

Daniel wins Young Heroes award for his special Channel swim

By Daniel B, Year 5

One morning my Mum asked me if I wanted to do a charity swim. I had to swim the length of the English Channel for charity but not in one go!

It took me two and a half weeks to do it, in the swimming baths at Consett Leisure Centre. Each day I swam between 80 and 160 lengths. My swimming coach kept count. I did 1,430 lengths in total.

It all added up to 22 miles. That's the distance from England to France, from Dover to Calais. It's the same distance as Consett to Durham and back!

I did it for the Children's Cancer Fund at the Royal Victoria Infirmary hospital in Newcastle. It was to help my cousin Daisy because she has cancer. So far I've made about £1,100.

I've been swimming since I was 4 and I swim for Consett ASC—Consett Amateur Swimming Club. I want to keep doing swimming when I get older but I don't know if I want to swim the actual Channel because of the waves and the jelly fish!

On Tuesday this week my Mum told me I was leaving school early on Wednesday night because I had been nominated for the Consett Police Young Heroes Award. I went to Consett Police Station the next night for a presentation and I got a certificate and a medal.

It was a big surprise. I got nominated by PC Abbie Dixon and two other people because of the swim that I did and the people at the police station chose a winner.



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It's been a whirlwind half-term for us all at Castleside Primary School. It started with the thrilling news that Year Two pupil Lachlan had captured the National Young Pea Chef of the Year Award and has drawn to a conclusion with Daniel B from Year 5 winning the local Young Heroes Award for his amazing 'Channel Swim' for children's cancer.



Mrs Lightley

We have good reason to be proud of our pupils and the same goes for our staff. Since the summer we have welcomed two key additions to our dynamic teaching staff. Mrs Lightley has arrived in Class 4, teaching the Year 5 pupils, with 20 years of experience in different primary school settings. She has settled straight into school life and made an immediate impact, as has Miss Moat in Class 3. The extensively experienced Miss Moat is contracted to cover in Class 3 until Mrs Draper returns from maternity leave. We are also delighted that experienced Teaching Assistant and former pupil Mr Robson is looking after the Year 1 children for the final placement in his teacher training course.



Miss Moat

We're fortunate to carry this out because Mr Robson knows the children so well and is able to implement all of our systems so proficiently.

Enjoy the well-earned half-term break, everyone!

KEY DATES

Friday 25th October: Break up for half-term.

Monday 4th November: School re-opens.

Friday 8th November: Forfeit day.

Monday 11th November: School closed to pupils for teacher training day.

Tuesday 12th-Thursday 14th November: Dukeshouse Wood Trip, Year 5s.

Monday 19th November: Governing body meeting.

Friday 22nd November: Forfeit day.

Thursday 28th November: Flu vaccinations.

Friday 29th November: Christmas Fair.

Monday 2nd December, all week: Test week.

Monday 9th December: Christmas post box up; Nativity dress rehearsal.

Wednesday 11th December: Nativity, 4pm.

Thursday 12th December: Nativity, 6pm.

Friday 13th December: Nativity, 10am., Non-uniform day.

Monday 16th December: Key Stage 2 party, 1pm-3.15pm.

Tuesday 17th December: Key Stage 1 party, 1pm-3.15pm.

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas Cabaret 2pm.

Friday 20th December: Christingle Service, St John the Evangelist; Christmas lunch in classes; break up for Christmas.

Tuesday 7th January: School re-opens.

Lochlan cooks up winning recipe after giving peas a chance

By Lochlan, Year 2

My Mummy told me about the National Young Pea Chef of the Year Competition and I wanted to enter it because it sounded fun.

I wanted to win the prize. I only got it last week. It was a certificate and a trophy. The school gets a prize of £500.

You could make anything you wanted to with peas. I made a striped pea fish cake. It had pea mayonnaise and pea shoots.

I sent in the recipe and it was cooked by some chefs. It was voted top in the Primary School section.

I like fish cake. I didn't used to like peas but I ate the striped pea fish cake and it tasted good. I like peas now.

I do a lot of cooking at home. I like beans on toast the best. I like beans on cheese on toast too.

When I grow up I'd like to do some more cooking but I want to be a footballer. I want to be a goalkeeper for Sunderland.



Ingredients for the fishcakes:

- 2 Baked potatoes
- 475g cod
- 250g peas
- 2tbsp sesames seeds
- 1 clove garlic
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- Milk butter
- 1/2 tsp tarragon

Ingredients for the mayonnaise:

- 1 egg yolk
- 150ml olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- Salt and pepper
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 100g peas

Method

1. Cook fish with tarragon, salt and pepper and flake it.
2. Mash potatoes with a little milk and butter.
3. Boil peas.
4. Mix potato and fish together.
5. Use pastry cutter to shape fish cakes by putting it inside the pastry cutter and use a spoon and press down a layer of potato/fish then a layer of mashed peas and then another layer of potato/fish.
6. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top and remove cutter.
7. Repeat to make about 4 fish cakes.

For the mayonnaise:

1. Separate egg yolk and white, put egg yolk in a small bowl.
2. Whisk egg white for a minute then SLOWLY add olive oil, add crushed garlic, salt and pepper.
3. Mash peas and mix with lemon juice.
4. Whisk pea mixture into mayonnaise

Intrepid Emma makes a name for herself on Dukeshouse trip



By Emma, Year 5

From 12th to 15th November, Class 4 went to Dukeshouse Wood with Mr and Mrs Gilbert. Friday was my favourite day. We had problem solving and Jacob's Ladder.

On Jacob's Ladder we had to pull the rope and if you were about to go you were attached to the ground and had the job to pull up the rope attached to the harness. When it was mine and Drew's turn I got to the top of the ladder in record time and next season it's going to be known as Emma's Ladder.

Every step of the rungs got bigger and bigger as you went up. I only got to the top because of team work. I got up one rung and then I helped Drew get up. There were eight rungs to climb up and most people got up three to six. Drew got up to the sixth but then she could reach no further.

After that we had problem solving. One of the problems was having to get over two planks without touching the floor. There was another one where you had to go past each other in order of shoe size.

I had a fun time and hopefully I'll go back again. We went to bed at 10:00pm and were woken up at 7:00am. The food was really nice. On Tuesday it was American, on Wednesday Italian, on Thursday English and on Friday East to East.

There was crate stacking, where you had to stack up as many crates as you can in three minutes and stand on them. We got 13, the highest any kid has ever got.



Some of us pushed our limits to get to the top of things or just got higher than they did last time. I thought everybody did really well. Mr Gilbert said it was one of the best groups he had ever had.

Dukeshouse Wood is one of my favourite places that I have visited in my life. I had a fun time and hopefully I'll go back.





Big seal of approval for our blue reef visit

By Arran, Charlie and Benjamin, Year 2

It was really fun for Class 2 to go to the Blue Reef Aquarium because there was loads of fish to see. There were sharks, seals, jellyfish, hermit crabs, stingrays. There was also a monkey and a turtle and a lizard.

The seals were great because they did a show. They were jumping up and splashing. They were jumping through hoops and taking hoops away and trying to bring them back. We also got to see them get their teeth brushed, with toothpaste.

We've learned a lot about habitats in class. A turtle has two habitats—its shell and sometimes it'll have a little hut of rocks.

Sea urchins have a habitat. They hide under boats at the beach. Sea snakes live under rocks. Hermit crabs try to fight other crabs for a bigger shell.

Jellyfish have a habitat at the very bottom of the ocean. They can hide under rocks and things in case anything tries to eat them or hurt them.

Also Manta rays, jellyfish, sea urchins and star fish camouflage themselves with shells.



School cross country team shine in sparkling new kit

By Isabelle, Year 3

Our first cross country league fixture was at Catchgate on 26 September. It was wet but sunny. The first race was the girls' race. Drew was our first runner home. She was 16th. Emma was 41st, Amelka 42nd and Evie 63rd. Daniel A was first home for us in the boys' race. He was seventh. Jack B was 20th, Daniel B 48th and Alf 49th. I was fifth in the reserve race.

The second week was at Leadgate. I was in the girls' race that time. My Dad was there and he told me to sprint the first lap. We also ran a second lap. When we crossed the line we got a card to tell us where we had finished. I was about 40th.

The third night was South Stanley. We had to warm up with our school first and did some exercises. I came 44th in that race. Drew was 42nd, Emma 49th and Amelka 50th. Daniel A was 13th in the boys' race, Jack B 35th, Alf 42nd and Daniel B 50th. Evie came ninth in the reserve race.

I made a friend called Bethany and joined Blackhill Bounders. We have to run up the hill from Blackhill Park to Tesco. Last week we did it three times. I've always liked running. It makes you run fast and you can do lots of exercising.

The last week of races was at Greenland. Daniel A was sixth in the boys' race, Jack B 27th, Alf 39th and Daniel B 46th. In the girls' race, I came 42nd, Drew 20th, Emma 41st and Amelka 46th.



A big thank you to local councillor Ossie Johnson for sponsoring our new school cross country team kit. Thank you, Ossie!

Alfie strikes a wonder goal as school team kick off the new season with a 10-0 win !

By Liam, Year 6

The school football team got the new league season off to a stunning start at Langley Park on Wednesday 25th September. In the first game we won 10-0 against Burnside and in the second we beat Burnside 6-1!

The team played really well and made some great passes. The team was me, Daniel, Alfie, Marshall, Frankie, Jack Mac, Seb and Natan. Oscar was our mascot.

Daniel scored ten goals, five in each match. I scored three and Alfie scored three.

Alfie scored a great goal. I chipped the ball up the wing to him from the kick-off at the start of the second half. Alfie got a nice touch, flicked it over the opponent's head, and volleyed it into the middle of the goal. He felt like Ronaldo!

Seb and Natan did a very good job in defence. They got stuck in and were not afraid to get the ball.

Two weeks ago we had our second set of League fixtures at Langley Park. We were wearing our new yellow and black strips but lost 1-0 to Langley Park in a league match and 4-1 in a friendly. Marshall scored the goal. We also got an automatic 1-0 win against the Grove because they were unable to play us!

We have one other automatic 1-0 win—against Leadgate Brooms from a night of postponed fixtures—so stand second in the table with three games in hand of Langley Park.



TONY REATHER LEAGUE – SEASON 19/20

SCHOOL	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS
Langley Park	8	5	1	2	16
Castleside	5	4	0	1	12
Medomsley	6	3	3	0	12
All Saints	5	3	1	1	10
Leadgate Brooms	8	2	2	4	8
Bloemfontein	5	2	1	2	7
Burnside	5	2	0	3	6
Leadgate	6	1	1	4	4
The Grove	8	1	1	6	4