



## Drumming the beat

YEAR 5 hit the beat with African drummer Thomas every Monday which started on 9th June for four weeks. Mrs Lisle organised this great course and Year 5 were really grateful.

Heather Anderson, age 9 said: "It was fun because I learnt new things!"

Although it was exciting, it was quite hard as the drummers had to remember all the different beats. Few children have had the opportunity to learn about another culture through playing drums. It's a good chance to learn something you would not normally do.

Chloe Cairns, age 10, said that Thomas had told them that Africans often celebrate by playing drums. By the constant tapping on tabletops, it was noticeable that Year 5 had a great day!

BY CAITLIN LAMB AND CALLUM EDWARDS

## Enterprisingly exciting

ON 9th - 11th June Mr Thrawl from Burnside came to Western Community Primary School to begin the enterprise project for a group of Year 6 children.

Class 14 were part of the event, which was three afternoons of team building activities. The first was stopping an egg from smashing when dropped using only limited materials. Lee McPherson, Year 6 pupil, age 11, said he really enjoyed the activities even though his egg smashed.

Year 6 were rewarded with a game of Deal or No Deal at the end of the project. They went to Burnside to play it and also toured the school.

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# Joy of Jones

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TREAT: Year 6 pupils outside the cinema

YEAR 6 have been involved in a rather exciting topic, based on the films of Indiana Jones. It followed our hero storyline work perfectly. The work began on 20th May 2008 and has been a success, it is still going now! Our reading targets are based on film and film blurbs which makes a nice change from normal targets on books.

As part of the topic we went to the

Empire cinema, The Gate, Newcastle (We travelled by Metro.) We watched Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.

"It was a really exciting film which was action packed," says Carly Backhouse. Mr Phillips, Year 6 teacher said that he really enjoyed it but the best part was getting a giant hotdog! So overall everyone enjoyed it and we would like to say a big thank you to our teachers for organising it.

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## Perfect primary portal



ENJOYMENT: Surfing the Net

THE North Tyneside Learning Portal has evolved over the months and has made people more enthusiastic towards work. Sophie Alder from Year 4 commented: "I enjoy going on the Portal because I play on fun games, that's why I go on every

day!" Western had over 1,000 hits in May which was the highest number of all the Primary schools in North Tyneside. The portal includes: letters, homework and a chat-room. The Year 6 Wadblog is the most popular part of the portal which is made from Mr Waddle writing funny reviews of the week.

BY MORGAN SHAFTOE, KATIE GOODWIN, BETH MULLIN, MICHELLE PATTERSON, JAMES CHARLTON, AND DEKLAN WIGHAM

## Rounder of applause for Western

WESTERN was victorious on 25th June 2008, after winning the rounders tournament at Burnside which was organised by Lorraine Levirton.

On the day they arrived at 12:45pm and after winning left at 3:30pm. They were quite exhausted but still had enough energy to boast about their wins! They played four other teams which included - Richardson Dees, Rosedale, St Peters and Carville.

Miss Craigen, TA, commented, "Fantastic day! Children played well as a team it showed when we won in the final." Dionne age 11 said 'I can't wait for the finals which are on the 2nd July at John Spence High School. Of course a special thanks to the team: Alex, Cory, Dionne, Jaeque, Sean, Charlotte, Laura F, Laura, Emma, Michelle, Jak, Mathew and Brooke. Also another big Thank You to Miss Craigen and Miss Rudd who helped make it happen.

BY ELLIE BEGGS, EMMA WOODS, ALEX HEWITT AND MATTHEW YOUNG

## Get wet with reception

RECEPTION has recently been involved in a topic about 'under the sea', which took place in our school. Miss Potter and Miss Guest came up with the fantastic idea and Miss Norris and Miss Lawson helped. Beth Trenholm and Erin Docherty, both age 5 and reception pupils, said they loved making sea creatures. They all enjoyed watching Finding Nemo! Mrs Lawson, a helper said: "We all thought that the topic was great." All the children learned many new facts. Mrs Guest also pointed out that they all have gained useful experience from their trip to the beach!

BY LAURA CRICHTON, STEPHANIE MACDOUGALL, ELLIE TAYLOR, SEAN FORBES, DECLAN HUDSON AND JAEQUE MCIVER

## Glorious gardens

YEAR 1 children in Western have been learning about growing in Science. They went to a fabulous place called Heighley Gate Garden Centre. Abbie, age 6, said: "I loved it because the park was lots of fun." And, as they continued through it, it got better, the teacher Mrs Bagget told us: "It was fantastic and all the children loved it." All the children loved the park. Eugene said: "It was so good and he loved it plus he would definitely go back again."

BY MATTHEW WATSON, CARLY BACKHOUSE, LAURA FIDLER, BROOKE RICHARDSON-MAKIN, MICHAEL HOOD, JORDAN DRYDEN, RAJINDER GILL AND TOMMY C HARRIS

## Terrific tennis team

A GROUP of 15 Year 2 children took part in an organised tennis club. It lasted six weeks and took place in Western gym.

These children learned a variety of skills from holding the racket correctly, ball skills and eventually leading up to a match.

Miss Wright, who organised the club stated: "There were lots of football clubs but not many other ones. The children wanted to have a different sports experience." Most of the children who went to the club said that they really, really enjoyed the games and the tennis they played.

BY HARRIET RANSOME, RYAN GIBSON, DIONNE STUBBS AND NATALIE TOTE

## Year 5 superb skills

FOR the past three weeks, Year 5 has been learning rugby with an excellent rugby trainer - Simon Flynn. We interviewed some of the children.

Alex Simpson, age 10, told us that it was a treat for finished their Q.C.A tests.

Ellen Bullock, age 9, said: "It started 2nd June and finishes on 30th June. It's fun and takes place on the field."

Miss Wright (Year 2 teacher) organised this event for them. All of Year 5 children appreciated her work towards this event, they really enjoyed it. Also they think it's a nice change from other work.

BY LYNSEY CHARLTON, KIERAN DRAPE, VUVU HARVEY, CHARLOTTE FORBES, HARLEY RICHARDSON AND TAMARA REBAIR

