

THE STUDENTS

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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

On Tuesday 10th December, KS2 took part in an amazing event—Christmas in a day—instead of our usual Christmas play. This took place in the village hall.

We got to record, sing and perform a festive a sound-track with the help of Andy Silva. This was a challenge because it all had to be done in a day. All together we had to learn four original songs and one which was a medley. And throughout the performance we explained the Christmas Story.

By Amy, Kira & Jess.

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KS1's Christmas performance was a King is Born and that also took place in the village hall.

The play was all about the story of the birth of Jesus...But with a few funny twists! All the children really enjoyed this and the parents loved it too.

By Jess & Elizabeth.

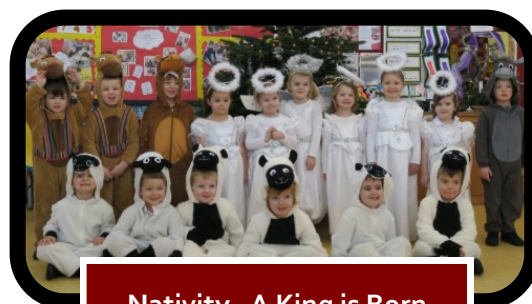
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To celebrate Christingle and Jesus being the light of the world, our pupils put together an amazing celebration with their unique talents. We played musical instruments, sang songs and told a story of the meaning of Christingle. We all enjoyed making our Christingle in church.

By Amy, Kira & Jess



Christmas in a Day



Nativity— A King is Born



Christingle Musicians

25 ALIVE PUPILS

Class 3 took part in the North Northumberland Hospice Care 25 Alive Challenge last term.

We had cake sales, Guess the sweeties in the jar, Roll a penny, Mad hair day and the school council bingo.

Our school community man-

aged to raise £370.60 from the £25 start-up fund.

We competed against local schools and business to see who could raise the most money.

And we won!

By Jess & Elizabeth

THE FUN IN EARLY YEARS

Early years have been learning about the topic animals. They have enjoyed doing maths (making numbers 1-5) and in English, Nursery learned to write their names. They also enjoy playing with the play dough and.

With Mrs. Manners, Nursery they made play dough. They had to count how many cups they needed of each ingredient and work together to mix it and create the final product.

Early Years especially enjoy it when Mrs. Athey brings Jess

A visit from Jess: the Reading Dog.



into school. (See Jess—The Reading Dog.)

Written by Lucy & Martha

Edited by Jess and Elizabeth

*Hand in hand we will
become resilient,
respectful and
responsible citizens of
our community and the
wider world.*

CLASS 1'S ADVENTURES

Class One have worked very hard over the past terms.

They have visited the fire station as they have been learning about the Great Fire of London in history. The children were shown around the fire engines and had a visit from some firemen.

In P.E., Class 1 have been

learning yoga and have been learning how to play tag rugby with the Newcastle Falcons.

In science they have been learning about the weather and the seasons. They made rain gauges to collect the rain and measure how much had fallen each day for a week. They had great fun doing this!

At the fire station.



Reported by Emily and Kitty

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OUR PUPILS' CLASS 2 JOURNEY

Class two have had an amazing experience throughout the year.

They have been lucky enough to go to Ford Castle, where they have enjoyed riding the zip wire and fencing.

They have been making their own 3D prints with the 3D printer. Mrs. Chisholm had a go; she created a PE shed key label.

Recently, Class 2 have been learning about perimeter and area in Maths. They now know that area is written with a small 2.

Written by Tabitha & Scarlett

Edited by Jess & Elizabeth

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= 4 \text{ cm} \times 4 \text{ cm} \\ &= 16 \text{ cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

Arrival at Ford Castle





Jess

The reading dog

We have a new addition to our school community. Jess the reading dog! She reads with everyone on Thursdays.

By Elizabeth

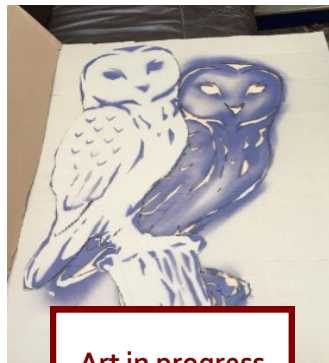
JOHN CRAGGS AND THE MARVELLOUS MASTERPIECES

John Craggs is a local artist who came to help us make art boards that are now being shown around the school premises.

These were made with spray paints and mosaics.

The artwork that we created was of: a fox, a badger, a stag, an owl and our school logo.

We thank John for helping us make these. They make our school brighter!
By Elizabeth.



Art in progress

COMPETITIVE CLASS 3

Class 3 have had a wonderful year so far. In maths we have been building our familiarity of decimals, fractions and percentages in time for SATs.

Earlier in the year, 12 year 6 pupils went to a STEM tournament and luckily both teams came 1st and 2nd.

Class Three have been learning about the Circulatory

System in Science. We would like to say a huge thank you to Dr Louise Coates for our fantastic Heart workshop!

We were able to check our pulse and blood pressure using stethoscopes and BP monitors and we also took ECGs of our heart traces.

As you may know, our class has been taking part in many sports competitions.



We've had outstanding football skills, athletic athletes and a netball team that's ready to go.

They've had a great time so far!

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See you next time



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COVID-19 Comes Closer

As you know, the Government has decided to close schools around the country due to the Coronavirus.

We hope everyone stays safe and well over the days of isolation. Those who have key-working children are welcome to come to school as long as they do not show symptoms.

Each class has been given tasks to complete at home as they will not be able to come to school.

This is our first and (maybe) last issue this year due to the school closure.

By Jess & Elizabeth

THE I.T. UPDATE

We are very lucky to have some new chromebooks in school. Class 3 have handed their laptops down to Class 1 so they have more learning resources.

The chromebooks can be used for lots of different things such as accelerated reader quizzes, SumDog and lots more.

Sum Dog, as you may know, is a new learning resource that we have acquired.

Pupils can learn Maths and English while having fun. We encourage students to keep up the great work on this



Class 2
on
SumDog

amazing app.
(You can download it at home or go onto the website.)

Spelling or Reading.

By Jess & Elizabeth

Our pupils are amazing at Maths and English and we hope to keep up the good work. It is vital that they log on to School360, to do Ks2/ Ks1 SATs Blast and Times Tables Blast, and SumDog to do Maths,