

# West Rainton Primary Voice

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## Dates for your diary:

- Friday 23rd Oct— break up for half term
- Monday 2nd Nov— Back to school
- Wednesday 11th Nov— Remembrance Day Assembly 9.15am
- Thursday 12th Nov— Children in Need coffee morning 9am
- Friday 20th Nov— Non-uniform day for chocolate donations!
- Thursday 26th Nov— Christmas Fair 3.10pm
- Friday 11th Dec— whole school pantomime trip to Sunderland Empire
- Tuesday 8th/ Wednesday 9th Dec— Rec & KS1 Nativity play 'A Miracle in Town' 10am
- Monday 14th December— St Mary's Carol Service
- Tuesday 15th/Wednesday 16th Dec— KS2 'Schools Will Rock You!' 6pm
- Friday 18th Dec— Carols around the tree 9.15am Break up
- Monday 4th Jan 2016—return to school



## Happy Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations to make our harvest festival another memorable occasion. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the harvest through assemblies and singing practise. They were also thrilled to make a positive contribution to their village community by delivering harvest hampers to neighbours to the school.

Class 5 and 6 visited Springfield Lodge to celebrate harvest festival with the residents by singing songs and hymns together.



Reception and Y6 special friends worked together to perform a lovely harvest assembly. From their polished performance it was hard to believe our youngest pupils had only been in school for seven weeks!

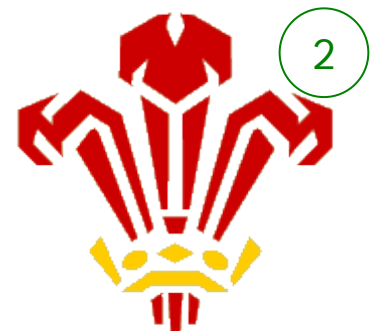
## Win a free school jumper!

Hidden within the pages of this newsletter are eight famous rugby union teams. To celebrate the end of the Rugby World Cup 2015 all you have to do is name the nation that the badge belongs to. Parents and Grandparents can help with some! Write answers on a piece of paper with the name of your child and all correct entries will be placed in a draw to win a free school jumper or cardigan! Entries must be received by 10am on Friday 6th November 2014.

What a way to end a fantastic first half-term back at school. Happy holidays everyone!



Thank you for the fantastic response to our harvest hamper collection!



## What a super start for Reception and Y6!



Reception pupils have loved getting to know their Y6 special friends.

Mrs Struthers and Mrs McVicar could not be happier with how quickly our newest pupils have settled into school life. The children have already shown us so much about their unique personalities and we have already seen such a difference in them already.

The children are growing in confidence every single day and are already a huge asset to our school.

Our Year 6 pupils have been excellent in helping to make the first weeks of school so easy. Thank you so much for your responsible attitudes.

Each pupil in Reception will receive a commemorative DVD showing their early experiences of life in West Rainton Primary School.

We are so proud to have you join our happy and exciting school.



## Class 2 visit 'The Man on the Moon'!

Pupils in Class 2 have been showing off their reading and writing skills with a unit of work on 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram.

The story was brought to life by New Writing North in a special performance in the Jubilee Hall, and the pupils from Class 1, 2 and 3 were an absolute credit to the school and their parents with how well they behaved on their first trip

out of the year.

The children also enjoyed a music and drama workshop carried out by the artists in school.

After seeing the show, class 2 wrote some fantastic descriptions of Bob's day on the moon, while Class 1 showed their early sounding out skills by blending words to match to pictures.

The story has become a firm favourite of our infants already. It has ignited the love of reading very early on in the year!



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We learnt so much from our unusual visitors in assembly.

## Birds of prey visit our assembly!

Class 3 shared their English learning with the whole school recently when they invited Plop, the owl, into school for assembly.

The children have loved studying the story 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' so we just had to invite some real birds of prey into school to end the

unit of work on a high. The owls, kestrel and sparrow hawk kept the whole school thoroughly entertained for the morning; it was just like being at Hogwarts!

Thank you so much to Miss Wilkinson for organizing this unforgettable experience; we loved it!



## Class 4 have started Key Stage Two at a blistering pace!



Pupils in Class 4 are loving life in Key Stage Two.

Not only are our new juniors really relishing the challenge of the work day-to-day, they are also embracing

the opportunities that they have been given so far.

The children are progressing well with their swimming skills as they visit Freeman's Quay every Monday. Everyone has already achieved at least stage one of our new

school swimming awards.

The children are also enjoying a unit of work on world percussion as they learn to play the djembe drums from Africa. We can't wait to see their final performance and we hope you can all join us for it too.



Children in Class 4 are the first pupils to achieve the ASA's school swimming award level one.

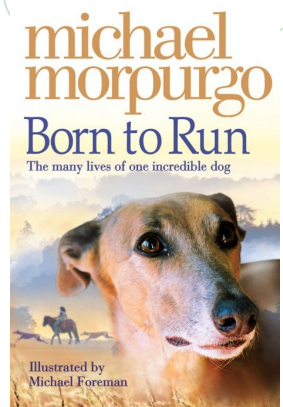
## Class 5; Michael Morpurgo's biggest fans...ever!

Pupils in Class 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their class read this half term. Michael Morpurgo's 'Born to Run' has become the class favourite taking over from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and 'The Butterfly Lion'. A heart-warming tale about a lovable greyhound has really gripped the children and ensured they have maximised their writing opportunities in the first eight weeks.

The fun doesn't stop there though, as the children in Year 4 have also begun training for a new school brass band with the brilliant tuition of Mr Freney.



*'You just have to read this book Mrs McDonough. It is the best book I've ever read. What are we reading next? Can it please be another Michael Morpurgo?'*  
Year 5 pupil



Pupils in Class 5 have loved Michael Morpurgo's 'Born to Run' so much that they don't know how they will top it!

## Award winning contributions to the annual West Rainton and Leamside Horticultural and Crafts show



Nobody envied the judges having to pick out winners from these categories!

Once again we were very proud to fill Jubilee Hall with our fantastic artwork and writing as we contributed over 200 entries to the annual village show.

Our pupils worked hard to produce a collage of their favourite meal, tennis themed pictures and paintings of friends on a bench for the art sections of the show providing a very tough decision for the judges when awarding prizes.

In the writing category the children wrote either a report about sports' day, an invitation to our international picnic or a diary entry for Mr or Mrs



Andrews. (These certainly raised a few smiles from the visitors to the village show!)

Well done to all of our competitors– you made the show a wonderful experience yet again.

### Road Crossing Patrol update

As you know we are still advertising for a road crossing patrol officer to safely see the children over the road outside school. The post is proving very difficult to fill and has been advertised for over a year now.

If you are interested the job can be found on the following link

[www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School\\_Crossing\\_Patrol/143610](http://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/143610)

In the meantime can we ask that all parents bringing or collecting children in cars park as far away from the school entrance as possible please.

### We have windows!!! (just!)

I think we all knew the window project over the summer would be a busy time and that we'd be pushed for time to get the job done in six weeks.

Unforeseen circumstances saw the job cut it fine and finish just in time for term starting.

We're sure you agree that the windows make a huge

difference to the look of the school building– a building we are passionately proud of.

A whole range of refurbishment jobs are now underway such as the renovation of our dining hall, new flooring throughout school and paintwork in classrooms. We love seeing new life being breathed into our much-loved school.



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

- Share in the celebration of our Christmas productions
- Find out what we did to promote national anti-bullying week 2015
- Catch up with what happened when Class 2 brought the Great Fire of London to life

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