

FULL STEAM AHEAD

From 19th—23rd November 2018 we hosted teachers from Spain, Czech republic and Finland. We all worked together to plan how the project will evolve over the coming two years. Training was also delivered and we worked with our children as 'guinea pigs'. The whole project will look at how we can progress the teaching of computing and programming and help prepare our children for the ever-developing technological world we live in as well as giving them a true understanding of other countries and their respective culture and heritage. In January we will be taking 6 Year 6 pupils to Spain for the first mobility of the project. We will keep you posted on our European adventures.

Escomb Choir—Pitch Perfect!



The choir have performed on several occasions over this festive period. On 24th November they sang at Witton Park Methodist Church Christmas Fayre and on 9th December at St Paul's Church Witton Park Christmas Service. They also sang for the Christmas Lunch at Escomb Village hall on Monday 3rd December. On every occasion the audiences commented on how talented how young singers are and how well-mannered and behaved they are. We are very proud of our school choir! Thank you to parents who bring their children along to these events outside of school time—your support is much appreciated! It

Working with Escomb Church



On 27th November 2018 children worked with Rev Roni Mechanic from Escomb Church to design an angel to be displayed in the church for Christmas. The children drew portraits of themselves which were used as feathers to form the angel's wings. Rev Mechanic used to be an art teacher so as well as taking part in a festive activity and supporting our local church, the children also learned some valuable drawing skills. If you are in Escomb Church over Christmas have a look at our angel!

Awesome Assemblies



Since our last newsletter Year 3, Year 2 and Year 1 have held their class assemblies for parents. Each assembly showcased the learning that the children have engaged in this term across the whole curriculum. Their enthusiasm in their performances shows how much they have enjoyed their Learning Challenges and how much they have learnt. Well done to each class and 'thankyou to parents for coming along to watch.

On 12th December Reception Class held a 'Stay and Play' session for parents. At the end of the afternoon they performed some Christmas songs. It is amazing to see how much confidence they have developed over the term and how 'grown-up' they have become!

Thank you to parents for supporting this event. I am sure it helped get you in the mood for Christmas!

YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN BUSY. . .



On 22nd November 2018 some of Year 6 took part in Sportshall Athletics at Bishop Barrington School. They took part in lots of activities and competed against local schools. Points were earned at each event. I am delighted to say that the team came 2nd overall. Well done to everyone!



On the same day the rest of Year 6 participated in a 'Kids in Museums' workshop. This was delivered by the DLI and the children thoroughly enjoyed investigating the past using a range of specialist artefacts, photographs and documents.

On 26th November 2018 the whole of Year 6 took part in Tree Planting at Hedley Hall for the Woodland Trust. It was a day that involved a lot of hard work and energy but one which the children relished! In total the children planted over 100 trees.

PEEK-A-BOO!

On 6th December our Advent Window was opened by Marjorie Kellett (Governor) at Peek-a-Boo in Newgate street. Our part of the Christmas story was Joseph's Dream. Our whole display was made from recycled materials and was made by Year 6 children with the fabulous help and creativity of Mrs Sangster and Mrs Hopper. You can see all of the windows and the openings on the Town team Facebook page. Our window is the one that is advertising the rest! It is absolutely beautiful and has had lots of comments from the general public. David Potts who has co-ordinated the project has told us that lots of people have commented on how fabulous our display is and how it conveys not only part of the Christmas story but messages that are important to all of us today.

Please try and find time to take a look either on Facebook or in 'real life'!

STRAW AND ORDER

On 14th December we held our Christmas performance at Cockton Hill Methodist Church. As always all our children were fabulous! And showed what true little stars they are! Thank you to BA Methodist Church for hosting us!

19th December—First Aid Training Y1 and Y6

During their session, both classes were taught some vital Health and Safety messages based around first aid and keeping themselves safe. The children were shown how to respond appropriately in an emergency and deliver basic CPR. They all got to practise their skills and certainly showed how responsible they could be. Year 6 were also able to show off their scientific knowledge based around how the heart works. Thank you to Helen Dent for delivering an excellent workshop—the children learned some very important life skills while also having lots of fun.

Recycling Project

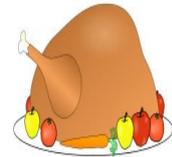
We are currently taking part in a battery recycling project. If parents have any household batteries that are of no use, please send these into school on our return to school. Your support is much appreciated.



Year 1 are Dance-tastic!

On 10th December Year 1 took part in a dance festival at Bishop Barrington. The children were coached by Ashleigh Ross and performed a Superhero routine

The children enjoyed performing their dance and it was amazing to see how well they had learnt their moves! Well done Year 1!



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!

On 13th December we all enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch cooked by our Taylor Shaw staff. A huge thanks to them for such a delicious meal! Wearing our Christmas jumpers helped us get in the festive mood!

IT'S PARTY TIME!

Last week the children really enjoyed their Christmas Parties. There was plenty of dancing, party games and treats! Santa even visited our KS1 children! Everyone also received a selection box, kindly donated by Cllr Rob Yorke.



CHRISTMAS JINGLERS!

On the 17th December we were treated to a musical concert, delivered by the Durham Music Service. They played lots of Christmas songs and talked to us about their different instruments. We all sang along and had a very, merry morning!



The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas disco on December 11th. Thank you to Rob Proud for all the fun dancing games and helping to create a wonderful party atmosphere!

Outdoor Carols on 18th December

The rain certainly didn't stop us enjoying our carol singing as we brought our wonderful singers, mince pies and mulled wine indoors! It was a lovely atmosphere and really got us in the mood for Christmas.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year! We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff

Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

23rd November 2018

Reception	Katie H
Class 1	Alex T
Class 2	Noah G
Class 3	Whole Class
Class 4	Jack R
Class 5	Francesca M
Class 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week

* Jack R *

30th November 2018

Reception	Thomas H
Year 1	Louis W
Year 2	Whole Class
Year 3	Finley H
Year 4	Fynley B
Year 5	Ross J
Year 6	Jack R

Superstar of the Week

* Finley H *

7th December 2018

Reception	Ellis W
Year 1	Whole Class
Year 2	Robbie O'N
Year 3	Max A
Year 4	Amber C
Year 5	Oliver B
Year 6	James S

Superstar of the Week

* James S and Max A *

20th December 2018

Class Nominations

Reception	Whole Class
Class 1	Whole Class
Class 2	Whole Class
Class 3	Whole Class
Class 4	Whole Class
Class 5	Whole Class
Class 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week

* Year 6 *