We have had a very busy term so far, with lots planned for the next few weeks. Here are just a few of the things we have been getting up to:

# **First Holy Communions**

Congratulations to our Y4 children who made their First Holy Communions in May and to one Y5 pupil for this weekend. Many thanks to the Catechists and teachers for preparing them for this important sacrament.



# **Sacred Heart Art Gallery**

Our new Sacred Heart Art Gallery was opened by Liz McLellan our Chair of Governors last week. Every term an artist from each year group will display their work in our gallery. Well done to the children who were chosen for their beautiful art this time.







# **Charity walk**

The whole school took part in a 3 mile walk for the local charity **Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care**. The children walked across 5 of the bridges over the River Tyne from Gateshead to Newcastle. Starting from the Baltic on Gateshead's quayside they walked over the Millennium Bridge, then over the Swing, Bridge, the Tyne Bridge, the High Level Bridge and finally the Redheugh Bridge, ending up in Times Square where each walker received a goody bag and was able to have a good look at one of the ambulances. The nursery children even took part but they did their walk at school, walking round the track. Friends from Y6 looked after their Reception buddies and Y5 looked after their Y1 friends, Ruby managed to make a couple of new canine friends on route too. Everyone had a good time walking together, one group even bumped into Jason Donovan on the Millennium Bridge, although there were some tired legs at the end!





Thank you to all of the Daft as a Brush volunteers for walking with us and sharing some historical facts about the bridges along the way. Thank you to the parents and families who joined us and thank you to the staff who either walked with us or drove the mini buses. It was lovely to see so many people giving up their time for such a good cause.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June in assembly, we were able to hand over a massive check to Jann and David from Daft as a Brush and reveal the unbelievable amount of money raised.

THANK YOU so much for raising a whopping **£2865.56!!!!!!!**It felt emotional to hand over such a huge amount and we cannot thank you all enough.





I am delighted to say that we have now been asked by Daft as a Brush to adopt an ambulance, which means the children get to name and design an ambulance to be used to transport cancer patients to hospital around our local area. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

### **Jubilee Celebrations**

Our special afternoon, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was joyous. It was so lovely to have so many families back into school, all together on such a lovely day. The children enjoyed an old-fashioned street party and the families enjoyed their picnics on the grass. The afternoon was topped off with entertainment from every decade of the queen's reign.





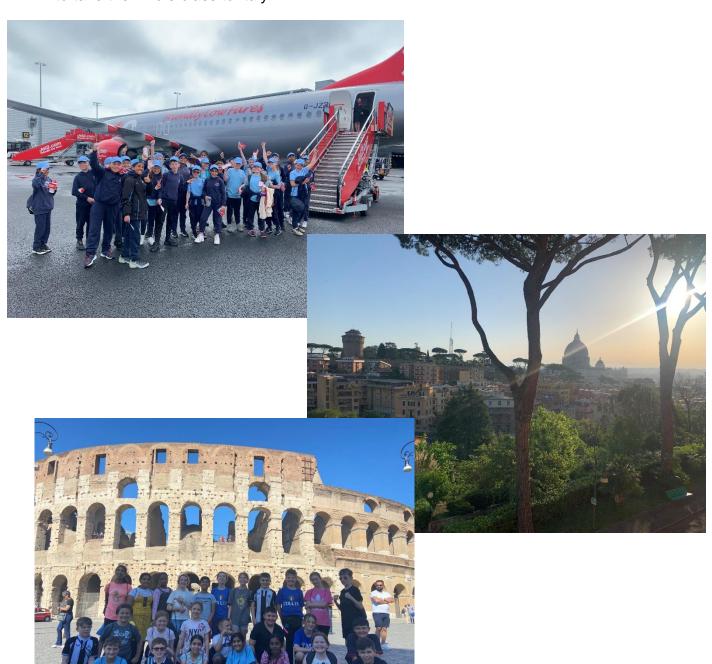




#### **Residential Visits**

We are so pleased that we have been able to take the children away on residential visits again this year. These visits form such an important part of our curriculum, as well as giving the children a unique opportunity to develop their own self-confidence, independence and resilience. This year, we have begun to link the residential visits to our Sacred Heart Goals, helping children to understand more about themselves and the new skills and qualities that they are building.

So far Y6 have been to visit one of our sister schools, our Sacred Heart School in Rome. We were lucky to be granted funding from the British Council as part of the Turing Scheme, to take the whole class to Italy.



Y4 have been off on their adventures at Marrick Priory.





Y2, Y3 and Y1 have all been to Berwick YHA, doing a variety of fieldwork studies, as well as having fun along the way. Y5 is off to Borrowdale next week and Reception are having a sleep over in school in July.



Year 2



Year 1

## **Green Car**

Y5 have been busy working as engineers, building two electric cars that Y6 will be racing in against other schools in competition at Gateshead Stadium. Watch out Formula 1!!



Staffing for September 2022		
	Nursery	Mrs Harris, Mrs Adams & Miss Beat
	Reception	Mrs Murdy & Mrs Bays
	Y1	Mr Sheils & Miss Ribbens
	Y2	Miss Burns & Mrs Morris
	Y3	Mrs Preston & Miss Batey
	Y4	Mrs Hall & new teacher will both work part time with Mrs Bureau
	Y5	Mrs Nesbit & Mrs Ferguson

Y6	Miss Rutledge & Mrs Nelson
Support Staff	Miss Beat & Miss McGeary & Mrs Limoli (Academic Mentor from the National Tutoring Programme)
Sophie's Breakfast & After School Club	Marie Leathheart, Tracy Davidson (+lunchtime) and Amy Simpson (+lunchtime)
School Office	Mrs Simpson & Mrs Ayre
Lunchtime Staff	Miss Jones, Mrs Reeson, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Graham Mrs Davison and Miss Simpson

#### **REMINDERS**

### **Gifts**

Please remember that we have a Poverty Proofing Policy in school, in line with our belief's that no child should be made to feel different. We **do not allow** children to bring gifts for staff at the end of the term. If anyone wishes to thank their teachers for looking after them throughout the year a card with some kind words are more than enough.

#### Uniform

We recommend that you order your uniforms for next year from now, if you haven't already in order to avoid the last-minute rush. We are going to hold a uniform swap day on the 1<sup>st</sup> July to coincide with **Sports Day** and the school **BBQ**. So please bring along any used uniform that is still in very good condition and help yourselves to any uniform that has been donated and help us RECYCLE and REUSE rather than throw away.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Please check out the dates on the school calendar website for upcoming events and note that school will close at 1.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July with our traditional 'clapping out' for Y6 as they leave school for the final time.