

# Ayresome Primary School Newsletter

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## Headteacher's News

### Have a happy Easter holiday

The school celebrated this important Christian Festival with an Easter Celebration Assembly yesterday. Father Glyn Holland, Chair of Governors led the proceedings. We had a marvellous time judging our 'decorate an egg' competition and what wonderful entries this year, it was certainly an 'eggstraveganza!'

Winners of 'decorate an egg' competition are as follows, each one receiving an Easter egg.

Pippins	Lexi C
Nursery	Mateen M
Reception	Leo J
Year 1	Laura Z
Year 2	Grace C
Year 3	Jason H
Year 4	Olivia R



Year 5	Rughiya E
Year 6	Tiegan C
Parent/Family	Jessica & Alfie D
Staff	Jenna S
Acorns	Laveeza M

Well done to everyone who took part in our Sport Relief Day on Friday 18th March, we raised £459.44!

This term has flown by so quickly. It is important that children continue with their SAT revision until the testing week in May 9th 2016.

All the best for the holidays, we hope that you have a wonderful two weeks and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 11th April 2016.

Best wishes ,

Ms Lisa F Biggin, Headteacher



Headteacher's  
Weekly  
Wonderful  
Work

### Nursery

**Saplings :** Marwah A,  
Zaiab Y,  
Amna N  
Aisha B.

### Acorns:

Musab A  
Hane A  
Carlton R  
Haseeb A  
Adam A,  
Aqsa S.

### Reception

**Alder:** Ala H,  
Daria M,  
Stefanie S,  
Sahil K,  
Lee M,  
Lilly B-G.

**Chestnut:** Hafsat S,  
Levi W,  
Teodora S,  
Yaqoot K,  
Ionut C.

**Hazel:** Anna H,  
Fabio S,  
Rhys C,  
Somaia R,  
Zainab A,  
Sania R.

### Year 1

**Cherry:** Lily W,  
Tereza H,  
Ethan B-L  
Lily W,  
Byron D,

**Fir:** Aia H,  
Alfie D,  
Nayab M,  
Thea N,  
Shayesta A.

**Elm:** Dan F,  
Sadiha H,  
Chloe T,  
Walter F,  
Fode K,  
Adam R.

### Year 2

**Spruce:** Aleeza H,  
James L,  
Ibrahim K,  
Denisa B,  
Kaysan U,  
Javeria B.

**Pine:** Ethan F,  
Sinan K,  
Lameese H,  
Simona D,  
Amelia H.

**Larch:** Shanya M,  
Rayhan K,  
Sahar N,  
Jasmina L,  
Laiba D,

# Year Groups

## Pippins

We have been looking forward to the start of Spring in Pippins. We went on a walk to the big green space in our wellies and looked for signs of spring. We saw some daffodils growing and some shoots and buds on the trees.



We are learning the names of different animals and have been singing Old MacDonald had a Farm and Five Little Ducks. We have been playing with plants and soil and talking about parts of flowers and what they need to help them grow.



## Nursery

Spring 2 'Are eggs alive?'

We enjoyed exploring the colours of the rainbow so much that we didn't think our next topic would be quite as good. We were wrong !!

To begin with we went on a hunt to see if Spring was here and took photos of what we found. It was amazing to see how many different signs there were and it was a good job we had Miss Steele to help us, as some of them were well hidden.



One day when we came into Nursery and found some enormous eggs in a nest. We couldn't believe our eyes and spent a long time guessing what had laid them and how they had got into our classroom.



Mrs Rogers has had some fantastic new ideas for our tough trays and we have had great fun investigating different sized eggs, making nests and exploring habitats.

With Miss Hussain, we investigated Slippery Spheres and Messy Play Gelli. It was amazing to watch the spheres grow, especially when we left them over night and came in to find they were ENORMOUS.



Mrs Mernica has been playing some new games with us and we are becoming really good at taking turns and celebrating when someone is the winner!

When Easter comes we are going to find out what is inside the big eggs -we can't wait!





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## Reception

During Spring 2 Reception have been engaging in our Curriculum topic "Why Don't Cows Drink Milk?" The children have been learning about farm life and all the life



processes associated to farms. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different produce which can be grown on farms and how they need to be nurtured. They have also learnt about where different produce we eat comes from. We have explored planting seeds and looking at the best conditions for growing plants in our environment. The children have learnt about the different animals which live on farms and what they eat.

In the creative area we have been learning how to combine different materials together to create desired effects. We have been using clay to make representations of various types of farm produce by pressing, rolling, twisting, turning and printing in the clay. We have also been working so hard in Read, Write Inc. to blend and segment the sounds in words for use in our reading and our writing. Through our topic work we have been showing off these skills and applying them in our writing. In our Number work we have been working really hard to secure our counting and recognition of numbers to 20. We have been learning how we can combine two sets together to find a total and how we can do subtraction work by taking one set away from another. All the children have made super progress in their recognition of shapes in the environment around us and are now able to describe some of the properties of shape.



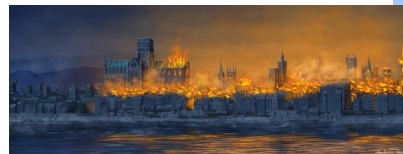
Our teachers are all so proud of us and our improved attitudes to learning!



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a really enjoyable half term learning about London. We started the topic off by going to Preston Park and having a royal afternoon tea with the Queen. We then learnt about where she lived and who was in her family.

We read many of the Paddington Bear stories and looked carefully at a number of London landmarks. Did you know Big Ben is actually the name of the bell? To finish the topic off we are going back in history and finding out what happened in the Great Fire of London.



## Year 2



Our topic has been 'Wriggle and Crawl'. We had a great trip to the Dorman Museum where we pretended to be butterflies and bees. We tasted honey (it wasn't very popular), made a butterfly mobile and looked closely at a variety of insects using a magnifying glass.

At the end of our topic we made our very own minibeast by combining parts of other minibeasts. We used what we had learnt to design a life cycle, habitat and diet for our new creations.

Currently, we are growing our very own butterflies and are enjoying seeing each different stage - hopefully there will be a butterfly before the Easter holidays.



## Year 3

This half term Year 3's topic has been 'Predator!' We have enjoyed learning all about predatory animals and plants. Our favourite was the Venus Fly Trap and we bought one for our classroom! We have also enjoyed reading the book Mouse Bird Snake Wolf by David Almond. Using the book we have created our own graphic novels which we are going to put on to the iPads.



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## Year 4



In Year 4 this half term we have been working on the topic 'Traders and Raiders'. We have been finding out all about the Anglo-Saxons. For our memorable experience we invited a visitor into school who dressed as an Anglo Saxon and showed us artefacts from the Saxon era. We have also been looking at where the Anglo Saxons settled and the different types of houses they lived in.



In Literacy we have been focusing on the book *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo. We have used the text to support our writing of stories, poetry and character descriptions. We have had a fantastic half term working hard and battling through our 'Traders and Raiders' topic.



## Year 5

In our 'Star Gazers' topic, Year 5 have been very busy making and designing rockets. We created a chemical reaction to make the rockets fly. Some fun was had with vinegar!!! Many of the children have been experimenting with liquids and solids and how different combinations make gases.



We are presently learning the Henry VIII wife song and having fun learning about this Tudor tyrant.

We also love our book of the term 'The Thief, the Fool and the Big Fat King' by Terry Deary who also created *Horrible Histories* (a favourite of Mrs Allison's class).

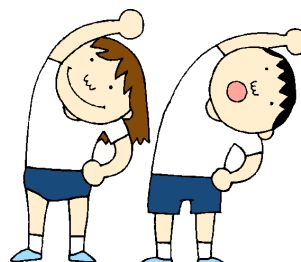


## Year 6



The current topic for Year 6 is 'Blood Heart', which is science based, and teaches us all about our circulatory system.

We held a fantastic Family Learning morning, in which we were taught how to give CPR by Mrs Lawman and were able to watch Miss Lavelle dissecting sheep's hearts! We also learnt about the benefits of exercise and healthy eating.



A big thank you to all parents who attended, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



# Extended Services News

## LEGO Innovation Day for Schools



On 26th February we hosted our first LEGO Innovation Day for local schools across Middlesbrough. Pupils and staff from Green Lane, Abingdon, Chandlers Ridge, St Clares, Archibald, Linthorpe, Pallister Park, Sacred Heart and Breckon Hill had a fun filled day working with our Director of Computing Education and Curriculum Lead.

On 22nd March we hosted a further event, pupils and staff from Dormanstown, Park End, Thorntree, St Gerard's, St Alphonsus and Berwick Hills attended.

Children and staff took part in a range of interactive activities including designing, building and programming EV3's using LEGO Robotics. The idea of the LEGO Day was to engage pupils and staff in LEGO Education and Robotics to support curriculum delivery. The days were a huge success and we look forward to hosting our next LEGO Day on 6th May with six more schools attending from across the Tees Valley.



## Children's University Community Challenge

A group of children are taking part in a Community Challenge in partnership with the Children's University and Apollo Arts. The Community Challenge Teesside was created to encourage children to make a positive difference to people's lives and communities.

Children are set a series of community challenges which they complete outside of school and have lots of fun spreading 'smiles for miles'.

Challenges include 'Become a Community Reporter', 'Wave Goodbye to Water Waste', 'Early Bird Catches the Worm' and 'Get Your Garden Buzzing'. There is a special prize for the child who completes the most challenges and the best part is that children can collect stamps in their passports towards certificates for achievement.



Children receive certificates of achievement for 30 hours (Bronze), 65 hours (Silver) and 100 hours (Gold) and are invited with their families to a formal cap and gown style graduation ceremony.

If your child would like to be involved in the Children's University please contact Karla on 01642 244961 or email [aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net](mailto:aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net)



## Breakfast Club

We still have places at Breakfast Club every morning from 8.00 a.m. Children can have a healthy breakfast and take part in a range of activities. The Breakfast Club is free and provides a healthy start to the day and ensures children are on time for school and ready to learn!





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## New After School Clubs

After the Easter holidays we will be starting a new programme of exciting after school clubs. Look out for a letter shortly to sign children up to activities. Places are limited therefore early return is advised.

Parents/Carers will need to pay for the full term upfront in order to secure places. The cost for the full term for one club is £5.00. This works out at

approximately 41pence per session. This can be done online using the new School Money System or by barcode at any local pay point (AJ's, Sainsbury's).

## Parent and Teacher Association

We are looking for Parents/ Carers/Grandparents to join the PTA. The PTA is a group of teachers, parents and support staff who meet every half term to plan events to raise funds for the school. This could range from a summer fayre, social events, disco's, raffle or selling refreshments at a school event.

The money raised can go towards trips, after school clubs, buying extra resources or equipment for the school or anything else that could benefit children and families.



Joining the PTA will really make a difference to the amount of opportunities available to our pupils. Many parents have a wide variety of skills and this would be a fantastic way of putting those skills to use to benefit the children. Being part of the PTA is also a great way to have your say in the types of social events and fundraising activities the school organises. If you would like to hear more please get in touch.

## Computing Education for Adults

I.T. Classes for adults have been running this half term at the ACE Centre using the brand new computers part funded by North Star Housing Association! This very informal class is delivered by our Head of Computing Education, Mr Ainsley, where the group are learning a range of new skills each week using Microsoft Office Programmes from basic Word and Excel to accessing the internet. If you are interested in attending a drop in session to learn how to create a C.V, apply for a job and search for employment on line, please contact Karla on 01642 244961 or email [aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net](mailto:aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net) or via our Facebook Page ACE at Ayresome.

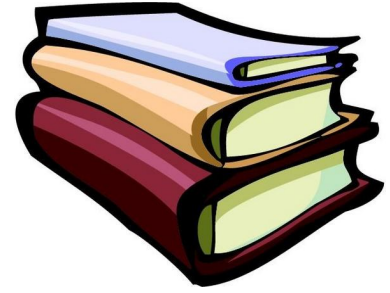
Sessions will cost £1.00 per week.



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## English Classes

Would you like to learn English so that you can support your child's learning as well as enhance your own education? Please get in touch to put your name down for enrolment for the new 'English Classes for Beginners' which will start again after the Easter holidays at the ACE Centre.



## Zumba Classes

If you would like to be part of a fun filled energetic Zumba Class for Ladies please contact Karla on 01642 244961, by email [aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net](mailto:aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net) or via our Facebook Page ACE at Ayresome. The class is lots of fun and ladies of all different fitness levels can attend. The cost is £3.50 per week.



## Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler Group is beginning to grow with over 15 parents and their children attending regularly on a Thursday. Please come along with your little ones and join the group every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. There are activities to engage children including messy play, stories and games and lots of toys. Parents/Carers can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits, juice and fruit while spending quality time with their children and interacting with other parents.



For information on Adult Learning, Parent Classes, After School Clubs or any Extended Services information please contact Karla Huddart on 01642 244961, by email [aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net](mailto:aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net) or via our Facebook Page ACE at Ayresome.

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### Year 3

Beech: Amelia L,  
Lola D,  
Diego P,  
Minahil M,  
Macey O,  
Abdullah B.

Cedar: Elijah A,  
Andrea A,  
Aprile V,  
Keith F.

Maple: Jack M,  
Kadi Leigh H,  
Ellie Jo M,  
Bismillah M,  
Gurvir J.

### Year 4

Hawthorn Amina A,  
Jennifer P,  
Roxana L,  
Vladislav D,  
Lornezo Z,  
Sulayman K.

Rowan: Shkar M,  
Adel K,  
Sabrina A,  
Khadejah M,  
Alisha A,  
Fatima H.

Juniper: Jake H,  
Saffron E,  
Aliyah A,  
Finley H,  
Charley L,  
Eiman M,  
Joshua R.

### Year 5

Birch: Lucy E,  
Moiz G,  
Halima M,  
Maryum U H,  
Demi F.

Hickory: Esraa K,  
Isabelle B-L  
Gracie A,  
Fatimah M,  
Reece M,  
Natalie D.

Yew: Dafaf A,  
Medina I,  
Jawdat H,  
Zamarak M,  
Hotho D.

### Year 6

Poplar: Sakariyah F,  
Kayhan K,  
Declan H,  
Ishmael J.

Oak: Denisa C,  
Adel B,  
Sarah H,  
Areeba H,  
Jessica D.

Aspen: Alicia P,  
Zulaikha A,  
Millie B,  
Abu K,  
Martin P.

# Information

## Term Dates and Holidays

### Easter Break

Last day at school is Thursday 24th March.

School closed on Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April.

School re-opens on Monday 11th April.

### Bank Holiday

School closed on Monday 2nd May.

School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd May.

### May Half Term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June.

**PD Day Monday 6th June.** School is closed to pupils.

School re-opens on Tuesday 7th June.

### End of Summer Term

Last day at school is Wednesday 20th July.

School closed on Thursday 21st July for the summer break.

A new service has recently started on a Tuesday morning at Newport Hub, where there will be someone from Benefit Services to help any parents with their application for benefits. Interpreters are available.

