



DATES

NOVEMBER

4th School Resumes
 11th Remembrance Day
 11th Captain Chemistry Y1
 11-15th Anti-bullying Week
 13th Photographer in for Individual Photographs
 13th World Kindness Day
 14th National Diabetes Day
 15th Children in Need
 18-22nd UK Parliament Week
 22nd Adam Bushnell in Y5 & Y6
 27th Nov – 6th Dec Assessment
 29th PTA Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

10th Brass Concerts
 1.45: Y4; 2.30: Y5/Y6
 11th Captain Chemistry Y4
 12th Christmas Lunch
 16th 2pm & 6pm **KS1 Concert**
 17th 2pm & 6pm **KS2 Concert**
 18th pm: KS1 Party
 19th am: Y3/Y4 Party
 19th pm: Y5/Y6 Party
 20th 9.10 Family Sing-a-long
 20th END OF TERM

JANUARY

7th School Resumes (Tues)
 21st Parents can view books in class with children

PTA MEETING

8th 3.30PM Y3 CLASS
ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY WELCOME!

Finchale Football Success!



We are delighted that we have had yet another victory for our fabulous Finchale football team! Our footballers recently competed in the Year 5 & Year 6 7-a-side Mixed League. They finished top of the league and earned themselves a fabulous

trophy, which you can see at the top of this newsletter. Well done to all of our team for playing so well and for superb behaviour and sportsmanship. Les received a Head Teacher's Award for his excellent coaching skills.

Cross Country Success



Our year 5/6 boys running team have lots to celebrate this month! They recently competed in a cross country competition against several other schools in the area and they finished first. This meant that they qualified for the Durham County Primary Cross Country finals where they finished in third place, earning them a bronze medal! Well done Bodie, Alex, Fraser, Sam, Jenson and Toby, this was an excellent achievement and you really represented our school well. We also had some children who had qualified to compete in the County Finals as individual runners. Fraser ran superbly and finished in second place, winning a silver medal which was brilliant! I am so proud of all our runners, for they way they have conducted themselves as well as for how well they ran.

Ofsted Parent View

You can share your views about our school with Ofsted either by clicking here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

or by going onto our school website:

<https://www.finchale.durham.sch.uk/>

and clicking on the sign PARENTS, then USEFUL LINKS where you will see the link to Ofsted's Parent View.

Y2 Halloween Sports



Year 2 had a great sports afternoon with a Halloween theme at the Gymnastics centre. The children took part in a range of sporty Halloween activities which culminated in a spooky dance. They had a very energetic but enjoyable time and everyone was quite exhausted after all their scary sports activities. The children found it fun to be dressed up for sport!

Finchale Family Jiggly Jog



Our Finchale families had a great afternoon at our annual Finchale Family Jiggly Jog. We had class runs, sibling runs and whole family runs. Our families enjoyed being active together, taking part in a 1K run, walk or jog around our newly repaired track. It was lovely to see parents, grandparents,



family members and neighbours out having a great time together. A huge well done to everyone who took part, we were so pleased the weather was so good! More pictures are available on the website.

Year 1 Visit Gymnastics Centre...



Year 1 were lucky enough to go to Durham City Gymnastics Club for a taster session. They bounced on trampolines, practised lots of balancing and perfected their rolling techniques. The children had lots of fun and really enjoyed using the equipment at the gymnastics centre. They came back to school inspired and ready for their gymnastics unit in PE.



and All Saints Church

Y1 walked up to All Saints Church this week and learnt all about the features of a Christian church. The children asked lots of interesting questions and found 19 crosses in the church which symbolised Jesus dying on a cross. They enjoyed exploring the church and learning more about Christianity.



Y4 School Trip



Year 4 visited Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens after their trip to Seaham beach was rained off. The children had a brilliant day looking at natural history and objects through time. They also found out about coal mines and ship building and then walked through a dinosaur land. They learnt a lot and had a great day.



Reception Fun with Balance Bikes



Reception had fun practising their balancing skills using our balance bikes. They enjoyed an introductory session with Darren from the School Sports Partnership, and he was very impressed

when he returned to see their progress as some could now use a pedal bike

Y4 Gymnastics

The class experienced a series of gymnastic disciplines including trampoline, tumbling and balance and vault work. They also watched demonstrations from the coaches at close quarters, which they really enjoyed. The behaviour of our children was excellent, as it always is, and they mixed in well with the three other schools that took part in the event. The children were inspired to further develop their own gymnastics skills.



INTRODUCING MISS WARD



We are delighted to introduce your new Headteacher, Miss Ward, who will be taking up post in January after I retire. We are already working together to ensure a smooth transition. Miss Ward is currently working in Sunderland but is looking forward to returning to Durham, where she both studied and started her teaching career. More information to will follow in due course.