



Weekly Bulletin 28th March 2024

Headteacher's Message

Our thanks go to all who have enabled us to enjoy an excellent range of events in school over the last couple of weeks. It is always good to come together for times of celebration as a school community. It was great to be able to invite parents and carers into school to experience our Reading Café and Book Fair. We were able to raise money which we can spend on new books in school as well as have an opportunity to read and share books together. Thank you to all who attended, to Mrs Claydon for organising and the Y6 pupils for serving the refreshments. Thank you also to FOSS for paying to have our visiting author, Adam Bushnell in school. All children were able to benefit from this wonderful experience.

Earlier today we held our Easter Eucharist Service. This was led by the Worship Choir, Year 6 Worship Group and Fr. Peter and was a fitting way to reflect on the message of Easter. It has been really good to see so many parents supporting the range of events in school this term.

I wish you all a joyful Easter and look forward to seeing you on our return to school on Monday 15th April.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things going on in school. For example, news from our ECO team, Worship group, V.I.P. (Very International People) and SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). This week our focus is on our Reception class and an update is shared below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

Reception

Reception Class absolutely LOVED their visit from **Zoo Lab** on Monday morning! The children were all so sensible when they were holding or stroking the animals & they listened very carefully to Rob when he was telling them all about the life cycles of each animal. They saw William the corn snake, Fred & Matilda the 2 cockroaches, Mr Tubs the tree frog, Emily & Mulan the 2 rats, Bellatrix the tarantula and Shelly the Giant African snail - wow! They were especially fascinated by the snake skin which William had shed because, when Rob held it up, it was so incredibly long.

Mrs Short

Y5 and Y6 Football

Another incredible achievement this week by our Y5/6 football team at the End of Season Cup Tournament. They played 7 games, winning all and without conceding a single goal, to become overall

cup winners. It's a testament to the boys for their hard work, dedication, skill, excellent teamwork and positive attitude on and off the field.

A big thank you to all parents that turned up and embraced the cold weather to support our team.

Mrs Marsden



PE – Summer Term 1

The children are required to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE. Please note: there may be ad-hoc PE days for which you will be informed via letter or SMS text message. Please see class PE days for Summer term 1 below:

Reception	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Thursday and (Friday – Swimming)
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

School Extra-Curricular Activities

Today you will have received a list of clubs that we are offering for this term. If your child is interested in taking part then please do return the forms as soon as possible to the school office.

Online Update – *Sent on behalf of DCC*

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been made aware of some social media platforms where children of primary school age are encouraged to join groups and then to self-harm. Whilst this is always a possible threat for our children, it seems to be particularly prevalent in this area at the minute.

We ask you to be extra vigilant over the Easter period with regards to your child's online activity so that they are not drawn into such groups.

If you need extra information on how to support your child, then the following link to the NSPCC site may be useful:

[Content promoting self-harm, suicide and eating disorders | NSPCC](#)

Noticeboard

- **School Meal Price Increase** - A decision was taken by the School Meals Management Board on Thursday 7th March to approve the school meal price variation request, effective from 1st April 2024. The new charge will be £2.81 per pupil per meal. This is an increase of 12.4%. The increase is a direct result of ongoing food inflation and an unforeseen additional increase to the national minimum wage. The Council undertook a full and transparent review of the evidence presented by Chartwells, to ensure all necessary mitigations had been explored and investigated to maintain affordability. The new price will be fixed until 31st March 2025.

Send Update

Educational Psychology drop-in sessions for parents and carers

Educational psychologists help children and young people with a wide range of different needs, such as, learning, communication and language, social and emotional-wellbeing, practical skills or being independent.

We can help if, for example:

- You are worried your child isn't talking enough.
- You struggle to know what is best to do when your child has a 'tantrum'.
- You've noticed your child doesn't play with other children much.
- Your child is always on the go and doesn't sit still for any activity.
- Your child really struggles to be apart from you.

If you're concerned about your child, pop in to one of our drop-in sessions, where one of our friendly team can offer advice, talk through your concerns and help you plan what to do next.

To find out when the next drop in session will be held in your nearest Family Hub go to: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/30907/Educational-Psychology-drop-in-sessions-for-parents-and-carers>

WILD CHURCH SPRING PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 13th APRIL WILD CHURCH 4.00 p.m: Candlelit/Flare Vigil for Climate Justice Meet outside church. Activities: fire pit, refreshments, (lent pancakes), Lollipop Cards, followed by a Short service. Bring: a food donation for the foodbank.

DAILY PRAYER AND READING APP

On Mothering Sunday, when talking about our mothers giving us guidance and what is carried in a mother's handbag I talked about apps on the phone.

The one I recommended for prayer and contemplation is called **Lectio 365** - it comes with notes. There is also **Lectio for Families**.

There is also **Daily Prayer** from the Church of England which has the services of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer (Compline) which can be followed at home. They are all found in the App Store. Julie Goodhart

Also, the App **Time to Pray** gives one short service per day, and is useful. Peter

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday

10am St Mary's Celebrates the Cross – Stations for children and adults
2pm Journey to the Cross – a Service of Reflection

Sunday 31st March Easter Day

9:30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Activity

Diary Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Monday 15th April – School re-opens

Thursday 18th April – Y3 Mini Tennis skills festival

Thursday 2nd May – School closure, Police and Crime Commissioner elections

Monday 6th May – School closed for May bank holiday

Wednesday 8th May – Y4 Durham Cathedral

Tuesday 7th May -Thursday 9th May – Reception Bike ability Training

WC Monday 13th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

Tuesday 21st May – Reception Hardwick Park

Thursday 23rd May – Y4 Quadkids Competition

Friday 24th May – School closes for Spring half term holiday

Tuesday 4th June – School re-opens after Spring half term holiday

Tuesday 25th June – Hall Hill Farm Y1 Trip

Wednesday 12th June – Durham Dash

Monday 15th July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome

Friday 19th July at 10am – Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Y6 Parents Welcome - refreshments served afterwards by St Mary's parishioners

Friday 19th July – School closes for Summer holiday

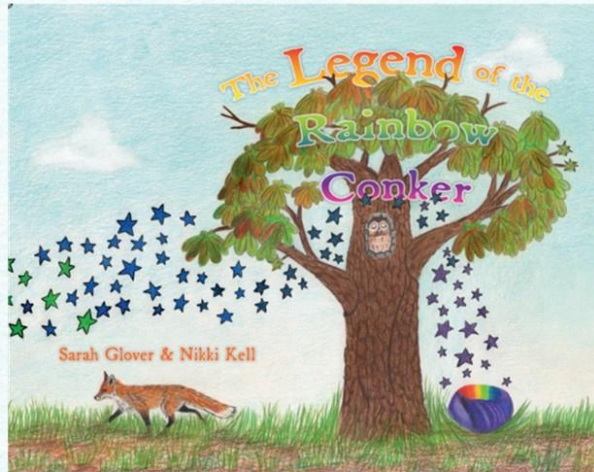
Wednesday 4th September – School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2024/25

Wednesday 8th January 2025 – Friday 10th January 2025 – Y6 Trip to Robinwood

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the Parents' section of the website.

We'd like to invite you to a book signing at
Durham Waterstones

Sarah Glover and Nikki Kell, authors of *The Legend of the Rainbow Conker* will be at Durham Waterstones for a book signing. There will be some fun craft activities for children too!



Saturday
23rd March
11am-2pm

W
Waterstones
Saddler Street,
Durham.



The Legend of the Rainbow Conker by Sarah Glover and Nikki Kell (Nikki Noo Noo) is out now. Inspired by Nikki's career working with children in her much loved forest school, this beautifully illustrated book is sure to inspire the next generation to protect our precious woodlands.



LK EASTER CAMP @ Bow School, Durham 8.30am-4.00pm

8.30am-4.00pm = £18 per child

8.30am-12.30pm = £10 per child

12.00noon-4.00pm = £10 per child

Primary aged children



Book via the link:
<https://bookwhen.com/lkhealthandwellbeing>

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✉ Email me on
lkhealthandwellbeing@outlook.com

👧 Primary School children, 4 years + 👧

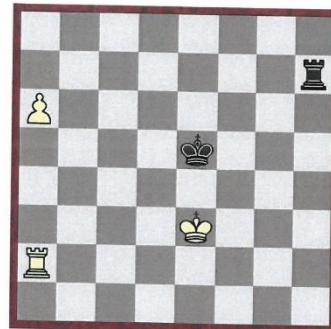
Leanne Murray-Kemp
TEAM LK x

Durham County Junior CHESS Championships

Belmont Community Centre,
Gilesgate Moor, Durham, DH1 2LL



Puzzles – White to play and win.



Saturday 27th April 2024, 1pm – 5pm

- Open to all juniors attending school or living in the former Durham County which apart from the current County Durham includes Darlington, Hartlepool, Stockton, Gateshead, Sunderland and South Tyneside. (Others are welcome to compete but ineligible for Championship titles and related prizes.) **All juniors are welcome – no previous tournament experience is required.**
- Registration 1pm to 1.10pm and Round 1 will start at 1.15pm. There will be 5 or 6 rounds. (It is **not** a knock-out event.) The event, including prize-giving, will finish by 5pm.
- Light refreshments including snacks, tea & coffee will be available.
- Five age group trophies: under-9, under-11, under-13, under-15 and under-18. **Ages on 31st August 2023**, as for normal current school year. E.g. Under-9 includes current Year 4.
- The winner of each section will receive a medal and trophy. There will also be a medal and trophy for the best performance by a girl aged under 15. Other medals may be awarded based on number of entries. (All trophies to be returned next year.)
- **Entry fee £8 per player.** Pay on the day, but you must enter in advance by email.
Closing Date – Wednesday 24th April.
- **Entries by Email:** junior.tournaments@durhamcitychess.co.uk
Please give: **name, date of birth, mobile number, home address and name of school.**
- For full details about this tournament and reports on previous events, visit the website at <http://www.durhamcitychess.co.uk/tournaments.php>
- **This Tournament is organised by the Durham County Chess Association,** <https://dcca.org.uk>.



CIO CHARITY No 1202217
"MAKING CHANGES TOGETHER"

Durham's official Parent Carer Forum and a group of parent carer volunteers who work with professionals to influence and improve services to children and young people (0-25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities in County Durham.

ABOUT US

We work in partnership with the Local Authority, Health and Social Care services and other groups and organisations to influence and challenge service provision and highlight the issues and needs of the families we represent.

We are a registered CIO with the charity number 1202217.



WHAT MCT DO

- ✓ 2 Parent Carer Conferences a year
- ✓ Family disability information events
- ✓ Workshops, training & 1:1 surgeries
- ✓ Information Sharing
- ✓ Work with other Parent Carer forums & organisations locally & nationally
- ✓ Attend focus groups including SEND Partnership, SEND Information, Short Breaks, Autism Steering group, Neurodevelopmental Pathway & Team Training.
- ✓ Plus lots more.....

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ✓ Attend one of our parent carer conferences
- ✓ Join our email mailing list (Just email us to join)
- ✓ Follow our social media accounts
- ✓ Attend one of our events
- ✓ Apply to be a volunteer

STRONGER TOGETHER

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CONTACT US

✉ INFO@MCTDURHAM.CO.UK

<http://WWW.MCTDURHAM.CO.UK>



Easter Holiday Camps

Week 1

2 April - 5 April

- Multi-sports (5 - 12 years)
- Dance (5 - 8 years)
- Netball (10 - 14 years)
- Adventure camp (12 - 16 years)

durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps



Easter Holiday Camps

Week 2

8 April - 12 April

- Multi-sports (5 - 12 years)
- Dance (9 - 12 years)

durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps



Team Durham Easter Netball Camp

2nd April - 5th April 2024

- 10-14 years old

Our core day costs £17 and runs from 9:30am - 4:30pm, with optional additional early drop-off (8:30am) and late pick up (5:30pm) at an extra charge of £2.00 per session per day.



Sports and Wellbeing Park, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3SE
Free onsite car parking


Durham County Football Association

Female Holiday Course

@ RIVERSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX 3G, DH3 3SJ

 6- 11 YEAR OLDS GIRLS

 THURSDAY 4TH APRIL/ FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2024
9:00AM – 3:00PM

 £12 PER DAY- £22 FOR THE TWO DAYS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR
AS WELL AS PLENTY OF DRINKS AND A PACKED LUNCH
ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL OF PARTICIPATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE CONTACT
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March 2024

Newsletter

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2024-2025
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Monday
18 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
A different approach to supporting Anxiety, Anger, OCD & Neurodiversity

Thursday
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



Durham Nearly New Sale

Sunday 17th March 2024

12.45pm-2pm (NCT members early entry 12.30pm)

Only £1 entry

Lots of baby and children's toys, clothes, prams and nursery equipment, business stands and much more.

Sir Bobby Robson Sports Hall

Durham Academy

Ushaw Moor,

DH7 7NG



NCT is acting as the agent for sellers at NCT Nearly New sales.

NCT is a trading name of The National Childbirth Trust
Limited company registered in England and Wales: 2370573
Registered office: 30 Euston Square, Stephenson Way, London, England, NW1 2FB.
Registered charity in England and Wales: 801395 and Scotland: SC041592

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7-9 year
olds

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book your place
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Workshop dates

Monday 4 March, 6-8.30pm
Wednesday 6 March, 9.30-12noon
Monday 18 March, 6-8.30pm
Tuesday 19 March 12-2.30pm

Venue TBC



