



# Top Class

## Go Grease Lightning!

ON Tuesday 11th March, St. Bede's Secondary School in Lanchester invited the Year 6 children who will be going to their school in September, to watch their production of Grease, the musical. Mr Robinson, a music teacher at the school, made the successful theatre production happen. Many people in the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and it was great for our Year 6 teachers to see past pupils from our school in the lead roles. Years 6 boys thought it was an enjoyable experience to see what we could be part of next year. Many of the students and teachers worked very hard to produce this high quality musical and many of us hope that we can part of the next extravaganza when we join the school in September!

**BY RUTH HENSON & FRANCESCA PUNTON**

## Cash in wellies!

A FEW weeks ago Mrs Biggs' Year 5 class was learning about water in Geography and in particular, Water Aid through Cafod. Each class in the school was given a welly to fill with pennies and we had a whole school competition to see which class could fill their welly the most. All children in the school contributed to this worthy cause. Mrs Llewellyn's class alone raised £10.09 - amazing, with just a few pennies! Throughout the school we raised the fabulous sum of £263 for Cafod. During Lent we also collected pennies and in class we collected so many that we were able to make a huge Celtic Cross. The pennies we collected in Lent went to the Good Shepherd Appeal.

**BY SHANNON WELSH & ASHLEIGH CARLIN**

# To act or not to act!

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**ENJOYMENT:** Year 5/6 love their drama workshops

**D**URING the months of April and May, Shelly O'Brien from Mad Alice Theatre Company came into St' Patrick's to work with us in drama workshops. Years 5 and 6 studied Much Ado About Nothing and KS1 worked on Aesop's Fables. Firstly, at the beginning of the sessions we did warm-up exercises to warm up our voices and bodies - these were really funny and our bodies ended up in some very strange positions! Shelly then told us a part from the Shakespearean play, Much Ado About Nothing. We had lots of fun acting out the parts of Benedict, Beatrice and all of their friends. Shelly encouraged us to have more confidence in ourselves and both Year 6 classes had no trouble at all acting out mini-scenes from the play. It was also

enjoyable being able to watch each other. Shelly has been coming into our school for a number of years, part of the reason being that we will go to watch her company performing these plays in Consett Park in the week of June 23rd. It will be great to see if the professionals are as good as us! Ruth H. Year 6C said: "I loved the experience of watching my classmates performing different plays." Scott in Year 1 said: "I liked acting out the Hare and the Tortoise." Thanks to Shelly for making our drama days an experience we'll never forget.

**BY PAIGE WATSON, BETHANY LIGHTFOOT, SOPHIE MCCREESH, ZOE BOWMAN, ELISHA MCCRORY, SARAH BARSBY, MOLLY FLEMMING, JAMES HERDMAN & LIAM MCNICHOLAS**

## Sporting Spartens!

SPORT is a very important aspect to our school life. By competing in lots of different tournaments and festivals, we have achieved many things this year. Coming 3rd in this year's Hi-Five netball tournament, our children played very well, but unfortunately just missed out on 1st place by goal difference. Some of our pupils are also experiencing training with the Newcastle Vipers Hockey team and are really improving and enjoying it. Our Athletics team also managed to walk away with 1st place in the Junior Sports Hall Athletics Festival. Our school football team has also done very well this year - even our star goal keeper has managed a goal this season! We are very proud of our efforts so far this year and hope our winning streak continues!

**BY JOE MCELHONE, ROSS CANDLISH, TOM WINTER & KIERON BARNES**

## Active athletics

ON October 5th we had a group stage of Athletics at Belle Vue Sports Centre. There were lots of events, such as running and javelin. The purpose of the whole event was to get fit, healthy, active and encourage children to be sporty. It was a really close match, but our team won by 19 points. We won a trophy and gold medals. At the semi-final we tried our hardest, but we came 4th by 2 points and met Alison Kirbishly. She had won lots of medals in the Olympics. A T.V. crew came to film Alison and filmed a race with one of our pupils. We thank Mr Archibald, Miss Wilks, Mrs McGarry and all of the sports team.

**BY MICHAEL MELODY, LIAM WILSON, PETER MILLION & MATTHEW GOLIGHTLY**



**BEAUTIFUL CHATEAU:** the amazing house we are staying in

## The fantastic France countdown

42 OUT of our 59 Year 6 children are packing their bags and raring to go to France, as we have been waiting for months and our SATS are finally over! After we have arrived from our exhausting nine hour journey, we will finally be at Chateau d'Eblinghem, near St Omer. Everyone says they will be so excited and rush to their rooms to unpack. The sensible ones will eat first! While we are there we will visit many places in the region, such as Bagatelle Theme Park, Nausicaa - the biggest sea life centre in Europe and La Coupole -

Hitler's World War 11 V2 bomber Base. We will also sample French life while visiting the local market at Arques. Mrs Callaghan, one of our Year 6 teachers, has been mad enough to organise it all for us, so we are very grateful to her. So, with our cheques paid and our passports ready, all we need to do is get on that ferry! Bon Voyage!

**BY LAURA CALLAGHAN, ELIZABETH ROBSON & JESSICA SPEDDING**



## Check Mate

OUR names are Joshua, Joe, Jack, James and Cori and we all go to Chess Club. It is run by Mr Archibald who is the Deputy Head at our school. Chess club is on a Friday at 12.30pm, after lunch. There are all sorts of chess pieces such as Kings, Queens, Castles, Knights, Bishops and Pawns and we have found that lots of people like to play chess. In our school we arranged our own chess tournament where people from our club showed their skills on the chess board. We interviewed people who went to the tournament. James Herdman said: "I think the tournament was really fun because I came second." Joshua and James battled it out in the class final and Joshua Quinn won the chess tournament at our school. We enjoy our chess and we hope to encourage others to play too.

**BY JOE BLIGHT, JAMES QUINN, JOSHUA QUINN, JACK BECKWITH & CORI NICHOLSON**

## Groovy gymnastics

WE have two Year 6 classes in St Patrick's and they have both been involved in the gymnastics training taking part in our school. This was to give us a taste of a sport we may not have tried before. All of our sessions were led by Zoe from Consett Sports Centre. During the sessions we were taught about different types of exercises, such as cartwheels, stretches, warm-ups and routines. We found that some of us were more flexible than we realised! The training took place in January in our P.E. lessons on a Thursday afternoon. We used the school hall so that we had lots of room to move and each Year 6 class had a one hour session. They certainly kept us warm during our cold, Consett winter! Georgia told us: "My best part was when we were making up a routine with cartwheels and other moves." "We had to warm up and do things like bunny hops, stuck in the mud and putting bean bags on our tummies," Amy commented. Regan thought: "It was fun watching the girls fall off the mats!"

**BY ANDREW, AMY, DANIELLE, HARRY, GEORGIA, JACK, MICHAEL & REGAN**