

Piles of prizes and fun at Beamish Show

By Emma and Alf, Year 4

On Friday 14 September Class 3 and Class 4 travelled to Beamish Museum for the Beamish Agricultural Show. It was a good day for Castleside Primary School. We collected a huge pile of prizes and certificates and had a lot of fun with all of the activities !

The first prize announced was for an animal made from fruit and vegetables and Castleside achieved first, second and third. Daniel B was awarded first place for a melon fish. It was the third year in a row that Daniel won this prize. Lexi was awarded second place for her water melon shark and Jack B was awarded third for his sultana spider.

We won first place again for the best vase of flowers – thanks to Mrs Draper and Mrs Walton. The next announcement was for sewing. Emma got second prize and Charlie P achieved third place.

We swept the floor with Key Stage 1 art work. Izzy was awarded first place. Dylan achieved second and Ciara was third. Mason was awarded third place in Key Stage 2 art work. Izzy also received second place for gingerbread making.

A lot of students won certificates for winning hobby horse races. Daniel B won twice. Everybody who took part in printing also got certificates.

It was a successful day for Castleside. Well done to everyone who took part in the competitions.



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Key Dates

Thursday 18th October: Reading curriculum evening, 5.00-6.30pm

Friday 19th October: Non-uniform day

Break up for half-term

Monday 29th October: School re-opens

Year 6 safety carousel

Wednesday 31st October: Halloween Disco, 3.15-4.30pm

Friday 2nd November: Non-uniform day

Tuesday 6th November: Parents evening, 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 8th November: Parents' evening, 4.00-6.00pm

Friday 9th November: Non-uniform forfeit day

Charity clothing collection

Monday 12th November: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Tuesday 13th-Friday 16th November: Dukeshouse Wood visit for Year 5s

Friday 16th November: Non-uniform forfeit day

Friday 23rd November: Christmas Fair, 1.30pm

Wednesday 28th November: School choir carol singing, Tesco, 10am

Tuesday 11th December: Nativity, 10am

Wednesday 12th December: Nativity, 2.00pm

Thursday 13th December: Nativity, 2.00pm

Friday 14th December: Christmas jumper day

Monday 17th December: Key Stage 2 party, 1.30-4.00pm

Tuesday 18th December: Key Stage 1 party, 1.00-3.15pm

Wednesday 19th December: Christmas Cabaret, 2.00pm

Thursday 20th December: Christingle, 11.00am

Christmas Lunch, Noon

Break up for Christmas



Agata and Amelka singing with Miss Barrass' brilliant school choir at Castleside Autumn Show.



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**Find out more at:
www.countydurhamfamilies.info/localoffer**

Drew gallops to pony prizes



By Drew, Year 4

For three or four years, I have been riding my pony in competitions at shows. I've had five ponies. My first pony was called Aggie. She was a little Shetland pony. She was black all over and very greedy. While I was trying to ride her, she kept on trotting over to the grass and starting to eat.

I've got two ponies now, Suzie and Oliver. Suzie's my jumping pony. Oliver hates jumping. I usually like to just gallop him around the arena. It's a lot of fun galloping on a pony. When I gallop on Suzie I feel like I'm going to fall off. I've fallen off a lot of times. A lot of the times on Oliver I've fallen on to the jump and it really hurts!

In the summer holidays I won three trophies. I got two at Weardale Show. I got a big one for the Hare and Hound. You have to quickly jump around a course on a pony and then you have to get off and lead a dog around the jumps as well. I got a trophy from another show for the best combination. The best combination means what you can do on your pony and if your pony likes it. Sometimes if your pony doesn't like what it's doing it will try to throw you off. It has happened to me a lot of times !

Free Books Project

Thanks to school governor, parent and journalist Julie Tyers for helping to bring the brilliant new Free Books project to our school—and for writing the press release that appeared in local press. With the message 'There's no excuse for a book-free home,' the Free Books project was set up after statistics revealed one in eight disadvantaged children in the UK do not own a single book. Julie and her fellow reading advocates have vowed to make a change and further details of their project can be found at www.free-books.org.uk.



Enjoying pastimes from



On Friday 14th at 9:15 we were all ready with our school jumpers, coats and packed lunches. We got to Beamish at 10:00 and went on a blue and white, old fashioned double decker bus. The 1900s town was fun because we went to the sweet shop to see how they make sweets. They got the dough and rolled it through the mould. When the sweets cooled down we got to try them. They were warm, peach and cream. They were delicious.

After that, we went to the dentist. They used to use cocaine to release pain before they pulled out your teeth. Oliver nearly got one of his teeth pulled out! After the dentist we went to the Masonic Hall. It was kind of weird because of the old fashioned pictures and in the old times only men could go in. We ate our dinner at 11:00.

Then went to the bank. The bank was cool because we got to see the old coins. There was one that was tiny and one that was large. We went down the stairs and saw where they put the money. In one of the safes there were two stuffed rats. Ronan was scared of them.

Then we went to the showground tent and we drank juice and ate gingerbread. We saw the eagles and vultures. They were so funny. One of them sounded like it was laughing. We went to the dance tent and danced the harvest dance. It was amazing and really fun. I did proggy mats and got to make a square proggy mat. The proggy mats was fun. The archery was tricky. I couldn't do it. I have to practise.

past times at Beamish Show



Family focus on Class 5



In the first of a new series of fascinating interviews with family members by Mrs Hart's Class 5 pupils, JESSICA asks her sister Stephanie about her love of dog shows.

What is your dog's name, breed and age?

Pepper is a three-and-a-half-year-old Border Collie.

Why do you like going to dog shows?

Dog shows are a good way for our dogs to get used to other dogs, and it's a nice day out with friends. Plus any rosettes are a bonus.

Can you tell me which three are your favourite categories?

My favourites are Scruffiest Mutt, Friendliest Dog and Most Handsome Dog.

What was your funniest competition?

The egg and spoon race was very funny. We came third, but dropped the egg a lot. We have also come first in Dog and Owner Lookalike, where I dressed in black and white. That was funny.

Has Pepper won a trophy?

You don't really get trophies, but he has won a lot of rosettes. You [Jessica] have won young handler rosettes. We have 14 rosettes.

Does your dog dress up?

No, I don't think our dog would be very happy if I did that. Lots of other people do. One lady dressed herself up as Snow White and her seven bull terriers as dwarves. She looked fantastic. I've also seen a lady dress her dog as a hot dog in a bun. She dressed up as a bottle of ketchup!

Footballers make a flying start to the new league season



By James, Year 6

After the first week's fixtures were cancelled because of strong winds, the school football team got off to a strong start in the Tony Reather Football League. We won three out of the four games we played in the next two weeks. It is the best run we have had for a few years.

The first night we played was at Leadgate and it was quite windy that night too. The first game was against Leadgate Brooms. We dominated from the start and after three minutes James volleyed the ball into the back of the net from a corner. Then Liam broke into the box and powered a shot into the roof of the net. Seb made a few good saves in the second half and we won 2-0. Against a strong Medomsley side we couldn't get into the game and they won 4-0.

In the second week we played at Langley Park. The first game was against Burnside and Jake was on top form. Their keeper was experienced and saved a lot of our shots. Then, from a corner, James took a shot from the edge of the box and the ball deflected off Connor's toe into the bottom corner. The defence was solid. Not many people got past our defence and, if they did, they were quickly stopped. We ended up winning 1-0.

The second game was against Leadgate Brooms and we won 4-1. Ethan threaded a through ball to Connor, who tucked the ball away for our first goal. After we scored, Leadgate were determined to equalise and when they did we responded with three more goals! Jake set up James for a curling shot into the bottom corner. The keeper dived for the ball and hit it into the ground and into the top corner. Connor scored the other two goals, a shot into the roof of the net, then a rebound from a shot by Jake.

*** See the back page for news of our other four league matches before the winter break.**

Daniel's dazzling goal helps the school team to fourth league win

By Frankie, Year 4

This was my first time playing for the school football team. It was the third night of fixtures for the team, at Langley Park on Wednesday 10th October. The Year 6s played there on the Monday, so the Year 5s and 4s got their chance.

The school team won three of their first four games and we didn't want to lose any of our matches because some of us hadn't played before. The first game was against the Grove and we won 1-0! Our goal was unstoppable. Alfie laid a great pass off to Daniel on the right side and Daniel went past three defenders, then swerved a left foot shot into the back of the net. I haven't seen a better goal in my life in kids' football!



After that match, I was in goal against Langley Park. I was a little bit nervous but after they took some shots at me I wasn't worried at all. I was surprised that I saved all the shots, especially when the Langley Park players were Year 6s. Their goalkeeper was quite good as well.

We should have won the game. We were so close to scoring but, after Alfie laid the ball off, Liam had a shot that hit the post. He was so unlucky. We drew 0-0 and after the game we all shook hands.

After the first six games of the season, the school team had won four games, drawn one match and lost only one game.

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Sadly, the school team were unable to maintain their impressive run of form in our final two league matches of the autumn break at Bloemfontein Primary School on Tuesday 16th October, losing 2-0 to Bloemfontein and 5-1 to All Saints.

However, Daniel Ashurst scored another fine goal, Frankie was outstanding in goal and Ethan continued to blossom,, displaying great versatility on the wing, in defence and in central midfield.

Mr Turnbull said: " Congratulations to all of the players for their efforts in the first half of the season. They have been a credit to themselves, their families and to the school.. Well done, everyone."

