

★ Stars of the Week ★

Year 1	Tommy F
Year 2	Yzabelle
Year 3	Osakioduwa
Year 4	Frankie
Year 5	Daniel
Year 6	Eriife

Head Teacher's Award

★ **Michelle** ★

House Point Winners



TRUST PARLIAMENT VISIT LONDON



Our amazing school trust parliament members, Charlie and Esme, had a fantastic time visiting the Houses of Parliament in London on Tuesday. We had a very early start, meeting at Durham train station at 6:15 am!! We travelled to London and took the underground straight to Westminster. We took part in a brilliant tour around Parliament, and even had the opportunity to witness some of the live debates going on in the House of Commons. The journey back was a bit longer with delays and detours but it was all part of the fun as Charlie taught us how to play lots of card games to pass the time. What a great experience. Well done Charlie and Esme for being perfect ambassadors for our school and academy trust.



YEAR 5 HAREHOPE QUARRY VISIT

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Harehope Quarry with the River Wear Trust as part of their geography fieldwork.

The day began with a 5km hike to the top of the quarry, where pupils enjoyed spectacular views and located the source of the River Wear. Along the way, they explored the differences between human and physical features, compared a working quarry to the now nature reserve at Harehope, and took in the beauty of the countryside - including spotting some newborn lambs, which the children loved.

Back at the river, the children worked collaboratively to carry out a range of fieldwork activities. They demonstrated excellent teamwork while safely getting in and out of the river, before measuring its speed, depth and width at different points. Pupils carefully recorded their findings in charts, observing how the speed of the water changed over distance. They also investigated the river bed, measuring stones and noting how their size varied.

Some children even managed to explore the river a little further than planned... which did result in a few soggy socks needing to be changed!

The day also included an exciting opportunity to discover fossils, some over 300 million years old, which sparked great curiosity and discussion.

The children showed fantastic enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork throughout the day, even managing an additional walk through the woods after lunch.

We are very excited for the next part of our fieldwork in a couple of weeks, when we will visit the mouth of the river and take part in rock pooling.



YEAR 3 BROOMHOUSE FARM TRIP

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Broom House Farm on their spring trip! The children were full of excitement as they met the baby animals, with the sheep and pigs being particular favourites. It was a great opportunity for them to learn more about life on a farm and how animals are cared for.

One of the highlights of the day was exploring the Adventure Forest, where there was something for everyone to enjoy. The children showed great enthusiasm and bravery as they tackled the zip line, raced each other on the sledges, and challenged themselves on the assault course. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they tried new activities and supported one another.

Overall, it was a fun-filled and memorable day, with lots of smiles, laughter, and new experiences. The children represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves!



ONE VOICE CHOIR

Some of our choir took part in the One Voice Concert at Stockton at the incredible Globe theatre where the Beatles previously performed in the 1960's. We sang as part of a mass primary trust choir with schools from all over the north east. Esme sang 'Naughty' from Matilda and Ranvi and Emilie sang 'How Far I'll go' from Moana, their performances were incredible and they showed how incredible courage to perform on a huge stage in front over 1000 people. We are very proud of how the children behaved and performed and they are were a credit to our school.



DERWENT HILL

Those going to Derwent Hill should arrive at school on Monday 23rd March, no later than 8:45am. **Please enter through the bottom gate at the side of Early Years yard.** If you are bringing medication, please arrive at 8:30am and give your medication to Mrs Horn or Mr Robinson. Medication must be labelled with your child's name. The bus will be leaving at approximately 9:15am. Lunch will be provided at Derwent Hill, but the children can bring a small snack for the bus journey. Please remember, no phones/electronics are allowed to be brought on the visit.

PARENTS EVENING

Parent's evening is on Monday 30th March for parents to discuss the progress of their children. If you have not already booked an appointment, please do so on the Arbor parent app where you will see available time slots.

Raffle tickets will be sold, and a fantastic tombola will be held on Parent's evening, both will be cash only.

DINKY DOTS

That brings us to the end of our final Dinky Dots session before we break up for the Easter holidays.

We will be restarting Dinky Dots on Thursday 30th April.

We can't wait to see all your lovely faces again for lots of fun and creativity!

Please spread the word and invite new friends along to come and enjoy the fun too!



Messages from the parents and children:

Would just like to say Mrs Ho has made Robert and myself (Nana) very welcome to the group she always tries to help the children play and join in and she always seems so happy. ~ Robert

No matter what age kids always enjoy themselves and always feel welcome. ~ Reed

The kids always have a nice experience any time they come here. Coming to Dinky Dots helps them socialise with other kids and we are always happy to be here. Adusi has developed her speech and she is more confident then ever. ~ Adusi

Dinky Dots experience is nice and has a good environment. The toys are educational for the children to learn and play with. I commend the staff for a good job well done.

Easter Raffle

Available to purchase from the School Office.

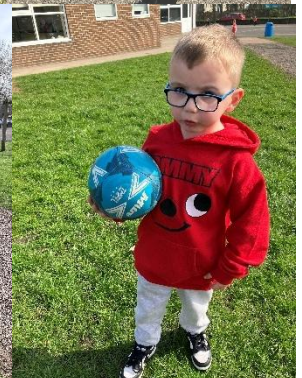
Tickets - £1

Afternoon Tea for 2 at the Roker Hotel



RED NOSE DAY

Today each class heard everyone's best joke and chose their best ones to be told in assembly.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is so important for children to get the most from their education and the aim should always be 100%.

This week's attendance winners with **97.5%** are **Year 1**.

Children with **5** late arrivals will miss out on prizes and awards even if they are at **98%**.

School starts at 8am with our free breakfast club, open to anyone in Reception – Year 6 classes but must enter before 8:30am, classroom doors open from 8:45 - 8:55. Any children arriving after this time should enter via the school office, where a late mark will be given.

DIARY DATES

- 23 - 27th Mar - Derwent Hill
- 30th Mar - Parents Evening
- 3 - 17th Apr - Easter Holidays – School re-opens on Monday 20th April

WIN £100 AND HELP IMPROVE THE MORNING SCHOOL RUN!

We have been selected by the Department for Education to help design a national Breakfast Club programme that works for every family's morning school run.



THE ASK

A 10 minute
online survey.



WHO

Everyone! We're really interested to hear from those who **don't** use the breakfast club too!



Designed by parents, for
parents

Scan this QR code, complete the 10 minute
survey and have the chance to win £100!

Help ensure breakfast clubs work for all families!