

## Reaching for the stars with the Tin Foil Astronaut

On Thursday 19th April the school saw a show of the Tin Foil Astronaut by a company called the Kitchen Zoo. The characters were Alba Dinkley, Man on the Moon and News Reporter.

Alba Dinkley loves the solar system and wants to be an astronaut. My favourite part was when we had to throw tin foil in the rocket.

Children at school called Alba names. One morning Alba's dad said, "Take the bin out." Alba fell into the bin a flew to space. She met a robot and named it Rusty.

Rusty didn't have a heart so Alba put a tin foil heart in Rusty's body. Alba's Dad was scared that Alba wouldn't come back but Alba met the Man on the Moon and the Man on the Moon said he will guide Alba home.

**Hannah, Class 2**



The characters in Tin Foil Astronaut were Rusty, Man on the Moon, Dad, News Reporter and Alba Dinkley. Alba loved the solar system and she watched the space race.

She goes back home and blasts through the roof into space. She lands on Planet Blue Toe and it is very, very, very, very cold.

She met a robot called Rusty and they made friends. My favourite part was all the funny parts.

**Finley, Class 2**



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# KEY DATES

Wednesday 23rd May: Tom Johnson 7-a-side football tournament, St Mary's, Blackhill, 4pm.

Friday 25th May: Roman Army Museum Trip, Walltown, Classes 4 and 5.

Forfeit Day. Donation to Summer Fair.

Break up for half-term.

Monday 4th June: School Re-opens.

Book Fair all week.

Friday 8th June: Forfeit Day. Donation to Summer Fair.

Monday 11th June: Year 1 phonics screening.

Tuesday 12th-Thursaday 14th June: Year 6 trip to London.

Wednesday 11th June: Song for Europe, Gala Theatre, Durham -16 children.

Friday 15th June: Forfeit Day. Donation to Summer Fair.

Monday 18th June: Sports Week. A week of sporting activities.

Tuesday 19th June: First visit for new reception children and transition sessions for Year 5.

Thursday 21st June: Sports Day, 1.30pm.

Friday 22nd June: School Fair, 3.30pm.

Tuesday 26th June: Big Sing, Key Stage 2.

Second new starter visit.

Wednesday 27th June: Mini Sing, Key Stage 1.

Tuesday 3rd July: Year 6 Induction, Academy, and Open Evening.

Third new starter visit.

Wednesday 11th July: Year 6 Performance, 6pm.

Thursday 12th July: Year 6 Performance, 1.30pm.

Drop-in session to meet next year's teacher, 3.30-5.00.

Friday 13th: Whole school visit to Allensford, pm.

Monday 16th July: Year 6 Assembly, 1.30pm.

Wednesday 18th July: Whole School End of Year Assembly.

Friday 20th July: Break up for summer.

Tuesday 4th September: School re-opens for the 2018-19 school year.



# Matilda's generous hair-raising act for charity

By Matilda, Year 5



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April I went straight after school to the hairdressers in Blackhill. It took five minutes to get here. I sat down in the chair and it had a booster seat on it and the hairdresser put an apron on so that none of the hair would go on my school uniform.

I was getting my hair cut for the Prince's Trust. They make their own wigs and things for children who don't have hair because of cancer. I decided to do that because my big sister, Lucy, who's in the Army said: "Why don't you get your hair cut and give it to the Princes' Trust?"

My Mum thought it would be a good idea to get a pony tail cut off because my hair was down to my waist. Then my Mum asked me if I did want to get it cut. She said: "You can give it to lot of little girls who don't have hair."

I said yes because it would make them really happy.

You get the hair in three bobbles – one at the top; one in the middle; and one at the bottom. Then you put it in a plastic bag. It has to be washed because if it's dirty they can't make wigs out of it. Mine wasn't dirty. I'd washed it on Tuesday.

A couple of days after, once the people who create the wigs have made something out of them, they send you an email with a picture of what they've done on a model.

After, they say thank you very much for the hair that you donated to us. I had about a foot cut off.

## JK Rowling's special stamp of approval for Castleside

By Ellie, Year 6

On Friday 27th April, I received an unexpected letter. It was a reply from my favourite author (JK Rowling). At first, I thought my dream to get into Hogwarts had come true. But then I realised it was just a reply from JK Rowling—which was a little less amazing than being told I was a witch.

My letter has two of the best stamps on in the world. They were that amazing even people in my class were jealous. My teacher (Mrs Hart) was even jealous.

When I opened my letter I started to cry because I was so overwhelmed.

**\* Carl, from Class 6, was also lucky enough to receive a reply from JK Rowling!**

# Girl power helps footballers

**By James T, Year 5**

After lots of bad weather, the school football team had an improved second half of the season in the Tony Reather League. Three girls joined the squad – Lucy B, Lucy C and Ruby – and we won three of our last eight games. Before Christmas we only won one game.

We beat Ebchester 1-0 at Greenland. James T lobbed the ball over everybody and Carl slotted the ball home. Then on a horrible, overgrown, grassy pitch at Leadgate we beat Leadgate 2-1. Adam scored both goals. On the last night of league fixtures on a perfect pitch at Leadgate we were given an automatic 1-0 win against Leadgate Brooms because they didn't turn up.

We also drew 0-0 against Bloemfontein in a league game and 0-0 against Burnside in a friendly. With the Year 6s doing SATS, we had to get some other players for the final fixture. The players were: Kane, Seb, Ethan, Alfie and Jake.

Our final league record was: Played 16, Won 4, Drawn 2, Lost 10, Goals For 6, Goals Against 19, Points 14. Our final position in the table was seventh.

Thank you to everybody who came and watched us play.



# finish fixtures on a high



When I first got into the school football squad I was quite nervous because I only tried out for fun. I didn't play as much in the school yard at first but then I started to enjoy it.

I played in the second game at Leadgate and it was probably the best time of my life. I got my confidence of playing football and not being scared of the ball.

We lost the first game when I wasn't playing, then we won the second game. I think I nearly broke my wrist saving a shot!

I like being in goal because I don't have to use my feet as much. It's good to save the ball for our team.

When I got on to the pitch, it was nerve-wracking but when I saved my first goal I was happy about it. My Dad was watching. It was the first time he'd seen me play football and he said I did well.

I want to play when I go to the Academy

**Ruby**

I was surprised when I was picked for the school football team. I didn't think I was good enough. I just liked playing in the yard.

It helps to have Lucy B and Ruby in the team as well. It didn't help when we played at Leadgate and the grass was so long that the ball wouldn't move. It just got stuck.

I missed the last game because I was doing a Y stretch on the school field and my knee cracked. It took three hours for the ambulance to come. It really hurt when I fell.

**Lucy C**

I was shocked when I got picked. I felt nervous for the first game. I didn't really know where to run. It was good that we won. We also won when we played at Leadgate the next week.

I didn't enjoy it so much when Lucy and Ruby weren't playing.

**Lucy B**

# Victoria's tortilla treat for Class 4



Pupils in Class 4 have been cooking up some tasty treats. They have been making their own pizzas and also cooking Spanish omelettes, following the terrific tortilla de patata recipe supplied by Mr Gilbert's Spanish teaching assistant, Victoria. The children and staff have enjoyed Victoria's tortilla so much, we thought you might like to have a go at making it yourself...

## Ingredients

5 small-medium potatoes

1 1/2 onions (white)

6 eggs

Olive oil

Salt to taste

## Instructions

1. Peel potato skins and grate.
2. Do the same with the onions.
3. Heat the oil in a pan on medium heat. Add potatoes and onion with a pinch of salt.
4. Stir every now and then, cooking for about 7 minutes until you have a golden edge to it.
5. In the meantime, beat the eggs in a mixing bowl, again with a pinch of salt.
6. When the potato-onion mix is golden brown, add it to the eggs in the mixing bowl (this starts to cook the egg).
7. Put it all back into the pan and cook on a low heat for about 5 minutes.
8. Get a plate that is wider than the pan. Place the plate face down on to the pan. With a firm grip on the handle and the plate, flip it.
9. Slide the omelette back into the pan the other way up.
10. Cook for another 5 minutes on a low heat.

# How Chaz became a YouTube sensation

**Charlie Knee continues his thrilling story about schoolboy football star Chaz Henderson...**



## **Sunday 1st January**

Chaz went in his football kit with all the signings on (the one he just got for his birthday today). It was only a ten minute drive to Trembley Stadium.

Of all the times Chaz and his dad had been to Trembley, they had never heard it this quiet before. Then suddenly Chaz heard a familiar voice. It was Rovers FC chairman Robert, with manager Matthew. They led Chaz and his dad to what looked like an empty room but all of a sudden all of the Rovers players shouted ' "Surprise!"

Then Chaz and his Dad got tucked into some party food and Chaz got all of his Match Attax cards signed as a gift.

## **Monday 2nd January**

The next day Chaz got a text from his friends Chris and John. It read, "Happy birthday. How did it go at Trembley? Also, are you playing out today?"

So Chris and John headed down to the field with Chaz's brand new Premier League football. When they got back, Chaz's parents had another present.. It was the new Dan Freedman book, Skills from Brazil.

## **Tuesday 3rd January**

By now, Chaz had already finished his Skills from Brazil book. He was a super reader! Chaz was just watching WWF when his phone started ringing. It was Joe, the manager of Rovers' Juniors. "Come to my office tomorrow" said Joe. Chaz replied, "Ok, I'll be there."

## **Wednesday 4th January**

When Chaz got to the ground, Joe was waiting for him. Joe wanted him to play in the Under 15s and Under 18s. Chaz said, "Yes, definitely. I'll be here tomorrow."

## **Thursday 5th January**

Chaz knew it was his chance to prove himself to Joe. He packed his new Adidas sock boots. They brought him luck every time. Ten minutes into the game and the Rovers Under 18s were 1-0 down.

Chaz's Grandad Ronnie said to Chaz, "Come on!" Then, after 27 minutes, Chaz scored an overhead kick like Zlatan Ibrahimovic's against England. What a goal!

Chaz was pleased with himself. Luckily, Grandad Ronnie had filmed it. He put it on YouTube and it got 4 billion views. Chaz felt really proud. He felt he could do anything...

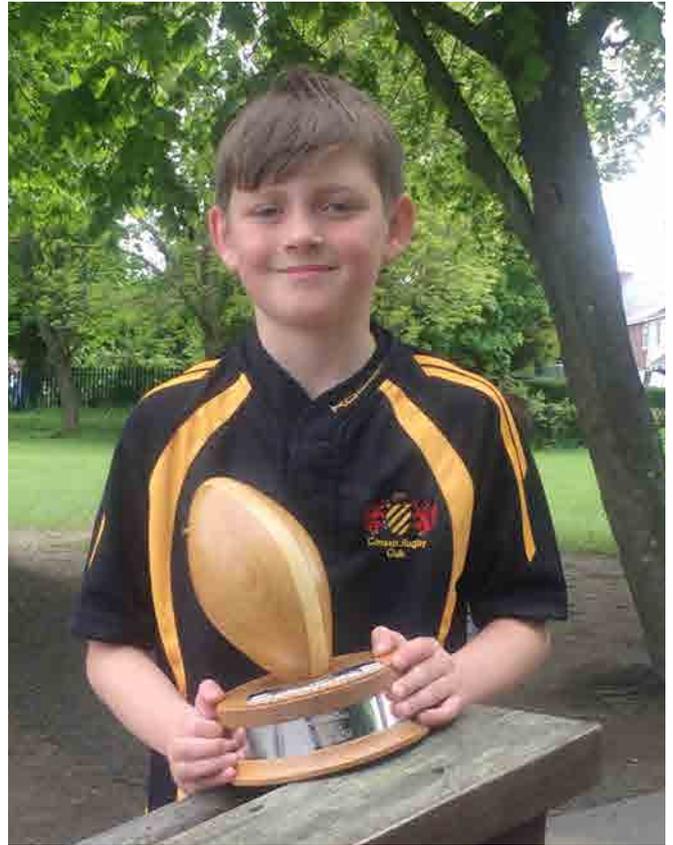
# Rugby club honour for multi-talented Connor

By Connor, Year 5

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, I was awarded the Coaches' Player of the Year at Consett Rugby Club. I play in the Minis section. I have been going for four years. I was five when I started.

My brother Jake already played and I used to go and watch him. I like the people who play rugby. They are nice and friendly. It doesn't hurt when you get tackled.

I play football for Consett Sharks. James T also plays for them. I play centre striker or in the midfield. Rugby and football are my favourite sports.



# Head over heels with Hannah's judo training

By Kane, Year 5

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Class 5 went into the hall to do judo with a girl called Hannah. Hannah had a white adidas suit with GBR on it. She does judo for Great Britain. She also had a black belt. In judo you get different colour belts and black is the best one.

I was with my best friends, Brandon and Harvey, and we had to try to get each other on the floor. You have to get hold of the other person and trip them on the floor. You have to use your feet. Brandon got me on the floor twice. I got Harvey on the floor six times and Brandon twice.

You had to get people into locks. You put your arm around their head and lock them in your arm pit. They had ten seconds to get out of it. We had to flip each other on to the floor. When you are on your knees, then you get hold of the other person by the collar and flip them over.

