muddy field, onto a stony path, up steep hills and finally arriving at RobinWood. We were all very excited and a little bit tired from the long walk!

The activities were fun and required a lot of skills. Our favourite activities were the giant swing, piranha pool and trapeze. The giant swing is where you get attached to a swing and then your team will pull a rope and then suddenly the swing will just drop. It was so cool! The piranha pool is where you and your team are challenged to problem solve and you have forty minutes until the piranhas are released! It was so much fun! The trapeze is where you climb up a huge climbing wall then when you get to the top you will jump and try and catch a bar.

After we did all of these activities we went to the hydration station. We had a drink and a piece of fruit to refresh ready for the next load of activities. The food was so delicious, most of Year 6s' favourite meal was the pizza, but all of the food was delightful.

Also we slept in dormitories. Some were bigger than others but we all managed to get a great nights sleep. Even though some of us missed family members, everyone loved it and we all had the best time at Robin Wood.

Valentine Disco

On Monday 10th February the school had a memorable Valentine disco with DJ Rob Proud. We had a lot activities to do such as corners, dance off and musical statues. There was also a tiny raffle and some awesome music. We would like to say a big thanks to everyone and the staff, especially Mrs Gill for organising this event in school as well as Rob Proud for coming to make this event alive. It was a great opportunity for all the children around the school to enjoy and have fun! We all enjoyed it - even the teachers!

From Poppy W, Amelia A and Abi T

NSPCC Year 5 & 6

Children took part in a workshop relating to keeping themselves safe—when something is ok or not ok. They discussed who they could trust and share their worries with.

Visit to The Field's Care Home

On the 14th February 10 Y6 pupils from the choir visited the Field's Care Home. They sang 5 songs and brought memories back to there minds. They loved our performance and thought that we did a brilliant job. They will never forget us and we hope they will treasure our singing in their hearts forever

Parents' Afternoons/Evenings

Parents' afternoons/evenings were well-attended this week. We hope that the arrangements worked well for everyone. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated so that we can take this into consideration for next time.

Please see slip below

Child's Name

Class

What worked well:

What we can do to make it better:



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

20th January 2020

Class Nominations

Reception	Amelia W
Year 1	Thomas H
Year 2	James
Year 3	Heidi D
Year 4	Zack R
Year 5	Madelyn A
Year 6	Jayden B

Superstar of the Week

* Thomas H *

Star of the Week Award

24h January 2020

Class Nominations

Reception	Iris F
Year 1	Boaz F
Year 2	Jaycee B
Year 3	Robbie O
Year 4	Leon J
Year 5	Jack R
Year 6	Year 6

Superstar of the Week

* Iris F *

Star of the Week Award

31st January 2020

Class Nominations

Reception	Elliot M
Year 1	Tom D
Year 2	Connor C
Year 3	Louis W
Year 4	Charlie C
Year 5	Sophie B
Year 6	Esme S

Superstar of the Week

* Tom D *

Star of the Week Award

10h February 2020

Class Nominations

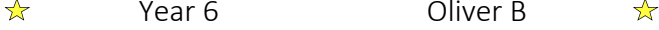
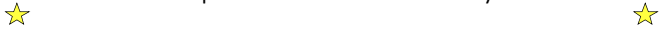
Reception	Abigail H
Year 1	Erin S
Year 2	Year 2
Year 3	Connor C
Year 4	Finley H
Year 5	Keira B
Year 6	Year 6

Superstar of the Week

* Erin S *



Star of the Week Award



14th February 2020

Class Nominations

Reception	Emily H
Year 1	Thomas E
Year 2	Isla T
Year 3	Jack B
Year 4	Harry M
Year 5	Henry S
Year 6	Oliver B

Superstar of the Week

* Harry M *

Jujitsu

Due to commitments Mohan Martial Arts we not be returning to Jutjitsu After School Club until Wednesday 25th March 2020.

Dear Parents,

We always want to make the most of our outdoor space all year round and introduced 'Wellies' a couple of years ago so that children could use the field at lunchtime. It meant that there was more space for everyone and fewer accidents! We all loved being on the field and had much more fun too! The storage containers we had for our wellies have had to be replaced due to wear and tear. We decided that our wellies would be best kept in a shed. We have bought a brand new shed and Mr Jones has put up some shelving so we can keep our wellies in the shed. Now we have the storage, we are going to re-introduce 'Wellies' at lunchtimes.

If children would like to play on the field at lunchtimes then this is what they need to do:

Bring a pair of wellies to school. *(There is no need to bring any designer wellies, just get a cheap pair, as you will be keeping them in School all term.)* Wellies will be kept in the shed. There will be shelves for each class. Wellies need to be clearly marked with your child's name. We will be starting this after half term.

If you have any more questions about our plans, please contact us and we will be happy to help you.

Thank you!
School Council at
Escomb Primary School