

INSPIRATIONAL

In last Monday's assembly, I was delighted to introduce the school to Dr Amelia Darley who gave an inspirational talk about her expedition to the Geographic North Pole. As the first British woman to complete the trip unsupported, Amelia spoke of the -50°C temperatures (most freezers run at -20°C !), the food rationing and the 2 year training programme. The children asked lots of excellent questions and left feeling energized to look for their own challenge. Perhaps the most interesting point was the number of people who told Amelia that she was too small and the wrong sex and that she would never make it. Of the 9 expeditions that set off that year, only hers made it...what a powerful message!

Mr Miller



ANNA IS A LEGO LEGEND

Here is a photo of Anna F (5B) who had a busy weekend recently making her Lego Art - Iron Man. There are two more designs to make which she is hoping to do soon!



Well done, Anna - what a magnificent creation!

LYLA THINKS OF OTHERS

Last week marked Eid, and the end of Ramadan. Donating to charity, or 'Zakat' is an important part of Ramadan. Lyla S (3T) and her sister, Amira, have enjoyed buying a different item for each day of Ramadan to donate to the local food bank and last weekend they dropped off their donations.



Well done, girls - what a lovely thing to have done!



ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

Please don't forget that the 'not so annual' annual staff V parents cricket match is back on the agenda! Any parents who fancy dusting off their pads for a game of T20 cricket at Jesmond against the staff, please email team manager, Mukesh Madhavan, for further information:

drmukeshm@yahoo.com

A **VERY** relaxed affair, this is a great opportunity to enjoy a sunny evening propelling a hard object at each other whilst remaining friends - who could ask for more?

Date: Thursday 17th June

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Jesmond Cricket Club

Mr Miller



CLASS 6W GET MINDFUL

Here are the children in Class 6W taking part in cloud watching as part of *Mental Health Awareness Week*.

Mrs Wall



CLASS 5C COMMUNE WITH NATURE

And here are the children in Class 5C who did some nature listening, 'looking up' and finding their balance during *Mental Health Awareness Week*. *Miss Close*



CLASS TOKENS COMPETITION



A **BIG** well done to Class 3S for winning the class breakfast **again** last week! They showed excellent manners moving around school.



Mrs Cree

CONGRATULATIONS....



.... to Elliott B (6W) who recently passed his Grade 4 Piano exam with Distinction.

The home videoing was incredibly difficult (for everyone!) but this fantastic result makes all the blood and tears worthwhile!



Well done, Elliott - what a great achievement!

CREATIVITY IS THE KEY

Cassius E (3D) has been enjoying nature by taking the family dog Rocky out for walks in Jesmond Dene. His brother, Rufus (5C), wanted to be creative so made pasta from scratch with no machine. He had to work really hard mixing, kneading and rolling but the results were worth it!



Well done, boys!

CONGRATULATIONS....

.... to Akshara S (6W) who managed to 'crack' a 4x4 Rubik's cube by herself in just 15 mins!



Well done, Akshara - that's no mean feat!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO....

.... to George P (6N) who recently really enjoyed taking part in the North East Development League representing Gosforth Harriers. He ran the 800m and the 200m in the U13 category and was very pleased to get a PB in the 800m, finishing in 2 mins 42 seconds.



Well done, George - what a great result!

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Jack C (5C) and Alex D (5C) both play for Hexham Roma U10s and they won the West Division League Cup recently, 7-1. Jack's Mum said, 'It was lovely to see such a great team of friends playing so well together.'



Well done to you both and to the rest of your team mates!



A COUPLE OF SWIMMING REMINDERS



1) A reminder that all children will be carrying out personal survival tasks in swimming over the next 2 weeks, so will need the following, in addition to their school swimming kit:

- **Year 3** – short sleeved t-shirt
- **Years 4, 5 and 6** – a pair of pyjamas.

Pyjamas should be a top and bottoms (long or short bottoms, but please no onesies), should be reasonably tight fitting and made from t-shirt material.

2) We are beginning to think about hosting galas again, and would like to start with a gala within our year groups, after half term. With this in mind, please could anyone who currently has a House Swimming trophy at home, please return it by Tuesday 8th June, preferably engraved.

Mrs Baker



DAWN CHORUS

Last Sunday morning, Ena C-R (5B) and her Mum went to Gosforth Park to record the

dawn chorus. They got up very early and were at the park for 5.30am. They used the *BirdNet* app to identify birds through their calls and captured blackbirds, blue tits and goldfinches amongst a soundtrack of many others. Despite getting up so early, they didn't manage to avoid the early morning traffic noise.

Next time, they hope to venture out a little further afield!



Well done Ena - and what a great photo!