



Corbridge Middle School

CHRONICLE 2018

Tree Smashes School Bus Window

On the 14th of June, gale-force winds brought down a tree that smashed into the back of the Gillingham's bus that takes pupils from Slaley to Corbridge.



Luckily, no one was badly hurt and the only person who was is fine now. To be honest, it gave everybody on the bus a huge shock more than anything.

Mrs Kennedy, Corbridge Middle School's head teacher, described it as a "freak accident." Apparently, the tree fell towards the road into the back of the bus. The whole back window came out and the roof was badly dented.

We have interviewed Georgina Beckett, one of the pupils who were on the bus at the time of the incident. "I remember a load of tree branches falling on the roof of the bus and then a loud noise when the window got smashed. Everyone was shouting at the start but only one of us was a little hurt. Luckily, I was sitting at the front so all I got was a shock. The bus driver pulled over and everything was OK after that."

All of the pupils got to school on time and the teachers sorted everything out after that, with hot, sweet tea, quiet places to recover and friends to hug.

Everybody on the bus, including the bus driver, was fine and well for the rest of the day.

Great Gymnast

Charlie Swarbrook, (year 6) a gymnast who competes for City of Newcastle Gymnastics Academy, recently took part in a competition in Ipswich. Both he and his team were placed second at Piper's Vale gymnastics competition. They were extremely close to first place. Unfortunately, his team had 4 falls which is the equivalent of losing 4 marks, which may have cost them first place.



In September, some of the boys and girls will be going to Portugal for a training camp for just under a week. They are travelling with another club from Nottingham and staying at a sports hotel 5 minutes from the training centre.

Charlie is a men's artistic gymnast, which means he has to be skilled in 6 disciplines: floor; pommel; rings; vault; parallel bars and high bars. He competes voluntary – he gets to pick his own routine based on the skills levels he has. He also aims for elite level,

where there are set routines and if you come in the top 3 in National Development Pathway, you can be trialled for the British squad.

We wish him the best of luck and are watching out for the next Olympics in case Charlie is there!

Coding club for curious kids!

Coding club is one of Corbridge Middle School's after-school clubs. It is on Thursday between 3:30 – 4:30 so you need to get a permission slip from home to go.

You can do anything to do with coding: Scratch, codeu, pivot stick figure, hour of code and more. Anyone from any year group can attend, though mostly KS2 pupils go.

Pupils like to go because they enjoy coding, but want to find out more, or do it more and to a better level. Sometimes they want to find out about coding and become good at it. It's run by Mr Johnston and Miss Jones, and they help pupils to improve their skills, learn about coding and have fun with their friends. Give it a try!



Incredible Year 6 concert

In our school, every year group performs in its own concert. Over 100 people watched the Year 6 concert on the 3rd of May 2018. There were many different performances such as drums, singing and piano. You didn't have to just perform though, as we had stagehands and joke readers. The joke readers would read out their jokes in-between performances while stagehands would get the equipment ready for the next group, so they were very important too.

We were all nervous but the teachers were there to comfort us when we panicked. The teachers who looked after us were Mrs Fisher, our music teacher and Miss Bell and Mr Swinney who are Year 6 tutors at our school. When we finished we all bowed while the next performer got ready for their performance; it was great to hear the applause. Stand out moments for Year 6 were, Manya who was amazing on the piano, Freya, who sang beautifully and Aydon who played the piano and sang.

At the end we all sang Blaydon Races, which made everyone else who knew it sing along with us. We all had a great time and we wanted to do it again.

Eco School

Our school has decided to participate in the Eco school system to save our planet from climate change. This means starting to reduce the amount of plastic we use: plastic straws, cutlery and bottled water. Instead, we could reuse water bottles which are refillable with tap water. Littering is dangerous as it kills animals and takes 450 years to degrade, giving off nasty gasses in the process. If rubbish is not recycled properly, it can be put in a hole in the ground (called landfill) which causes toxic gasses to be released into the atmosphere, which can lead to global warming due to too much greenhouse gasses.

We will face many challenges such as getting more people to walk or ride a bike to school instead of driving and using fossil fuels, which are not renewable and not healthy for our environment. These little changes can make a big difference and if every school in the UK advertises walking or taking public transport to school as much as possible, then we are guaranteed to save our planet to the best of our abilities.

Our school is setting up a team of pupils from all year groups to become a proper eco school and eventually getting the green eco school flag. There 3 different stages: bronze, silver and gold and then that's when we receive the green flag. In a few weeks, we

- All around the World Quiz answers**
- 1) Russia
 - 2) China
 - 3) Madrid
 - 4) India
 - 5) Saudi Arabia
 - 6) Venice
 - 7) The Mersey
 - 8) The Mediterranean
 - 9) Loch Ness



will be aiming to have received the bronze award by starting off just doing little stuff like litter picking around the school every day.

We are hoping to help achieve as many of the global goals as we can by the deadline 2030.

Great Northumberland writing competition



Pupils of CMS were delighted to hear that they could win £200 for their school library. Hexham book festival teamed up with Great Northumberland to

hold a 500 word story writing competition, in which a lucky school could win £200 for their school library. Even if you don't win, there are still many runner-up prizes like £20 pounds of book tokens for writers. CMS had no hesitation in entering, and ended up with a massive 220 entries shipped off to the competition organisers. We are hoping one of our stories win!



Should we do more P.E. in school?

We spend roughly 30 hours in school and only 2 hours are spent doing P.E. over the week. With the news of children's expanding waistlines, we asked, should we

be doing more exercise?

We surveyed 30 people whether or not we should do more P.E. 22 of them said yes we should and 8 said no. Mr Johnston, our deputy head, was one of the 8 who said no and he told us, "We need a balanced curriculum in school, so if we did more P.E we would lose other lessons, but that's not to say that we couldn't extend the school time to incorporate more P.E."

Others suggested that yes, we should do maybe 3 P.E. lessons because we wouldn't lose as many lessons and we could still do more exercise. Contrastingly, others said we all should be doing more exercise at home and not going on games such as PUBG or Fortnite and stuff like that. Personally, I think we should do 1 more P.E lesson a week here at Corbridge. Maybe school council could discuss it some time soon?

Dynamic Earth

We went to Dynamic Earth this year as a visit linked with our topic on Extreme Planet Earth, where we learnt about lots of different natural disasters. We were all very excited when the day came but we were dreading the bus journey—it's a very long way in a day!

As all horrible journey stories normally end, we finally arrived. We did allsorts of great stuff from enjoying shaking rides to feeling the temperature of polar ice. I think the best part though was the 3d play because a scorpion came in front of you and then snapped its pincers and made everyone scream! The gift shop also had cool gifts like putty but most important of all is we learnt a lot of different things.

Stars



As you may know, our school, along with many others, was threatened with

closure by Northumberland County Council. They proposed three options and, in one of those three options, our incredible school would close down. Stars-Save Tyndale's



The STARS parents

Northumberland that helped save Corbridge Middle and many others from closure. We really could not have made it through without them! They held events, such as marching to County Hall, to raising awareness that we would never accept the proposal they had made. They worked tirelessly to support our schools. After the consultation process had finished we were all delighted and thrilled that NCC decided to keep almost everything the same. We had succeeded and all STARS hard work paid off. We held an assembly and invited the group into school so that we could show them how much we appreciated their brilliant efforts.



Corbridge pupils at the march

They are STARS!

On Monday 9 April 2018, parents, pupils and staff gathered outside Morpeth County Hall to protest about the possible closure of up to 16 schools in Northumberland and to share our views on the consultation. There was singing, a haka performance and a march that went through the County Hall itself. After the march there was juice and crisps for the children and some of the adults too! Everyone who attended the march were given a paper star to take home as well. Then, last month, we received news that most of the schools, including Corbridge Middle school are staying open, thanks to the hard work of STARS (Save Tyndale's Amazing Rural Schools) and our supporters.

We asked Hannah Thorpe, a member of STARS, for her views on the results of the consultation:

“I’m very pleased that the schools in the Hexham Partnership will not be forced to close and that the successful three-tier system will be preserved. I’m sorry that Bellingham Middle and possibly Haltwhistle Middle face closure and the children increased travelling times at an earlier age but I’m thrilled that Haydon Bridge High School will remain open and receive proper investment.”



Northumberland Wildlife Trust

What is it and what does it do?



Northumberland Wildlife Trust was founded in 1971 to protect wildlife and promote nature conservation within Newcastle, North

Tyneside and Northumberland.

They manage over 60 nature reserves and educating the public about the value of the nature is one of their main aims. To do this, they organise a wide range of events and conservation talks throughout the year.



How can I help?

Go to the Northumberland Wildlife Trust website and click the 'how can I help' bar then click on what you want to do. Whether you donate, become a member or fundraise for them, it tells you what to do and how to do it. For example: If you wanted to donate you would click on make a donation. You would then follow the steps through. You get to choose what your donation goes towards the options are: General Donation, Woodland Wonders Appeal, Dynamic Druridge, and Red Squirrels, Kielder Ospreys, Living Seas Appeal and Restoring Ratty.

*They **need** your help to survive. We **need** to*

do something or we will lose some of our British wildlife forever.

Interview with Mrs Fisher- our head of music.

What made you want to become a music teacher?

I always loved helping people and teaching those new things. As I loved music too, it seemed to make sense to teach it.

Why do you enter Corbridge in local music competitions?

I enter Corbridge in local music competitions because it's good to have something to work towards, and a lovely opportunity to show the wider community what we do at CMS. (Plus it is always nice to win!).

Do you think music is an important part of the curriculum and if so why?

Music is a vital part of the curriculum. It isn't English, maths or science, but it provides us with the opportunity to explore, be creative, learn about other cultures and to be part of some wonderful groups.

Do you enjoy putting on each year group's concert?

Each year group concert has its own challenges, but it's really important that we get to work as a team, and feel the best way we get to demonstrate our 4 core values – respect, resilience, responsibility and care.

What made you want to put on the music concert on the 27th of June?

Due to the large numbers performing in year group concerts we don't have time to

add in ensembles anymore and so it's the main opportunity families will get to come and hear all the hard work our ensembles have put in. I think everyone will love it!

Why do you do musician of the month?

We have a musician of the month to get music from different periods and genres played to the whole school. It broadens peoples' perspectives and allows you to make links between your curriculum work and the wider world.

- Corbridge First Schools' stall
- A doughnut van.

There were also lots of other stalls to look at, such as the dog stall, which sells lots of dog accessories and the singing is always great too.

It was a very good evening and everyone we spoke to there enjoyed it.

“Really Excellent”

Corbridge Middle School offers a wide variety of topics in Religious Education. Across the school, because we feel it is important to understand different cultures, we learn about Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism and Hinduism. The main topic in Year 6 for RE is Islam, and, luckily, we had pupils Eesa Mumtaz and Sulayman Ahmed to speak to all of Year 6 about Islam, explaining what they do differently on a day to day basis. We thought they were very brave to do this!

The most common questions - which seemed to strike a lot of interest amongst pupils - were about how difficult it is to obey the Pillars of Islam (which are Belief, Prayer, Donating to Charity, and Fasting during the month of Ramadan and Pilgrimage) to which we responded, absolutely not! Each of the 5 prayers a day take anywhere from 5-15 minutes of your time, you only have to do pilgrimage once in your entire life, you only have to donate 2.5% of your money a year (minimum), having a strong faith really is not hard and fasting just takes a bit of getting used to. Also pupils asked whether the prayer mats have to follow any specific designs to follow. There aren't any certain designs that must be followed but they generally follow the same patterns.

Midsummer's Evening



On Thursday the 21st of June, Corbridge held the annual event (Midsummer's Evening). Every year, lots of companies, shops and stalls open up till 9 o'clock and there is a really happy, summertime atmosphere.

Bands performed at the event and people thought they were very good. In the church, people made and decorated cakes with the help of a member of the community. Lots of food stalls opened up in the streets for the evening. The stalls included:

- Human Fruit Machine;
- Cake stalls;
- A face painting stall;

We think that Year 6 felt like they have had “a good taste” of Islam. “It was very interesting to get an understanding of a different religion” says fellow pupil Dan Lowdon. Sulayman and Eesa were so generous with their time and really explained what they believe clearly and in a very engaging way. It was amazing to have first-hand information about a world religion in our classroom. Thanks boys!

Newcastle University Visit



An exciting opportunity was given to four year 8 pupils to visit Newcastle University for science challenges. They participated in a range of tasks and experiments including Salters’ Challenge in the university lab, a lecture by scientists, and a task of decreasing temperature of water. All four pupils agreed the day was very successful and enjoyable and said they’d love to go

The four pupils were Olivia Ashburn, Izzy Skinner, Ben Rylie and Leo White. Dr Batchelder was kind enough to supervise the whole trip; she explained the day was “great fun.” We now interviewed them and here’s what they said; “Yes it was really fun and I learnt new things,” said Leo White. “The Salters’ challenge was easy and interesting, the demonstrations looked cool to pull off

but I couldn’t replicate it again at school,” explained Olivia.

Manor TRSM Racing Completes 24 Hours of Le Mans



Ever fancied the glamorous world of motor racing? Ever wondered what it would be like to speed around a track at 200mph? Well, read on and year

6 pupil, Dan Lowdon, will take you through the details ...he secretly lives this glamorous life...his dad manages a racing team!

Manor Racing was started nearly 30 years ago and was almost instantly successful, achieving race victories in its first season. From there, the stage was set for the team to become one of the very best in national and international motor racing. With a dynamic, competitive spirit, the team has proved to be a training ground for professional racing drivers, race engineers and race mechanics alike.

Dan’s dad, Graeme, is the team manager of Manor racing so does it mean the Lowdon household does everything very fast? (Dan is the slowest writer...could this be a reaction to living in the fast lane?)

Dan is very modest about being involved in something that is the stuff of dreams for lots of people. He knows lots of racing driving’s big names and gets to go to the British and German Grand Prix events. Hanging out the mechanics, drivers and managers must be exciting and really varied. “It’s amazing to

see the cars in action on the track, and I know how much preparation goes into everything too – that’s the fantastic part!” Events are “a bit like a festival” where there are food stalls, music performers, fairgrounds and you can view the cars up close. It takes Dan’s dad, and his team, a huge amount of time to get everything in place for the big day.

On 16th and 17th of June 2018, Manor Racing successfully completed the 24 Hours of Le Mans race in France. Graeme was away for a month, whilst this was happening and the whole event was a great success. One of the cars in LMP1 finished 5th in class and 42nd overall; sadly, car 6 retired due to electrical problems. Although one of the cars didn’t finish, the biggest achievement is that we completed the race with car 5 that had a brand new engine powered by Ginetta – the car hadn’t really been out for very long before the race, so it was brilliant that it all worked out.

From a young age, Dan has been around the big names in motor racing – at 3 years old, Richard Branson – of Virgin fame – took him for a walk around the race track one day, and he’s met Lewis Hamilton a few times too...later this year, he’s attending the British Grand Prix at Silverstone where Lewis is racing.

See? It’s a very glamorous world and Dan is possibly living a lot of people’s dreams...

Crazy Cricket

On Friday 8th June 2018, Year 5 & 6 boys and girls travelled to Stocksfield cricket club to compete in a cross-schools cricket competition. Fortunately, both teams got through to the final and both teams came second. We interviewed Oliver Butts, who went to the competition himself. He told us,

“It was a great competition and we were unlucky to lose because we played so well.” At the competition, a huge football match broke out between Corbridge, Ovingham and St Joseph’s which came to an abrupt halt when a teacher came rushing over to stop the match! After the competition finished, everyone got on the bus and we set off on the journey back to school.



Fabulous fashion for the future.

The 15th of June saw the Y5 Water Explorers put on a fashion show to make us think twice about the clothes we buy. At the start, Dr. Batchelder showed KS2 a short film which explained just how much damage creating simple white cotton t-shirt does to the planet. It was quite surprising to see the processes and the environmental impact it has.

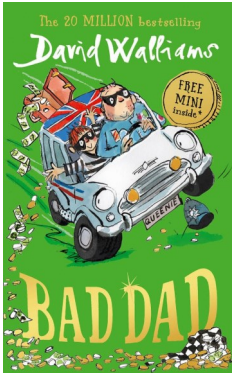
She and Mrs Pound had helped the Water Explorers arrange a fashion show, using second-hand clothes donated by pupils here. She even started by showing us her French Connection dress which she’d got second-hand – it was very nice.

KS2 were then treated to a fashion show with suitable model-like stances, flash photography and brilliant commentary to accompany each outfit. The models, who

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Book Reviews

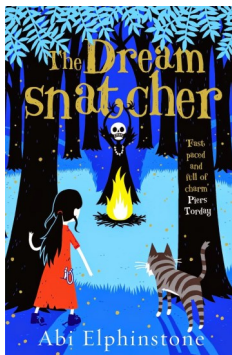
THE GIRL OF INK AND STARS is a brilliant book by Kiran Millwood Hargrave of which the genre is adventurous and enchanting. The girl in the story is called Isabella and she longs to explore out of the small island of Joya. Isa's father is a cartographer who tells her stories about the mysterious events that had once happened in Joya and that could may well happen again. Her father is the only family she has due to tragedy but her friends consisted of her dear friend Lupe. But when Lupe disappears whilst the two of them were investigating the murder of a school girl the realistic story turns into a complete fantasy with twists and turns. Isabella and Lupe's anxious father and his men descend into the Forbidden Territories of Joya to find her. They find an evil spirit lurking in the caves who was only ever heard of in the myths that kept the island its interesting self.



BAD DAD by David Walliams is a fantastic read. People all ages can read it as it has a splash of every emotion. It is happy, funny, exciting and is a real page -turner. Just by looking at the front cover, I could tell I was going to enjoy reading it. Whether you enjoy action packed books or love stories, this is the book for you. It has it all!

In my opinion I think it is five stars. It has a range of funny characters and funny situations they manage to get themselves in! It is truly a story of a dad and his son and how they stick together.

BRILLIANT BY Roddy Doyle. Raymond and Gloria are 12 and 10 year old children living in Dublin. The city is always a cheerful place to be. Until now. After creeping downstairs and eaves dropping on their parents conversation, the curious pair overhear their gran saying that the black dog has taken Dublin's funny bone. Later in the book the two children notice that their Uncle Ben is not himself. They sneak out at night and try to track down the mysterious black dog. With the help of most the children in Dublin. On the way they discover the mystery of the black dog.



THE DREAM SNATCHER by Abi Elphinstone TDS is an amazing book with a roller coaster of emotions. Abi has written a trilogy of this series, the first being 'The Dream Snatcher'. The others are The Shadow Keeper and the final, The Night Spinner. This story follows a girl called Molly (Moll) Pecksniff, her wolf Gryff, her friends Sid and Alfie as they fight Moll's nightmare. Pecksniff's family had been taken by the darkness and had passed down their responsibility: The Bone Murmur.

'Moll Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare – the one with the drums and rattles and the

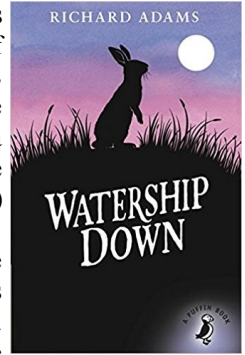
masks. The Dream snatcher is waiting...'

WATERSHIP DOWN by Richard Adams. Watership Down was Richard Adams' first book. It is about a small band of rabbits that set off on a dangerous journey to find safety. Fiver is a young rabbit but "he has a sixth-sense and there foresaw danger." They went and warned the chief rabbit but he would not listen and Fiver got sent out by the owsla (the best rabbits in the warren). Hazel warned as many people as he could and after that and they set off with El-Ahrairah (the rabbit got) looking over them.

This book is good because you can look at things through the eyes of the rabbits. It makes you understand that they are very scared of humans like when the farm girl Lucy from Nuthanger farm comes into the book. These rabbits are brave rabbits but when they see humans they are always scared.

On the journey they meet a rabbit called Cowslip and when it was raining he let them into his warren but Fiver senses something weird about these rabbits. Something that will always stop him from trusting them. Fiver also has other senses in the book like "the field is filling up with blood" and "some terrible thing - coming closer and closer." Some of the rabbits stopped trusting Fiver but in the end they knew he was right when they got a visit from an old friend of Bigwig and they knew something was wrong...

I enjoyed this book and would say it is my second favourite book and is a well-written, gripping novel in the eyes of some clever rabbits. I would rate it five well-deserved stars.



SHINE by Candy Gourlay. Shine is a book by Candy Gourlay, a novel about how love is hard and that people do judge others for their disabilities.

A girl named Rosa suffers from a condition called the Calm that makes speaking extremely difficult. She and her father live on an Island named Mirasol where the calm is feared by the superstitious community.

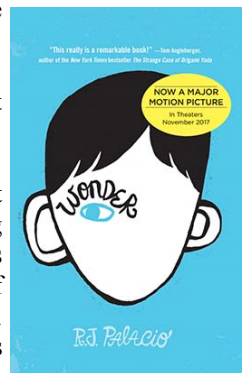
With nowhere to go, Rosa hides away with only Yaya the housemaid for company. The only way to make friends is online, a place where Rosa finds Ansel95. But as their friendship blossoms, so does dark secrets of the past.

"This is not a ghost story, even though there are plenty of ghosts in it.

And it's not a horror story, though some people may be horrified.

It's not a monster story either, though there is a monster in it and that monster happens to be me."

WONDER by R.J. Palacio. Wonder is a story about a kid called August whose face is deformed. The story is sad and happy and, when reading it, fills you with emotion. August enters fifth grade and his mum wants him to go to school. He has to learn to make friends, defend himself from bullies and look after himself when he faces some seventh graders. I loved reading Wonder and I would definitely recommend it to readers



included Frances, Hannah, Eleanor, Archie, Olly and Rohan, all strutted their stuff on the catwalk and the rest of KS2 cheered them on. It was really good! All were wearing great outfits made up of donated clothes and accessories.

Afterwards, the Year 5s held a swap shop for second hand clothes. They did this to highlight how we must reduce, reuse and recycle whenever we can, and taking our unwanted clothes to charity or second-hand shops, and by buying clothes there, we can make a huge difference.

We were lucky enough to interview one of the models who told us about the entire event.

“I got involved with the fashion show when Dr.Batchelder and the Y5 water explorers did an assembly on the subject. I thought ‘let’s have a go at this; even if it goes wrong it will be fun!’ I was right; it was a real laugh.”

As well as speaking to one of the models we were also able to speak to a member of the audience who said, “It was excellent, because, even though the clothes were second hand, they still made the models look really good.”

After the show, everyone was able to take home a new piece of clothing, in exchange for the ones they had donated, to show what a good idea it was! Lots of smiling faces left the hall and everyone was happy to take home something new!

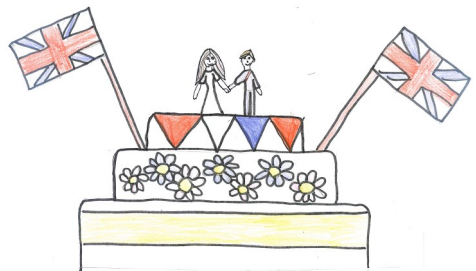
American actress marries English Prince

On 19th May 2018, at 12:00pm, millions of people around the world tuned into the BBC to watch Rachel Meghan Markle marry

Prince Henry Charles Albert David of Wales. The day itself had perfect weather: bright blue skies, the sun was shining, the air was nice and warm and the people of Windsor had decorated the town in blue, red and white.



Meghan and Harry’s wedding was massive if you compare it with a normal couple’s wedding. They had 600 guests plus over 1000 invited individuals representing charities and organisations as a ‘thank you’ from Meghan and Harry. Meghan’s mum was her sole representative; her dad wasn’t at the wedding since he had major heart surgery very close to the wedding and had not recovered. Meghan and Harry were given the title the Duke and Duchess of Sussex by the Queen on their marriage.



Year 6 Beamish Living Museum Trip

Beamish is a museum which takes you back in time for the day, to the Edwardian era, or the Victorian era, or even to the 1820s, with its own 350 acres of land-setting.

The Edwardian school at Beamish gives you a good feel for what school would have been like if you were living back then. The teachers who taught there are extremely strict, with boys and girls having to go through different doors, having to be quiet all lesson but allowed to talk if asked a question by the teacher, and the strap or belt used for naughty ones! We interviewed Rohan Dyce, to get his thoughts about the school. “It was very interesting learning the phrase that they had to write every lesson back then which had all the letters of the alphabet in.”

Also, there was a sweet shop which everyone enjoyed, with a range of delicious sweets. Several times a day people can go to the back of the shop to see how they made the sweets back then. Several CMS pupils were reported as visiting this shop and buying lots of sweets. Mrs Watkins had a list of goodies to bring back for Mr Johnston, Mrs Hamilton and Miss V Bell!

Later on in the day we went to solve a murder! Mystery surrounds the killing of Joe the quilter and we spent time interviewing suspects and visiting the murder scene. We had to gather clues from all the suspects, and then, after we heard from all the people, we made a decision who we thought it was. Eesa Mumtaz who did some investigating said, “I think it was very interesting and it was impossible to tell who killed Joe the Quilter.” To be fair, the mystery got even stranger when we found out no one was ever found guilty of the

crime! It remains unsolved to this day and Joe the quilter’s grave can be found in the churchyard at Warden, not that far from Corbridge, so it is a real-life mystery!

These were only a few of the things year 6 did at Beamish and there is a lot more to explore at Beamish. Why don’t you go pay a visit this summer?

Dessert challenge? Is that an oxymoron?

Every year at CMS, year 8 are challenged to create a dessert, from scratch, using all the skills they have developed over the years in food tech. They have to adapt recipes and prepare a dessert in timed conditions for judges to award marks and the best one wins!

Sounds great! We talked to Mrs Kidd, who’s in charge, and asked her about it all.

“It’s an exciting opportunity for year 8,” she explained, “where they get to show off their cooking skills and their creativity, by producing a spectacular dessert for the judges.”

The pressure is really on for year 8 then. They have a lesson and a half to make and present to the judges – including Mrs Kennedy and Mr Johnston – and to talk them through what they have made and called it. We asked one of this year’s judges, Mrs Watkins, what she thought about the desserts she had tasted.

“I was so impressed with the quality of the desserts! They looked and tasted amazing. There was such a range of ideas and designs too, from a chocolate Eton Mess, to an afternoon tea, to beautiful French-inspired tarts and even a unicorn cake, with horn! It was really difficult to decide which was the

best, as they all tasted great and were so beautiful.”

We wanted to know why Mrs Kidd thinks having a specialist food teacher is important. “So we can safely develop the skills from year 5, from basic knife skills, using the oven etc. Food teachers have to have special qualifications such as a food hygiene certificate, knowledge of nutrition as well as cooking skills.” We are very lucky to have Mrs Kidd, as primary schools don’t have this opportunity - hurray for middle schools again!

Mrs Kidd has always loved cooking – as you would imagine – and at school, she loved food and textile lessons too. She quotes Jamie Oliver as one of her role models, because he campaigns for healthy eating in schools. She also admires Delia Smith and, of course, Mary Berry! (We love her too!)

We are waiting for the results of this year’s dessert challenge, but hopefully, they will be as good as last year’s winners, Abi Cowley and Jess Ball, who produced a delicious trio of cheesecakes.

Mindfulness

Being Mindful



Be in the Present

to do it.

In preparation for the SATs, years 6 were able to have Mindfulness lessons to help them relieve stress during their SATs week. Mrs Kershaw came in to teach us how

We learnt lots of new things like a FOFBOC or Finger Breathing. The FOFBOC was about thinking about the present [what you’re doing now]. We also focused on breathing techniques, like Finger Breathing, and we balanced sweets on our tongues. The experience was fun and enjoyable and I’ll definitely be using these techniques in the future, even after SATs. Mrs Kennedy said there were lots of children using their newly -learnt techniques at the Year 6 concert, so it must have worked! Thank you Mrs Kershaw!

Sponsored walk

During October, a sponsored walk took place in school, which was a great success. It was around the grounds of Corbridge Middle School to help raise money and support the fantastic enrichment opportunities which take place every year. Some pupils wore blue to encourage the water explorers in their international competition, whilst others wore fancy dress. So it was fun for everyone, you could choose whether to run or walk. As well as the usual laps you do around the school, an obstacle course was set up this year, which had to be completed on each lap and a huge parachute to run underneath, where Mr Blatherwick, Mrs Hamer, Mrs Watkins and Mr Swinney tried to capture runners under it!

The aim was to raise as much money as possible and £2, 300 pound was a great achievement! What an awesome amount! Some of the pupils managed to run an amazing 10miles, (24 laps) breaking the school record (we do a sponsored walk every year). All of the money raised was really appreciated, so thank you to everyone who sponsored us. We can enjoy doing the enrichment activities now!

A Century of Conflict.

This year, will mark one hundred years since the end of World War I in 1918. This was a world-changing event which saw 20 million deaths and 21 million people wounded. The total number of deaths includes 9.7 million military personnel and about 10 million civilians. A whole generation of British men, alone, were wiped out. It was meant to be the war to end all wars, but it wasn't. In fact, in the century following the end of World War I, there were 43 wars, uprisings, or conflicts that the UK was involved in since 1918, including involvement in such countries as Iraq, Northern Ireland and Aden.

To remember the soldiers who fought in the war and everyone who lost their life in conflict, we put down poppies in our villages, cities and towns. There will be many occasions this year to mark the 100th anniversary of the guns falling silent, including, a commemorative service at St Symphorien Cemetery near Mons, Belgium, where the war began in 1914 and where the first and last casualties of the battle lie.

The National Service of Remembrance at London's Cenotaph will follow traditional lines, as it remembers the fallen of all conflicts, but the march-past which follows will be expanded. During the day of November 11, church and other bells will ring out as they did at the end of the First World War, and government funding is supporting the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to recruit 1,400 ringers – the number lost during the war.

Skinner's skiing success



One of our year 6 pupils, Hannah Skinner, has had an amazing opportunity to attend an Austrian ski race team. This means that she will go away in the winter season and stay there and train – this year she is going away for 16 weeks! As well as skiing every day, she will have to do 3 hours of school work out there, from Monday to Friday. When interviewing Hannah she said, “It’s incredible to have been accepted on to this team and I am thrilled with the opportunity. The team is called Team Evolution. Having already trained with them, I know what it will be like next year and everyone is really friendly and supportive. Though it’s hard work, it is fun- filled at the weekends because we do exciting activities such as going to a water park and once we watched a ice hockey match! I am really excited and can’t wait to go away again.” The type of skiing she does out there is slalom, GS and Super G and she competes in many competitions Watch out for Hannah in the Winter Olympics in years to come.

Hannah is pictured here with her sister Izzy (far right) and Ella and Olivia Ashburn, who are also CMS pupils, and who went for the initial ski school visit. Hannah has made it through and we are hoping she continues to do brilliantly at this sport.

All about horse riding

Horse riding is a sport that is perfect for animal lovers. You can do lots of things like jumping and galloping or you could ride across the countryside.



If you would be interested in starting riding you can contact a riding centre or if any of your family or friends has a horse you could ask them about how to start riding.

Horse riding is really fun and it is good exercise. If you ride to your ability, horse riding is not dangerous. If you are kind to the horse which you are riding, it will gain trust in you and you will be able to achieve great things like getting a high score in a competition.

Tack which is commonly used:

- saddle;
- bridle;
- halters;
- reins.

If you would like to start horse riding you can contact a local horse riding centre or ask someone in school, who rides now, where they go for a recommendation.

Websites you simply have to visit

If you want to program fun games then Scratch Online is for you! Get a scratch account and program and share projects and creations and games of your own. You can also play other people's projects and follow them! Like it? You can favourite and love games too!

Bored or simply want something fun to do? Maybe Friv or Cool Maths (nothing to do with maths) is for you! There is a load of fun games you can play and challenge your friends at!

Want to practise maths? Maybe Sumdog is for you... play fun maths-related games online OR against a robot of chosen level! Even better, you can friend people using friend codes and give them gifts to decorate their sumdog-home! You can also buy them for yourself.

Are you a massive Warrior Cat fan? Or do you want to know more about them? The Warrior Cat website is for you. It has everything to do with Warrior Cats: the family tree, the author, and other books by it, all the Warrior Cat books, a few themed games, all the books and cats and facts about them. You simply cannot get bored!

Do you love the world? Want to find out everything about it? One of the best websites to do so is the National Geographic Kids one – it is packed full of fun facts, quizzes, fabulous photos and is a really good read.

100th Anniversary of WWI

“The War to End all Wars”

WWI began in July 1914 – November 1918 so this year we celebrate its 100th anniversary. World War 1 was meant to be the “war to end all wars”, but sadly, it didn’t work out that way. There have been countless wars since then as well as a second world war. There are still wars going on now. But there is still hope for a peaceful world as they are lessening, year by year. For example the Korean War, one of the biggest in history, has come to a close. It had been going on for 70+ years but eventually leaders and the UN agreed to peace. Since then, there have been several more peace treaties all around the globe. Now the UN and USA are trying to dispose of North Korea’s nuclear weaponry which hopefully means that we may never have to go through another World War again.

How and why should we remember?

Canadian surgeon John McCrae in his poem **In Flanders Fields** first suggested the poppy to represent the immeasurable sacrifice made by his comrades and it quickly became a lasting memorial to those who died in World War One and later conflicts. On the Sunday nearest to 11 November at 11am each year, a Remembrance Service is held at the Cenotaph in London to commemorate

British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars and later conflicts. The monarch, religious leaders, politicians, representatives of state and the armed and auxiliary forces, gather to pay respect to those who gave their lives defending others. At 11am on each Remembrance Sunday a two minute silence is observed at war memorials and other public spaces across the UK. The silence is meant as a tribute to those who lost their lives fighting for their country. We should never forget all of the servicemen and women, and civilians too, who gave their lives to preserve our freedom and to fight



Let’s ask... Mrs Harvey

So, Mrs Harvey, how long have you actually been working here? “Well, I have been working here for a while, I would rather not say how long!”

I have wanted to ask you this for a while, and I am sure some other children will want to ask you this as well, but how did you get into this job?

“Well, I actually started this job because my son came to this school when he was your age and I was a parent helper. I enjoyed it so much that when I was able to apply for a job here, I did!”



That sounds amazing - it sounds like a really nice job. I also love how your son actually helped you get into this job.

Do you know every parent and pupil here at this school? “I know every pupil, but not every parent.”

How much pressure gets put on you to get things done?

“A lot of pressure is put on me to get things done, especially to do with health and safety.”

Do you like working here at this amazing school? We do!

“I love working here at this brilliant school and I wouldn’t change anything!”

Wow! Sounds like Mrs Harvey has a stressful but interesting job, not sure I would like that much pressure put on me.

Chester Zoo

On the second day of Shropshire Year 6 travelled to Chester Zoo where they saw loads of amazing animals including rhinos, giraffes and Jaguars



About a week before they arrived, the baby elephant was born at Chester Zoo. Unfortunately Year 6 did not get the chance to see the baby elephant but they will be able to see pictures of the elephant. They will also be able to see The Secret Life of the Zoo, which is a popular TV show filmed at Chester Zoo.

One of the people who went to Chester Zoo was Lily Teague. She told us “I thought it

was great and there were lots of animals to see.”

We also interviewed Merry Gibbard ,who told us “It was really good and I really enjoyed it!”

Great days out in the North East

There’s so much to discover in your local area – why not get started with some of the most popular destinations below?

Life Science Centre Newcastle



Take a ride to the stars and beyond at the Life Science Centre. You can take part in fun experiments and learn loads about the weird world of science. Come and join the fun!

Ocean Beach Pleasure Park South Shields

With free entry, enjoy unlimited rides with the purchase of a wristband. With rides including: the sky diver, the pirate ship and the dodgems.

Blue Reef Aquarium Tynemouth

You don’t need to worry about the rain spoiling your fun over in Tynemouth. With 40 different displays, there’s something for everyone at the Blue Reef Aquarium.

New Netball Club!

As you know Corbridge Middle School has many sporting clubs about but did you hear about the new netball club that could be starting for girls in September? Chloe Porter and Ellen Stoker have been talking to Mr Blatherwick about the club and he has agreed that a girls' netball club could be starting in September.



We asked a few pupils about this new club. The first pupil we spoke to was Lily Teague in year six. We asked her how she felt about a new club starting for girls.

"I think that it would be great because it will encourage more girls to do more sports; I would love to join."

Why was there not a netball club already?

As a matter of fact there was a netball club and team who travelled around Northumberland and other places in the UK. They did really well and scored many points during all of their games.

When is it going to happen?

As you know the club will be starting in 2018-19, and Mr Blatherwick is thinking about it being an after school club or a lunchtime club. There is no exact date for when this club starts but hopefully it will be soon after summer.

Shropshire success

Once SATs are over and we have completed lots of hard work, we get to relax for a week in Shropshire. The activities that we experience are day visits to Cadbury's World, Chester Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum, a trip along the canal at Dudley and Waterworld, which is an indoor waterpark.



We are lucky to stay at Cloverly Hall, which is a huge residential centre, where

Corbridge Middle School students are allowed to have the run of the place. Evenings, after the day visits, are spent playing football, tennis, cricket, rounders, tag, or if you fancy some quiet time, there's the games room, or the chance to just sit and relax with friends. We had the opportunity to pick our rooms

of up to 6 people and so you get to share with your friends; that adds to the fun. The food is good, varied, and there was plenty of it, so you won't go hungry! You can also buy sweets at Cadbury's World!

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Film Reviews

AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR. Infinity War, published by Marvel Studios, tells a story about a villain called Thanos, whose goal in the film is to find all 6 Infinity Stones, kills most of the MCU characters as well as half the population to try and become ruler of all the Universe.

Personally, I really enjoyed the film and recommend it to anyone that enjoys Marvel films. I think this film is aimed at 12 year olds and is a thriller

Some negative points are that the film is quite hard to understand – if you haven't watched any other Marvel films



DESPICABLE ME 3. Despicable Me 3 is a 2017 American computer-animated action comedy film produced by Illumination Entertainment for Universal Pictures. It is the third main instalment, fourth overall film in the Despicable Me film series and the sequel to Despicable Me 2 (2013). The film is directed by Pierre Coffin and Kyle Balda, co-directed by Eric Guillon and written by Cinco.

In the film, Gru teams up with his long-lost twin brother Dru in order to defeat a new enemy named Balthazar Bratt, a former child actor, obsessed with the 1980s, who grows up to become a villain after having his show cancelled.

Despicable Me 3 is now out in DVD, selling at most major stores and supermarkets.

JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE. Jumanji is about 4 teenagers in school detention that get sucked into a video game they've never heard of before. They find an old video game called Jumanji and find themselves in the game in the jungle as their avatars. Their avatars are played by Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart and Karen Gillan.

The film is about the avatars fighting different battles trying to survive, with only three lives, trying to save Jumanji by retrieving the jewel and placing it back where it belongs back in the leopard's eye - after being stolen by Van Pelt who gained the power of the wildlife which made him have too much power. Lots of thrills here!

Directed by Jake Kasdan and written by Chris McKenna, it's a very good movie. It is very funny at times, exciting and a good watch for children with good sense of humour. There is a lot of action involved in it, it's never boring and there's not a time when you aren't engrossed in the film.



PADDINGTON. Paddington is a great movie perfect for people who love adventure and comedy movies. The story was based on Michael Bond's series of Paddington Bear which people really enjoyed reading.

Paddington leaves Peru trying to find Montgomery Clyde (an explorer from London who discovered Paddington.) Instead of finding Montgomery Clyde himself, Paddington found his daughter: Millicent Clyde. Millicent isn't as nice as she seems though. She captures and stuffs animals fortunately Paddington manages to escape with help from the Brown family.



At the end of the film, Paddington escapes and the Brown family allows Paddington to permanently move in with them.



WHEN MARNIE WAS THERE. Shy, artistic Anna moves to the seaside after an asthma attack to live with her aunt and uncle. She stumbles upon an old mansion that appears abandoned until she sees a girl in the window, Marnie. The two girls instantly form a unique friendship that blurs the lines between fantasy and reality. As days go by, Anna spends more and more time with Marnie and begins to uncover the sad truth about her connection with her.

MALEFICENT. This film is about a beautiful young woman of pure heart, Maleficent (Angelina Jolie) who has a peaceful life in a forest kingdom. When an invading army threatens the land, Maleficent rises up to become its fiercest protector. However, a terrible betrayal hardens her heart and twists her into a creature bent on revenge when a childhood friend (King David) takes her wings. She undertakes an epic battle with the invading king's successor, and then curses his new-born daughter named Aurora. Realizing that the child holds the key to peace in the kingdom, Maleficent tries to break the curse, but it is unbreakable. As this movie is based on the fairy tale of Sleeping Beauty, Aurora pricks her finger on a spinning wheel and falls into a deep sleep. I am not going to spoil it for you, but I am going to tell you that there is a slight twist at the end.



THE GREATEST SHOWMAN. The greatest showman is a musical drama inspired by P.T Barnum. It is packed with songs that sound part modern, part musical. It is very well choreographed and keeps you on the edge of your seat for the whole film. The Greatest Showman is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. From bearded ladies and Siamese twins, to the colour of your skin, it shows how we humans do not like difference, and although it is improving we are still struggling to not stare. With a great cast, including Hugh Jackman and Zack Efron, it really brings PT Barnum's story alive. This is a truly magnificent film and I would recommend it to anyone.

I would recommend it as a visit – it’s a fun week, with friends and being able to relax after a long year of SATs practice!

The Great Exhibition of the North



From the 5th of May to the 9th of September the Great North Exhibition is being held in Newcastle. It’s the country’s biggest event in 2018. There will be amazing exhibits, creative displays and live performances with all sorts of new artwork.

There are three trails to follow which show the main three themes of the exhibition: innovation, art and design. There is no cost whatsoever as every venue is free. The best place to start is the Great North Museum.

Why not take part in the Northern Design Quest and go to the “to the moon and back” gallery? Or visit the Discovery Museum and see Stephenson’s Rocket? Or go to the family zone on the Quayside, for a great day out?

It will start with a fantastic “Get North” weekend on the 22nd of June, finishing with the spectacular Great North Run, and ending with a “Creating the Future” weekend.

We think it will be a fun thing to get involved with.

We will never forget A Poem by Ella-Mae

Penny, year 6.

We will never forget the ones who fought for us,

We will never forget the ones who lost their lives,

We will never forget battle that was fought,

We will never forget the war we won,

We will never forget World War 1.

Try our clubs

Here at CMS, we offer a wide variety of clubs, during and after school such as chess club (Friday 12:05), coding club (Thursday 3:30), homework club (Wednesday 12:35 and Thursday 12:05) and Friendship Club (Wednesdays). Also, the library is open every day apart from Wednesday and there are many books available to borrow -many new publications too. Furthermore, you could become a librarian, as they are trained to run the library when Mrs Evans isn’t here. There are lots of different clubs running throughout the year and each term they are reviewed. So you might be able to keep fit with American Football, or rugby, and make some new friends, so come along and join in—it could be fun!

Interview With Teachers About School Life

Mr Swinney, a Year 6 teacher, told us that he enjoys teaching at Corbridge because of the fun school and the fun kids. He told us that we do lots of exciting things - including the teachers. Miss Mole agreed saying she enjoys helping children in their lessons and working with a fantastic team of teachers.

We then asked why they chose to teach, Miss Mole said she loved seeing children achieve their very best in lessons. Mr Swinney said that he used to be involved in Scouts as a helper and he could see the fun that the children had which influenced his decision to become a teacher.

Mrs Kennedy Speaks!

Lately, there has been a consultation about education in our area and debate about making our system 2 tier, instead of 3 tiers, like it is now. This could have resulted in 16 rural schools closing and others merging. As a brilliant school, full of clever kids we were not going to let this happen. Our school is a nurturing environment and a great place to learn. After being here for two years now, I have seen how friendly a place it is. We were devastated when we found out there was a possibility of it closing.

We interviewed our head teacher, Mrs Kennedy, to see how she feels about this:

How did you feel about the possibility of Corbridge Middle School closing?

I felt devastated. I think our school is a happy, safe, nurturing environment where we can support young people between nine and thirteen to achieve their best both in and out of the class room.

What are the reasons you think Corbridge Middle School should stay open?

We have great teachers, a fantastic curriculum and brilliant kids. I really believe middle school brings out the best in teachers and children!



Why is our three tier system better for children in our area?

Many of our children attend amazing small rural first school. When they come to us in year five, they are able to have a wide range of lessons taught by specialist teachers. Pupils are challenged in a nurturing environment to flourish as wonderful young people. When they leave us, they are ready for all that life throws at them.

Lots of people went to the mart, what did you feel about that event? What did you want to get out of it?

It was overwhelming to speak to so many parents and members of the community who were so passionate about all of our schools. It was good to have the opportunity for us to share our views with Hadrian Learning Trust and the Council. Wayne Dailey said it really made him think.

When Mrs Kennedy told us we were staying open, we were all delighted. Thank you Northumberland County Council for listening and all our supporters, who wrote letters, attended events and signed petitions. We did it

Welcoming a famous author to Corbridge!

Corbridge Middle School has had the lucky opportunity to welcome an author visit from the amazing, world famous Frank Cottrell Boyce. We were really pleased that he was able to come for the afternoon and tell

us about his life and his writing. Some of Year 7 from Hexham Middle School came too, as they study one of Frank's books, Millions, in school.

The hall was filled to bursting Frank made everyone laugh through his funny stories about growing up and he read some of his favourite passages from Broccoli Boy and Cosmic. At the end, he met all the pupils and signed the books of those who had bought them! That was very exciting! Thank you to Helen at Forum Books for arranging this amazing event.

Year 6 Dynamic Earth trip

At the start of year 6, we went on a trip to Dynamic Earth, in Edinburgh, while we were learning about extreme weather in Humanities. Dynamic Earth is a huge indoor science experience. Some of the attractions there are a 4D cinema, a climate change room and a gift shop.

First we went into the 360 show dome where we learnt that we are made up of stars. Then we went to the time machine where we learnt what life was like for cavemen. After that we went into different rooms that represented different climates.

The ice room



Following on from that brilliant area, we went to the 4D cinema to experience

different climates and weathers, later learning about volcanic rocks. We left Edinburgh at about 5pm and arrived back at school at 7 o'clock. It was an amazing day!

Shropshire

Year 6 were rewarded for working hard during their SATs and were able to go on a residential trip to Shropshire. This is an annual event that has been going on for a number of years.

The idea is for everyone to relax and have fun after being under pressure from the SATs. In the evenings, at our hotel, you were allowed to do whatever you wanted, whether it was playing football, basketball, tennis, table tennis, or snooker. All the places we went to were fun: at Chester Zoo we found a camera man filming for the programme The Secret Life of the Zoo and at the Black Country Living Museum we had a chance to buy fish 'n' chips. At Cadbury's World, we used chocolate to write our own names and went on a slow ride with ultra violet lights. The last place we went to was Water world where there were lots of cool slides like: The Space bowl, The Twister and the Black Hole.

I would definitely recommend going on this trip and if I had the chance I'd go on it again.

Pupil Walks St Cuthbert's Way

A Year 6 pupil named Georgina Beckett finished walking St Cuthbert's Way in 2018. St Cuthbert's Way is 62 miles long trail, starting from Melrose in Scotland and ending at Holy Island in England.



St Cuthbert was a Christian saint, living from 634AD to 687AD. He was a monk, associated with both Melrose and Lindisfarne abbeys. He was also a bishop and hermit, known well in many churches across England and Scotland. Georgina's mum and dad had read about the trail and thought it would be a good challenge to undertake; Gunner the dog agreed!

On this interesting walk, you pass through the Cheviot Hills as well as the English and Scottish border. You get to see St Cuthbert's Cave, which is owned by the National Trust and made from sandstone. It was used to hide his body when the Vikings attacked Lindisfarne.

The very last walk is to Lindisfarne (also known as Holy Island), a place that St Cuthbert spent many years. When the tide is out, it is part of the mainland, but when it's in, it becomes an island. The pilgrim's path is where the pilgrims of the abbey would have walked across the sand to Lindisfarne. So you don't get lost, the path is marked by wood poles from the mainland to the island.



Why not try this amazing challenge this summer?

The Hunted

Many know of the danger big cats are in, but do they know of the cause of it? Humans! No, not you and me but there are humans who hunt them just for their fur! In the past, it was more common, but that doesn't mean it doesn't happen. One particular big cat, the Amur leopard, is down to less than 60 of its kind in the wild. It is the most hunted big cat in the world! This is where YOU can help! You can adopt one! If you pick the WWF, then you have to pay £3.00 a month, but you get a little cuddly toy version of your chosen creature! Big cats are only a small percentage of the animals hunted. More than 100 million animals are hunted by hunters, not including other animals or even one of the animal's own kind, each day. Northern white rhinos only have 3 of their kind remaining – plus one is a young male, the rest are female. That means a possibility of them becoming extinct.

Other commonly hunted animals you could consider adopting: polar bears, who actually have black skin and although their fur appears white, it is actually transparent; lynxes, who can detect a mouse 250 feet away; cheetahs, the world's fastest land animal; elephants, the largest land animal; tigers, the biggest species of the cat family; sea turtles, who migrate hundreds of miles below nesting and feeding grounds; lemurs – a ring tailed lemur's tail is longer than its body, interestingly; lions and leopards, who eat their prey in the trees.

The world could do with your help. Many animals are commonly hunted like the poor amur leopard. Please help save them. Not kill them.

Hurray for Hexham!

Hexham FC was formed in 2002. It was created from the amalgamation of the two junior sides in town. Hexham girls FC were created later after the Hexham juniors boys. This is Hexham girls U12 s journey. We will be explaining about the people on their team and their position and job of being on Hexham.

After a tough start to the season, Hexham girls U12s made their way to the final. They eventually made their way to the final. They had some challenging games but made their way through by working as a team helped by their great friendships and working hard for Coach Toby



Up front, Hexham had Ruby Clark, their great goal scorer; they wouldn't have got this far without her. In midfield they had Scarlett Coney, a great corner taker, Hannah Skinner, a girl with a good touch, Izzy Swan - always positive, Martha Simpson, a great team player and Katherine Jackson who had a 100% attendance.

In goal, Hexham had Ella-Mae Penny and Isabelle Johnson, who took turns throughout the season. Isabelle saved some amazing penalties and shots while

Ella-Mae always tipped the ball over the bar. They never let us down.

In defence they had Maddie Fallon, Ayella Sanda and Rosa Mallon. Maddie was always putting pressure on the other team and always made Hexham laugh. Ayella was always helping us when we got upset and she was a skilled player. Rosa was an incredible team player, a supportive and inspiring captain and kept the defence strong. We wouldn't have done it without all these people. Here are some people we interviewed:

Scarlett Coney: Hexham is a great team to play for where I enjoy playing football.

Being part of the team was a great experience. I managed to progress my skills alongside my amazing team mates

Hannah Skinner.

The British Masters

The British Masters is a huge golf tournament which was held in September, last year, at Close House Golf Club near Newcastle. The tournament attracted nearly 70,000 spectators thanks to huge names such as Rory McIlroy and Sergio Garcia. It was also widely watched on television, pulling in close to 7 million viewers worldwide.

One of our pupils, Oliver Butts, is a member of Close House Golf Club and was at the



tournament. He told us that it was great to see such a great club receive the attention it deserved and he also told us that he expects bigger tournaments in the near future. He also commented that more people need to get into golf because it's a great sport and a relaxing hobby. Oliver thinks that this tournament has changed the amount of people who are involved in Golf around the North-East of England.

Super Science SATs

A few Corbridge Middle School students had to also do a science SAT – even though they thought SATs were all over! Pupils Kira Guppy, Imogen White, Courtney Ball, and Dan Lowden had to answer three twenty-five minute science SAT tests consisting of many different topics such as the human body, forces and electricity. Mr Swinney supervised the tests with an external moderator too, who'd come all the way from Scotland that day. These science SATs are chosen at random and so are the pupils and, unfortunately, we never get to find out the results either!

One of the pupils, Imogen White said “They were challenging but I completed them with time to spare and was hugely motivated by cake

Another pupil –Dan Lowden –told us, “They were hard but I found the overall experience enjoyable.”

Kira Guppy added, “They were hard but we had enough time to finish them; hopefully we all did well.”

Mr Swinney told us that he was worried about pupils doing the tests as they had had no revision but, when he looked at the tests at the end, he was relieved that they all

looked like they'd done well!

They had nice treats to encourage them throughout the tests and overall enjoyed this experience, which few get to participate in.

Year 6's super Shropshire visit!

Year 6 has recently been on their residential trip to Shropshire. We stayed at the Christian conference centre Cloverley Hall. Our first visit was to Cadbury world in Bourneville. Here we learned the history of Cadbury chocolate. After we had been to Cadbury world, we arrived at Cloverley Hall, where we settled in for the night. The next day, Wednesday, was when we went to Chester Zoo. We saw some extraordinary animals, from the weird and wonderful to dark and scary. On Thursday, we visited Dudley Mining Museum, when we went down the mine, on a canal boat ride and saw what life was like back in Victorian days. On the last day, we enjoyed a visit to water world and then made our way home. We were delayed a little bit by traffic but made it in the end.

Days out in Northumberland

Northumberland is such an interesting county with so many things to explore and do. So I asked around to find out Year 6's favourite places to visit here:

Hadrian's Wall

Chester's fort and Housteads are great places to visit as they are educational and fun family trips out. Y6 CMS pupil Martha has been to both and says they were very interesting and she would go back again.

Kirkley Hall

Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens in Ponteland - The zoo has over 130 species of animal: including reptiles, ring tailed lemurs, wallabies and alpacas. There is a petting barn where feeding and handling sessions are run throughout the day. Iris thinks that it is amazing.J

Cherryburn

Cherryburn Is a National Trust site, which includes a small farm, and is the birth place of Thomas Bewick, Northumbria's greatest artist, wood engraver and naturalist. Izzy 6S has been and thinks it is interesting and gives it a 3/5.

Northumberlandia

Northumberlandia is a huge land sculpture in the shape of a reclining female figure. It was created after an opencast mine was closed and returned to landscape. It is a truly unique piece of art and I would give it 4/5 and thoroughly recommend it, for a walking/energetic day out.



The Sill



The Sill is an iconic new building that reflects the best of the Northumbrian landscape. Its centrepiece is a

beautiful grass roof, planted to replicate the unique natural grasslands of the surrounding area. The Sill gives visitors a bird's eye vantage point across one of the UK's most magnificent landscapes and over Hadrian's Wall. Chloe 6B thinks it is a great place for young families to go to spend time together with amazing sights and a beautiful walk to Sycamore Gap.

Prudhoe Castle

Prudhoe Castle is a ruined medieval English dwelling. It is run by English Heritage and is a great place to explore. These are really fun places to go to, say year 6 pupils.



Story teller comes to town



Chris Bostock, the grandpa of Blake Dickson came in to professionally tell stories to top set English year 6 and to embarrass his grandson! He told two stories and made us draw and write what we pictured. We all listened and felt stories, thinking hard about content and how the stories would make our readers feel – for when we wrote our own.

Firstly, he told a tale of a witch that has one clever son and one stupid son. She brews a potion that will make her thick son clever, but the person that had to stir it had a sip and knew all the secrets of life while the broth turned to a poisonous mixture that broke the pot. He turned into a bird and flew off with the witch on his tail. Eventually, he turned into a corn seed and was eaten by the witch. Then the witch had a baby and was going to kill it but...it was a very exciting tale!

The second story was of a fisherman who found a beautiful girl who could turn into a seal. She was left behind on the sands one night so he married her and had children with her, but she was always sad. One day she found her seal skin, folded up in the house, and swam off into the sun set. This was how the Scottish selkies (which means seal folk) story came about.

We used all of the ideas we had, and the techniques we had learnt about visualising stories, to write our own for our writing portfolios. Thanks, Chris, for an amazing afternoon.

Chester Zoo

The Year 6 residential trip was to Shropshire in May. We went for four days and visited some outstanding places. My personal favourite place was Chester Zoo, where we visited some amazing animals, from the weird and wonderful, to the dangerous and creepy. We saw many mind-blowing animals you never could imagine such as rhinos and monkeys, vultures and many more. We were also allowed to go on a boat ride down a river, where we passed many enclosures full of animals. Some of the animals we loved were the giraffes and the sloth; they were big favourites amongst the students. We saw tiny animals like fish smaller than your thumb, to big animals weighing as much as a bus. We loved Chester Zoo and it was an amazing trip.

Mass march celebrates the century of women's vote

Did you know it is exactly 100 years since

women got the vote? Did you know how hard it was to achieve that? Did you know who were involved in forcing this change?

It is crazy to think that 100 years ago women weren't allowed to vote and only rich men could. It was really hard to achieve that and many women and even some men were involved; everyone wanted equality.



The suffragettes fought hard to get the vote and they wanted to change things for the better, and give everyone an equal say. Some even gave up their lives to make a point of protest, such as Emily Davison. She said that she would starve herself until it changed and had to be forced to eat. During the Epsom Derby horse race in 1913, she tried to tie a purple, white and green bow (the suffragette colours) onto the King's horse but sadly ended up dying, after being trampled instead.

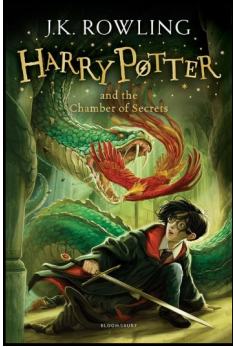
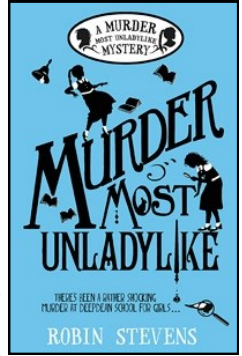
A massive march to London took place in June 1908, involving 10,000 women - even some men joined in too. "Equal seats, equal voices" was chanted by a group of



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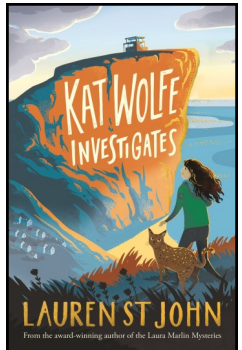
Book Reviews

MURDER MOST UNLADYLIKE series by Robin Stevens. The Murder Most Unladylike series is about two best friends called Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells, who are detectives. They uncover the answer to murder mysteries when even the police can't figure out who did it. The girls must figure out the answer before it's too late. The girls solve murders in their own school, Daisy's house and in Hazel's home country of Hong Kong. I would recommend this book series to readers over 9 years.



HARRY POTTER series by J.K. Rowling. Harry Potter is a series about wizards and witches being taught in a magical school named Hogwarts. They take part in many tough challenges, some of them nearly killing them, so if you like the thrill of peril and adventure, this could be the series for you. The main character, Harry, must make it through all these challenges but with the help of his friends he might just make it! I recommend these books to readers over 10.

KAT WOLFE INVESTIGATION by Lauren St John. Meet Kate Wolfe. She moved to Bluefell Bay from the busy, cramped streets of a city. This beautiful seaside gem of a town hides dark and dangerous secrets. Pet sitting for pocket money, Kat's client goes missing, leaving a half-packed suitcase and his bird, Bailey. Kat takes it upon herself and her new found friend (Harper Lam) to get to the bottom of this mystery. Could it just be a wild goose chase or is it a dark secret coming to the surface of Bluefell Bay? I highly recommend this book! Amazing!

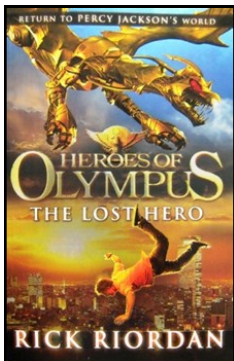


THE HUNGER GAMES by Suzanne Collins. In a place once known as South America, now known as Panem, is a city surrounded by twelve districts. Every year, the capitol holds a live television show called the hunger games when two children; one male, one female are taken from each district to fight to the death against children from other districts. When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen takes the place of her beloved sister Primrose Everdeen; who was chosen for the games she has to fight for her life "but she has been close to death before, for her survival is second nature."

District 12 is a very poor district. Katniss and her family are under fed and she has to do illegal hunting to provide food for her family and her best friend Gale's family. After her father's death she has to hunt alone with Gale. She has been close to death before but this is a different death. A worse death. When she is in the arena she befriends the boy from her district Peeta Mellark and young girl from district eleven, Rue. She cares for them both but only one tribute can win. She knows

her allies would have to die for her to win, but she could die for them. Will her feelings take over? Will she let her friends win? If she wants to win she has to kill because she knows there is only one rule "kill or be killed."

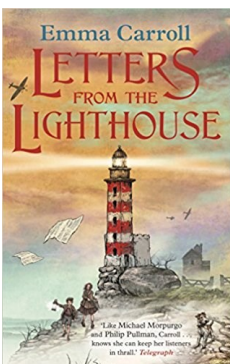
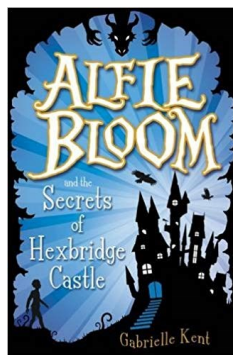
I have read this book a lot of times now because it is so good. The three books in the series are my definite favourite trilogy of books. My favourite character is Katniss Everdeen but I also like Gale, her best friend, and Cinna her stylist for the Hunger Games. I have watched the film and my imagination was quite a lot different to what Jennifer Lawrence, the actor, looked like. If you decide to read this brilliant book then you must read the sequels catching Fire and Mockingjay, where the story continues.



THE LOST HERO by Rick Riordan. The Lost Hero is a book three teenagers called Jason, Piper and Leo. They are sent on a quest to free Hera the queen of Greek gods because she has been trapped in a prison by the king of giants. As well as also trying to save Hera Piper has to save her dad who has been kidnapped by a giant but her friends don't know about it... I would rate this book five stars and I would recommend it to anyone who likes adventures and myths type of stories.

he owns Hexbridge castle he decides to move in straight away. What will happen though when his new evil headmistresses come to the opening party with secret plans?

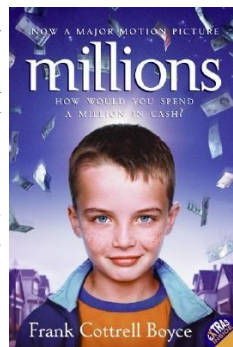
ALFIE BLOOM AND THE SECRETS OF HEXBRIDGE CASTLE by Gabrielle Kent. Alfie's mum died when he was young and he and his dad are extremely poor. When he finds out that



LETTERS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE by Emma Carroll. Letters from the lighthouse is a story about a 12 year old girl called Olive and her brother Cliff. The book is set in 1940s worn torn Britain when Olive and Cliff are evacuated to a lighthouse on the coast of Devon. When they become involved in rescuing a boatful of Jews from France, things start to get complicated. Will the Jews ever make it Devon or will he police find out about this secret mission?

MILLIONS by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Millions is a story about Damian and his brother Anthony. When one day a bag containing one million pounds drops out of the sky, Damian and Anthony spend it all. What could they spend it all on?

Talking about Frank Cottrell Boyce, he came in to talk to us about his books, read us parts from them and give us the chance to buy signed copies his books. We were also joined by 60 pupils from HMS who read his book Millions in year 7. We all thoroughly enjoyed his visit and we must say a big thanks to Forum Books for organising the visit.



demanding women. Another group called out for equal rights for women in prisons. In 1918, after years of campaigning by women's groups and in the aftermath of the First World War, the UK parliament passed the Representation of the People Act. This act granted the vote to women over the age of 30 who were householders, the wives of householders, occupiers of property with an annual rent of £5, and graduates of British universities. About 8.4 million women gained the vote. The vote was expanded so that all women over the age of 21 in 1928, which meant they had equal terms with men. It had been a hard-won fight for equality.

After interviewing some of the Corbridge Middle School pupils, this is what they had to say about it:

"I think everyone should get their say so it is amazing that 100 years is being celebrated. (Isaac)

It is a really important landmark in history, however I think women should have got the vote earlier (Merry)

"When they didn't have the vote it was so unfair."

(Martha)

"I think it is changed the way that people treat women."

(James)

I talked to Mr Swinney about this centenary: "I think it's really great that women finally got the vote but I wonder whether women now realise what the suffragettes actually wanted to achieve, because it wasn't just about the votes. It was about the ability to make life fair and change things for the better. I want to know how many women vote now and if it has had an effect."

It is certainly something to think about as we move into the next 100 years! We owe a lot to these campaigners for equal rights – men and women.

Interview with Helen from Forum Books

We interviewed Helen from Forum Books in Corbridge and asked her what she thinks about reading and where to find good books. Helen has been a wonderful supporter of our school, organising author visits, giving us signed or pre-published copies of brilliant books for our library and letting us use her shops' windows to highlight our school's views during the Northumberland County Council consultation earlier this year.



Q. Where do you think are the best places for children to find good books?

A. I think probably a book shop or a library. I think the local library is a bit too small

though, but your library at CMS is great!

Q. If you had to recommend one book to children aged 10-13 what would it be?

A. I would recommend The Boy Who Hit Play, Chloe Daykin's new book. I would also recommend Fish Boy also by Chloe

Daykin.

Q. What made you want to work in a book shop?

A. I have always loved books and reading them so working in a book shop was a dream job.

Q. Do you prefer the new book shop to when it was split into children and adults?

A. I really loved the children's book shop but it split the customers and we didn't really get much interest especially when it was raining because customers didn't want to walk between the two bookshops.

Q. What is your favourite part about reading?

A I really love reading because you discover something new. Working in a book shop means you can read things before anyone else. Sometimes if you like a book you can get lost in the story, and I feel like the characters are there in front of you.

SATs are OVER

Pupils of CMS Y6 were delighted to hear that SATS were over on Thursday 17th of



May, along with all the time spent revising and studying hard. It was an amazing week despite all the tests; Y6 children really enjoyed the

week of extra break times, snacks and breakfast club, manned (womanned) by the teachers.

Overall there were 6 tests: 3 English, SPAG, Reading and spelling; 3 Maths, Arithmetic and two reasoning papers. We interviewed

Blake Dickson for his views on the week.

“Yes, I enjoyed SATS because of the attention teachers gave us. I loved breakfast club because we got hot chocolate and my favourite test would be the SPAG because, for once, I whizzed through it! I’d love to do it again!”

Try these Authors!

We asked avid reader Iris to suggest some great reads for us this summer, so she told us about some authors you should definitely check out ,if you like fantasy stories

Rick Riordan has written over 35 books including the Percy Jackson series, the Magnus Chase series and the Heroes of Olympus series and has films made of his books. They are set in modern times but are based around mythology

Phillip Pullman has written over 12 books including the His Dark Materials series and The Book of Dust volume one. His preferred genre is fantasy and his books keep you on the edge of your seat until the last page.

Garth Nix and Sean Williams wrote the Troublemistors series. They are about two unidentical twins called Jack and Jaide who have Gifts, magical powers that allow them to control wind and shadows. They have to defeat The Evil, a force so evil it has no name.

Susan Cooper had the complete Dark Is Rising series published by 1977. The books feature Will Stanton, age eleven who discovers he is an “Old One” and has to wield the powers of the Light against the Dark. This series is a great read for children 11+.

Boyd Brent has written a few books but my favourite is The Lost Diary Of Snow White Trilogy. It is about what fairyland is really

like, told from the point of view of Snow White. It is a funny, fantasy story and you can buy it with bonus content: The Fabled journal of Pan.

Arwen Elys Dayton is the author of the Seeker series. The series includes Seeker, Traveller and Disruptor. They are about three children who discover what it really means to become a seeker... I would recommend this series for 13 year olds and over.

Helen Falconer has written many books but I like the Changeling Trilogy. In the first book, a human child has been stolen and a fairy child has been left behind in her place. But Aoife, the fairy child, doesn't know she is not her parents' real daughter – not until she turns fifteen, and strange things start to happen to her. First she sees a small child out on the bog, who turns out not to be there at all. Then she starts to develop unusual powers – locks, for instance, click open under her fingertips. Which is how she finds a book of baby photographs hidden in her parents' drawer. Family portraits, of a very different child. These books are for 13 year olds and over.

Book series for cat lovers



Are you a massive fan of cats? Or are you into wild animals - Big cats? Maybe there's

a series of books for you... Warrior Cats has about 60 books – plenty. It is about 4 clans of cats who live in the wild. The clans are: ThunderClan – the clan with most of the main characters; RiverClan, a clan of cats willing to get their paws wet to hunt their prey; WindClan, cats who can run fast enough to catch rabbits; ShadowClan, cats can be the meanest of them all, rumoured because of the swamp-pine forest that they call home.

The true mean cats go to the dark forest, though. The dark forest is one of the places where mean cats go to when they die. The dark forest is made from cats of all clan; any cat can go there, not just ShadowClan. StarClan is another clan which cats go when they die. They, like the dark forest, watch over clans. There are 6 Warrior Cats' series' out, 5 with 6 books and one with 5, and there are more coming out. There are manga trios and stand-alone adventure backstories and super editions, so if you are interested then you have a lot of books set ahead for your new Warrior Cats adventure!

SATs are over – for this year!

The year 6 SATs is over after a whole week of tests, which was rather stressful for some. After a lot of hard effort from the teachers and the children, everyone is feeling confident that everyone will pass with good marks. We interviewed Eesa Mumtaz about how he felt his SATs had gone. He told us “The SATs were quite relaxing and it was fun between the tests and that was all down to the teachers' hard effort.”

Also Merry Gibbard gave us her views, “It was a lot easier than I thought it would be but especially the Maths one, which was particularly easy.” We also talked to Isaac

March who said, "I thought it would be quite stressful but it was quite easy."

Shropshire Sunshine

Recently, year 6 went to Shropshire it was amazing. Also, it took our mind off S.A.T.S that had taken place the previous week. It was a long journey but we stopped at Cadbury's World on the way down, which lifted people's spirits.

We arrived at Cloverley Hall (it was huge!) Then we got told our room numbers.

We were then allowed to go outside, where there was a lot to do, including: a tennis court; basketball hoops; a football pitch and lots more!

As soon as the sun rose we were up and out and on our way to Chester Zoo it was great we saw rhinos, giraffes and bears.

Thursday arrived and we were off to the Black Country Living Museum. It was a great fun-filled day. We went down a mine shaft, went on a canal ride (it was very dark in the mine), and not forgetting the 1912 school session! What a great day.

Friday arrived so we were off to Water World. It was amazing, with so many slides and rides but then it was time for the long drive back. We finally arrived back at school it has been a PHENOMENAL trip and we wish we could go back again!

Summer Showcase... what a night!

On the 27th of June 2018, all the music ensembles of Corbridge Middle School, together with pupils reciting poetry from memory, came together to perform in a

huge concert for all of their family and friends. Music ensembles in the concert included Brass Band, Senior and Junior Choir, Ceilidh Band, Chamber Choir, Guitar Group and more. Junior Choir kicked off the night with a piece called Grizelda and Senior Choir finished the event off with a piece called Joyful, Joyful. Boys' Choir performed a well-known song by Bastille and people were amazed by how good the Ceilidh Band was.

The poems were performed by pupils who had prepared to take part in the Ryton Festival in March this year. They had to learn one or more poems, depending on which classes they entered, off by heart and compete against other people from the region for trophies and glory. Unfortunately, the poetry competition couldn't go ahead because of the heavy snow we had that week, so Mrs Fisher decided to invite the Ryton Festival judges to the Summer Showcase, so they could hear the pupils perform and give them their certificates afterwards. They had spent so long learning and rehearsing with Mrs Watkins it was a shame to miss them! They were amazing, with no nerves showing as they spoke aloud, without the texts in front of them.

We spoke to a member of the audience who told us, "I was amazed by the amount of skilled

performers and my favourite song was Oh, Happy Day by Senior Choir."

Mrs Fisher said she was moved to tears at points in the night and was very proud of everyone who took part.



Pi -tops

Pi-tops are a modular laptop that gives you the tools to complete amazing DIY projects and bring your inventions to life. It's the perfect tool to help you learn to code, create awesome devices, and take your knowledge to the next level. Our school was on a trial for the pi- tops to test them out with the year 8s and it went smoothly. So from September, the school will be rolling them out across all of the year groups as the y8 had a great experience.

We interviewed Mr Johnston who was working with year 8, who said "The pi- tops



are good for our physical computing projects." He also said "Coding develops concepts and which can be very useful for example solving problems and also solving problems and also improve accuracy. On the pi -tops, you can create circuits involving the use of many different components such as LEDs, resistors, buttons, light sensors, temperature sensors, sonic sensors and many more." Mr Johnston said he would definitely recommend them as they develop skills and are enjoyable for pupils and children. Charlie and Nathan in year 6 can't wait to have a go!

Shropshire success!

After a hard week in SATs, the year 6s got treated to a week away in the beautiful Shropshire countryside. They visited attractions such as: Cadbury's World, Chester Zoo, the Black Country living museum and Water world. They stayed on site at Cloverly Hall.

"We visited lots of interesting attractions." (Eesa), "Waterworld was amazing!" (Jonah) "I enjoyed the canal trip." (Charlie)

It's fair to say that Shropshire won over our year 6s! Thank you Mrs Hamilton, for organising it and to Miss V Bell, Miss J Bell, Mr Swinney, Mrs Hamer and Mrs Liddle for going with us and putting up with us for the week!

A Century of Conflict.

This year, will mark one hundred years since the end of World War I in 1918. This was a world-changing event which saw 20 million deaths and 21 million people wounded. The total number of deaths includes 9.7 million military personnel and about 10 million civilians. A whole generation of British men, alone, were wiped out. It was meant to be the war to end all wars, but it wasn't. In fact, in the century following the end of World War I, there were 43 wars, uprisings, or conflicts that the UK was involved in since 1918, including involvement in such countries as Iraq, Northern Ireland and Aden.

To remember the soldiers who fought in the war and everyone who lost their life in conflict, we put down poppies in our villages, cities and towns. There will be many occasions this year to mark the 100th anniversary of the guns falling silent,

including, a commemorative service at St Symphorien Cemetery near Mons, Belgium, where the war began in 1914 and where the first and last casualties of the battle lie.

The National Service of Remembrance at London's Cenotaph will follow traditional lines, as it remembers the fallen of all conflicts, but the march-past which follows will be expanded. During the day of November 11, church and other bells will ring out as they did at the end of the First World War, and government funding is supporting the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to recruit 1,400 ringers – the number lost during the war.

The day will end with a service at Westminster Abbey, London, along with others in Glasgow, Cardiff and Belfast, to give thanks for peace and those who returned.



During the year, a series of exhibitions will reflect on the impact the battlefields of the First World War had in shaping the modern world, in the Imperial War Museum's (IWM) Making A New World season.

Here at CMS, we will never forget the people who fought and made our country proud. We will be holding a range of events to mark the centenary in the Autumn term, as part of British Values and PSHE, and many subject areas will contribute to our knowledge and understanding of the events of the war as well as allowing us to think and reflect on their sacrifice.

Jokes Section – laugh or cry?

What do you get when you cross a giraffe with a hedgehog? - *6 metre toothbrush.*

Today, at the bank, an old lady asked me to check her balance. - *So I pushed her over.*

Why is Peter Pan always flying? - *Because he never lands.*

What do you call a guy with a rubber toe? - *Roberto.*

I ate a clock yesterday; - *it was very time consuming.*

A blind man walks into a bar, *a table and a chair.*

Do you want to hear the joke about the wall? - *I can't tell you because you'll never get over it.*

What do you call a cow with 2 legs? - *Lean beef.*

Excellent Equestrians

Excellent Equestrians is where we talk about amazing Equestrians through the ages. Our choice... Pippa Funnell! One of her most famous horses is Redesigned, as seen in the picture. This amazing woman has won Badminton, Kentucky, Grand Slam and so many more. She is also an author in her spare time. Funnell has written a whole series of books, all called 'Tilly's Pony Tales'. In total, she has written 18 books for the series. Pippa is an amazing rider and an inspiration for all riders. One of her most famous horses is called Supreme Rock, aka Rocky. Another of her horses is Kiri, who got her first in 2003 in the Rolex Kentucky.

The second and last is Piggy French! Piggy is one of the top riders in the equestrian world. She was a member for the Great Britain team at World and European Championships. She is a past winner of 3 star (***) events like Burnham and Hartpury.



75211 Imperial Tie Fighter



Let's start with the elephant in the room, this is the fifth Lego imperial tie fighter ever made , so I will show you what makes this set different from what came before. First of all the minifigures in 75211 are superb. Han boasts a brand new helmet mould (which is smaller than the original mould for the AT-ST driver helmet), whilst Tobias Beckett has a very detailed torso. On the Imperial side of things, the tie pilot has more detailed printing but is more or less the same as previous Imperial versions. The Mimbam Stormtrooper is essentially the same as other

variants except in grey (with tan spots), and also has a new helmet as well.

The play features in this set are limited (a pair of spring-loaded shooters) but it makes up for it by being very swooshable and a good display piece. The wings are held in place using bars and clips and the exterior utilises SNOT (studs not on the top) connections to create detail. Overall, this is a great set and I would recommend it to anyone who like Lego and Star Wars .

Build	18/20
Minifigures	17/20
Collectability	12/20
Playability	14/20
Price	15/20
Total	76/100

Poem of the year

We'll tell you about this year

In which many things did occur.

We've had trips around the nation

And been involved in consultation.

Famous faces have visited our school;

We are part of an eco-rule.

*First year is challenging but always fun,
meeting new friends.*

*Introduced to bike ability, turning round
bends.*

Very long traffic on their Residential Trip.

*Egyptian Museum was great; I hope they
didn't get the whip!*

*Shropshire was amazing and a great
opportunity,*

In R.E we learnt about the Islamic community.

Xylophones were played in a music task so they worked to their best,

Six's did SATs, 5 just joined us, 8 are soon leaving and 7 gets a well-deserved rest.

Enduring through Year 7 sports competitions, even in the wet!

Voss was incredible, not just skiing: an experience they won't forget.

Exciting outwards bounds day at Broomley Grange, yay!

Never a dull day, especially in art, whilst moulding clay.

Every year has been exciting!

Involving a specialist to teach karate fighting.

Going to London was a great high,

Hoodies are given to the ones that say goodbye,

Teachers, parents and children will wish them luck and probably cry!

This year has been drastic

But overall it's been fantastic

This has been a super poem production by Imogen White & Hannah Skinner.

(Official poets of CMS)

All around the World Quiz

Can you answer these nine questions, in our fun geographically-based quiz?

1) At more than 6.5 million square miles, what is the largest country in the world?

2) And which has the largest population, at more than 1.3 billion?

3) What is the capital city of Spain?

4) Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata are major cities in which country?

5) In which country are the holy cities of Mecca and Medina?

6) Which Italian city is famous for its canals?

7) Liverpool lies on which river?

8) Which sea separates Europe from Africa?

9) Which Scottish loch with a length of about 24 miles, is reputed to contain a monster?

(Answers on page 3)



Corbridge Middle School



This Corbridge Chronicle was written by year 6 pupils in Mrs Watkins' class, as a writing challenge for after SATs. As you will see from the contents, they have worked extremely hard, thought up some interesting ideas for features and shared their opinions in reviews. Every one of the 34 pupils contributed to it, conducted interviews, researched stories and drew or found pictures to accompany them. I'm sure you will agree they have done an amazing job, and I am very proud to have worked with them on it, in two hectic weeks! Huge thanks go to Mr Coates for making it look fantastic too – we couldn't have done it without him.

We hope you enjoy reading our Corbridge Chronicle.