



West Rainton Primary Voice

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Answers to last edition's quiz—
name the Euro 2016 flags:

1. Croatia
2. Albania,
3. Iceland
4. Northern Ireland,
5. Czech Republic
6. Spain
7. Germany,
8. England

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 13th July— Y6 awards night 6pm
- Friday 15th July— School closes for summer
- Tuesday 6th September—First day of school and nursery for all pupils.

Congratulations Miss Cockburn!

We would like to offer our warm congratulations to Miss Cockburn who will be getting married in Cyprus in the holidays. She will return as Mrs Bissell in September. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Thanks for reading our news this year

Over the past year we have delivered 6 editions of our school newsletter, one for each half term. This has outlined the key events that have shaped your children's learning this year. In every edition we have run a competition to win a free school jumper or cardigan and many of you have entered. The competition will return in the first edition of next academic year. Please do keep reading our news and entering our competition.

Thank you for your overwhelming support this year!

Farewell to the class of 2009-2016

As another year comes to an end here at West Rainton we have to say farewell and good luck to another fantastic cohort.

The class of 2009-2016 have been a wonderful group of children to watch as they've grown and flourished into young people we are so incredibly proud of.

As they go from here on their individual journeys, we hope they take with them all of

the happy memories and important learning that being a West Rainton pupil brings.

We've also reminded them that nobody truly leaves us; once a Raintoner, always a Raintoner!

Of course as one cohort leaves, another bunch of eager young minds will be waiting to come in and begin their adventure in September.



West Rainton Primary School Reception



Very best wishes to all of our leaving Year 6s. Thank you for being wonderful and continue to follow your dreams as you make your next exciting step in life.



The whole school get involved to tell London's National Gallery all about the story of The Lambton Worm!

Taking One Picture to Penshaw Hill

To participate in this year's Take One Picture project we took the whole school to Penshaw Hill to create our own version of Rubens' classic masterpiece 'A Roman Triumph'.

Children saw a resemblance between the ancient Roman architecture in the picture and our local landmark. They also saw a link between the sacrifice of the

animals in the painting and the story of the Lambton worm.

Everyone took on the role of either an animal or person within the painting (with a little artistic license!) and paraded up the hill to the

soundtrack of a Lambton Worm by Durham University graduate, Lewis Wilkinson.



New York Brass Band spend an afternoon with our Y4 brass players in the run up to the Gala.

Another fantastic year at Durham Miners' Gala was a great way to see out the academic year. Our banner

once again graced the streets of Durham City cheered on by the crowds of spectators.

In our third year at the Gala it was great to be part of the Durham Brass Festival when New York Brass Band visited school to carry out a workshop with our Y4 brass players. They were then given the brilliant opportunity to play with the band on Gala day in Durham.



Pupils in Year 1 loved their session petting the animals

Pupils from Reception to Year 3 loved their recent trip to Kirkley hall zoo in Ponteland.

All classes did a woodland trail as well as getting up close to some of the cutest and weirdest creatures around.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their picnic lunch in sunshine although a few naughty peacocks tried to share with them!

Fun at Kirkley Hall zoo

The children also all got a chance to visit the aquarium, see the reptiles and give cuddles to the cute and furry rabbits and guinea pigs.

Well done everyone for your fantastic behaviour on our trips this year.



Athletics records' and sports' day triumphs

Our annual records day was another huge success this year. We have now extended our record holding system to have girl and boy records holders in each event and in each year group. It is great to see so many children knowing and attempting to challenge their own



personal bests.

The high jump event has been a very popular addition to our athletics provision. We are very proud to send children off to secondary confident to have a go at such a difficult technique.

More recently, sports' day was another brilliant occasion. We narrowly avoided the rain to host a close run encounter. KEPHIR eventually secured the points to record their third victory in a row.



Pupils in Y3, 4, 5 & 6 compete to be record holders in seven athletics events.

Robin Wood 2016

It was a pleasure yet again to take 18 of our pupils on our annual residential trip to Robin Wood in Alston.

A fun-packed adventurous three days included canoeing, climbing, caving, stream-walking and crate-stacking.

There were lots of giggles

and a few screams as the group braved the piranha pool, the giant swing and the trapeze.

Robin Wood staff commented on the behaviour and attitude of the children from West Rainton saying how easy they had been to teach.

The group were a credit to the school and their families. They really took care of each other and developed a great team bond over the weekend.

We can't wait for next year now— who's signed up for Robin Wood 2017?

*“Robin wood is amazing. I loved everything about it
Year 5 pupil on her first residential visit.*



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.

Above: The girls enjoying the Robin wood food
Left: Rapids team on the obstacle challenge.



Fun with the Queen and our self-catered English tea party!

Happy 90th Birthday Your Majesty!

West Rainton Primary school joined in the national celebrations this term with a 90th birthday party for Queen Elizabeth II.

To mark this momentous occasion, the children all made traditional English tea party food, learnt the National anthem and decorated pictures of the Queen to show our appreciation.

Our Y4 brass band played for the very first time in public as they led the National Anthem.

Thank you for supporting the Y6 businesses that were competing for your custom on



the day. Together they raised just under £200 profit and they will be spending it on playtime equipment for all of the children.

Another fantastic occasion – Happy birthday Your Majesty!

Nursery is beginning its makeover!

In preparation for the new term starting in September, work to renovate and refurbish the nursery unit in school is well underway.

Flooring and painting is currently being done before a refurbishment of the nursery toilets takes place in the holidays. Playforce, our outdoor play specialists, will also be on site in the final week to begin transforming the outdoor area into an early years wonderland.



Making our school road safer for all

Thank you so much for taking the time to see, and offer your views on, our recent survey regarding the road outside of school. Since the loss of our road crossing patrol, it has been clear that something else is needed to make the road outside of school as safe as possible. Our consultation concluded that most people felt a combination of 20mph signs and the promontory option would be best. Your views and questions have been passed back to our councillor and hopefully we

will see some changes in October/November this year.

In the meantime, can I please remind parents and carers not to park on the road outside of the front fencing as this makes our road very dangerous for your children.



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

- See how our new Reception children are settling in
- Take a look at the grand opening of our nursery
- Share in our autumn term learning as we begin an exciting new year