



# West Rainton Primary Voice

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West Rainton Primary School Newsletter

Answers to last edition's quiz— name the close up objects:

1. fork, 2.sieve, 3.toilet roll,
- 4.umbrella, 5. candle,
6. fountain pen, 7. strawberry,
8. clothes peg

## Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 26th May— Break up for Summer Half term
- Friday 27th May— Staff training day. (Robin Wood for Y5/6 pupils)
- Sunday 5th June— Village Big Lunch event. Meet at school 12noon.
- Friday 10th June— Queen's 90th birthday celebrations at school from 1pm. Everyone welcome!
- Thursday 16th June- KS2 athletics records day 1pm
- Tuesday 28th June— Sports day 9.15am
- Monday 11th July— Parents' evening
- Wednesday 13th July— Y6 awards night 6pm
- Friday 15th July— School closes for summer



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## Win a free school jumper!

Here is another opportunity to win a free school jumper or cardigan by taking part in our fun quiz! We will all be hoping this summer will bring success for our national football team in the Euros 2016. Can you recognise all of the flags featured?

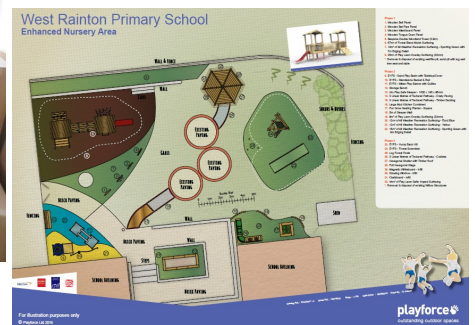
To enter all you need to do is identify the **Euro 16 country flags** from their pictures. Send entries into school on a piece of paper by 10am on Friday 10th June 2016. A winner will be chosen in a draw from all correct entries.



## A new school nursery in September

Exciting times are ahead here at West Rainton Primary as we open our brand new nursery in September.

We have begun recruiting new staff and we can't wait to introduce you to them and show you around the facility. In the meantime, if you have a little one who may join us in the future, please get in touch on 0191 5843805.

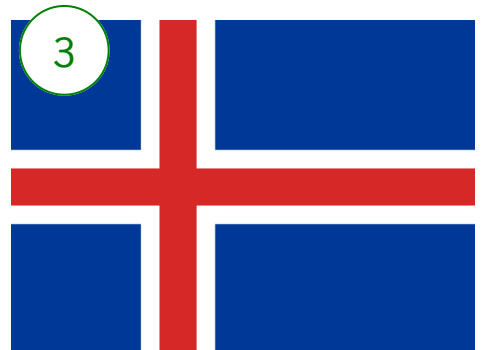


After being approached by Giant Steps about a possible takeover, it has been a busy year of planning and preparing as we look ahead to extending our provision to two, three and four year olds.

The resources are arriving and the plans are well underway.

The setting, which will be known as West Rainton Nursery, will undergo a big refurbishment over the summer as two classrooms, a cloakroom area, toilets and the outdoor area are all set for big changes.

Through a range of funding sources we have been able to purchase exciting and fresh new resources to ensure the best possible start for your little ones in school.



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## Whole school transformation!



Above: The old scout garage is demolished to make way for new PE equipment storage.  
Right: New flooring and paint-work gives us a spruce up!

After the huge window replacement project that took place last summer, we have been able to get on with our long list of refurbishment jobs over the course of the year.

Most classrooms have been painted and had new lighting installed. New flooring throughout school and new furniture in classrooms and the dining room

have all improved our learning environment.

New touch screen boards in every classroom brings us to the cutting edge in technology and we're not finished yet!

Look out for more news about how we are making West Rainton Primary all shiny and new for its 90th birthday in 2017.



## Year 1 become little sculptors



*" We are using sticks, leaves and flowers to make a natural sculpture ."*

Year 1 pupil

In their spring term design and technology unit of work, Year 1 have been learning all about a range of sculpting techniques.

By following work of sculptors such as Andy Goldsworthy, the children created their own stunning natural collages.

From there they have enjoyed working with clay to create stunning sculptures that they are

justly proud of.

Just take a look at their stunning work. We think

we may have mini artists in the making!



## E-safety warning to parents



Ensure your children know the risks of online applications and monitor their use regularly.

Kik messenger has become a popular app with some groups of pupils, however we have been warned by Durham Police that it is being used by offenders to groom children to obtain indecent images and videos.

### Please be aware that:

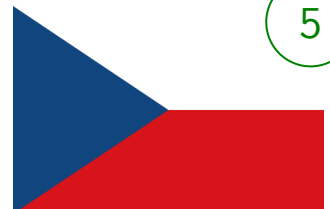
Kik messenger has a minimum age of 13 like other social media sites. Tablets and

phones can be set so that children can not download apps without parental permission.

If your child is old enough and mature enough to use the app please check the privacy settings so that your child's whereabouts and images are not being broadcast without their knowledge.

If you would like more advice visit [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

We will also have our local police officers on hand to answer e-safety questions at our summer parents' evening.



## Let's make this year's Big Lunch the biggest yet

Year on year, the St Mary's Big Lunch has increased in size to become a real highlight of the village calendar.

This year, to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday, the party takes on a commonwealth theme. Village groups and businesses have been asked to choose commonwealth countries to represent on the day. At school we have chosen Kenya, Canada and India.

A parade of colour will leave school at 12 noon and march along the usual route accompanied by Pitlington Brass Band.

Once in the churchyard, with your picnic

all set out, look forward to entertainment and activities throughout the afternoon.

There will be a patriotic sing-along, face painting, a treasure hunt, ice cream man and Punch and Judy show as well as games and dances.

This is great preparation for our annual visit to Durham Miners' Gala which takes place on 9th July. Book your place on the free bus by contacting school.

This really is an event not to be missed.



Sunshine and ice cream; who could wish for more?

## What fun it is in the Early Years!

Reception children have been taking their learning outdoors during the spring term.

This very creative bunch have been role-playing, constructing, performing and practising their red words all whilst having fun in the spring sunshine.

It has been fantastic to watch how our Reception children have progressed over the year in all of the Early Years areas of learning.

Inside the classroom, each child has adopted a caterpillar, currently cocooned, waiting to transform into beautiful butterflies.



*"This is my castle.*

*This is a bed for a princess and here's the tower."*

*Reception pupil creating her own castle.*

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## Lollipop needed!

We are still searching for a road crossing patrol officer to join our team. Please contact school if you are interested, or alternatively visit North East Jobs website.

Reception enjoying all of their fantastic outdoor resources.



Y4 pupil mastering the shoulder stand as part of their gymnastics unit of PE.

## Gymnastic Fantastic!

West Rainton has never loved gymnastics so much.

After teacher training on the tricky PE topic back in January, new equipment was purchased to enable children to meet targets of rolling, jumping, travelling, sequencing, balancing and vaulting.



The progress has been so rapid and the confidence of the children has grown so much that we now see teddy rolls, cartwheels and handstands successfully performed from a whole range of ages.

Year 6 recently enjoyed enhancing their gymnastics

With a trip to Infinite Air in Durham. This involved flips, jumps, tumbles and flight (as well as an awful lot of after SATs fun!)

Well done to all our super gymnasts in their progression this term.

### What's happening now in Reception's outdoor area?

As if Reception's outdoor area wasn't exciting enough, we've recently added a brand new community zone for further learning enhancement.

The area contains a tepee, toadstool seats and a mole hole hill!



## West Rainton artwork to be exhibited in London!

It's not everyday that West Rainton can boast about attention from the capital. That is why the recognition

of the National Gallery in London for our artwork on 'Mr and Mrs Andrews' is such a momentous occasion

for our entire school community.

Photographs of our artwork will form part of the digital exhibition in the gallery from June to September this summer.



We can't wait to visit when we take Year 6 to London in June.

Here it is under construction last weekend.



Particular thanks to Mrs McVicar for leading the project, and Mrs Firth's class for doing the majority of the creative work!



### In the next issue of West Rainton Primary Voice...

- Find out about our trip to the capital.
- Share in the excitement of sports' day.
- See how we celebrated the amazing children that make up our year 6.