



NEWSLETTER 20: March



A huge thank you. The final total following our Sponsored read week is an astonishing
£1261.00.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne have donated £711.60 in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. That is an amazing **£1897.60** we have to spend on books for school.

Mini-Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies of St Joseph's have a Mission Together box in every classroom. Any loose change can be sent into school for the boxes during lent.



School Photographer

Children will be having individual photographs taken on Monday 4th April 2022. Year 6 will also have a class photograph taken. Siblings in school will have their photographs taken together.



Easter Egg/Bonnet Competition

We are holding an Easter Egg/Bonnet competition. All entries need to be in school by Thursday 7th April at 9.00 am. Prizes will be awarded for the children with the best creative Eggs/Bonnets.





This week's attendance is:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
93.7%	99.4%	92.3%	97.8%	94.2%	96.8%	93.1%	93.1%	95.1%

Star of the Week



The following children received a Star of the Week certificate:

- Nursery - Aarib for skipping into nursery with a beaming smile every morning
- Reception - Aurora-Jasmin for her delightful positive attitude towards everything to do with school life!
- Year 1 - Bradley for some excellent independent writing
- Year 2 - Emie for some brilliant work in maths finding half of amounts
- Year 3 - Matthew for a fantastic improvement in his handwriting. Keep this up!
- Year 4 - Molly for always trying her best and working hard on her independent writing
- Year 5 - Riley for demonstrating a good understanding of fractions & decimals. Well done!
- Year 6 - Ava for a brilliant effort in maths this week

Durham University Activity Camps

Durham University are running a range of sports and activity camps during the Easter holidays that cater for children aged 5-16 years of age. Holiday camps include Multi sports, Dance and Drama, Adventure, Football and Tennis camps.

Mini sports/Multi sports/Dance and Drama are all £15 per day (09.30am-4.30pm) with wraparound care available between 08.30-09.30am and 4.30-5.30pm for an extra £1.50 per hour. The Adventure camp is for 12-16 year olds and is £120 for 4 days and includes all onsite/offsite activities and lunch each day.

Here is the link to find out more/book - <https://www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking/details/?id=1893>

Here are some FAQ's relating to the camps - <https://www.durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/team-durham/community/faqs/>

International Bulletin 5

This month we are learning all about...

Italy!



Fact File

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital City:** Rome
- **Population:** 63 million approx. (2022)
- **Size:** 301,340 sqm
- Italy has the most **UNESCO** World Heritage sites in the world – there are 60!
- **Pinocchio** was first published in an Italian newspaper in 1880
- Italy is easy to spot on the world map – it is shaped like a boot.
- The most famous type of pizza, the **margherita**, was invented in Naples and is named after Queen Margherita. The colours of the pizza (green – basil, red – tomato, white – mozzarella) match the Italian flag!
- In Venice, there aren't any cars. The most traditional transport is the **gondola**
- In Marostica, locals play **real-life giant chess**. [Look here!](#)

Theme of the month:

Carnevale – Carnival

Italians celebrate **carnevale** at the beginning of March. It's celebrated with parades and parties. The famous, masquerade **carnevale** happens in Venice.



Click [here](#) to see it in action!



Did you know...

Pizza was first invented in Naples, Italy! [Click here](#) to watch a video to find out more.



Meet the staff: Signore Watson



Cibo preferito: La pizza e gli spaghetti alla Bolognese

Lingue: Lo spagnolo, l'italiano, il francese

Città preferita: Barcelona

Curiosità: Posso "suonare" i denti! (I can "play" my teeth like a musical instrument!)

Perchè sono important le lingue: Ti aprono il mondo! They open up the world for you.

This month try to answer the register in **italiano!** Reply with:

Buongiorno Signore (Hello Sir)
Buongiorno Signora (Hello Miss)

Don't forget to share your MFL fun with us at #MFLfunSTB



Monday 11th to Friday 22nd of April 2022

TEAM DURHAM

Easter Holiday Camp



Age 12 to 16
**Adventure
Camp**
£120/Week

Age 5 to 8
**Dance &
Drama**
£15/Day

Age 5 to 8
**Football
Camp**
£15/Day

Age 5 to 12
**Multi
Sports**
£15/Day

Age 8 to 12
**Tennis
Camp**
£15/Day



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VENUE:
The Sports and Wellbeing
Park, Durham, DH1 3SE

Dates for your Diary Updated 17th March 2022

Date	Class	Event
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Whole School	Back to school
W/c 7 th February 2022	Whole School	Mission week (more details to follow)
Wednesday 16 th February	Year 5	Space Camp
Thursday 17 th February 2022	Whole School	Non-Uniform day & Cake sale to raise funds for CAFOD
Friday 18 th February 2022	Whole School	INSET DAY – Children not in school.
Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022 Half Term		
Tuesday 1 st March 2022	Y1 to Y6	Parents/Teacher Meetings 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Wednesday 2 nd March	Nursery & Reception	Open Morning & Parent/Teacher chat 9.00 am – 10.30 am
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Whole School	World Book Day Children can come to school in fancy dress of their favourite book character!
Friday 4 th March	EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Friday 11 th March 2022	Year 1	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Friday 18 th March 2022	Year 2	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Friday 18 th March 2022	Whole School	Red Nose Day
Thursday 24 th March 2022	Year 3	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Friday 25 th March 2022	Whole School	Mother's Day Tea 9.00 am Nursery, Rec, Y1 & Y2 1.30 pm Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Friday 1 st April 2022	Year 4	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Lent Liturgy
Thursday 7 th April 2022	Year 5/6	9am Coffee and biscuits 9.15am Stations of the Cross (all welcome).
Thursday 7 th April	Whole School	9.00 am Easter Egg/Bonnet Competition
Friday 8th April 2022	Whole School	School break up for Easter Holidays at 3.15pm
Monday 25th April 2022	Whole School	First day back after Easter Holidays at 8.50am
End of Spring Term – Friday 8th April 2022 Return to School on Monday 25th April 2022		