



## Sporting Stars

Last academic year was a very successful one in terms of our trophy cabinet being filled with cups and shields. The new school has got off to a flying start with our sports. By week three of the new school year we had reached our first football Cup final- sadly to be beaten on dreaded penalties but were more than worthy silver medalists. Among our stars, Zack Wyatt has been snapped up by the Boro football academy. Well done Zack-We are very proud of you. Hopefully one day we will see you play at the Riverside!



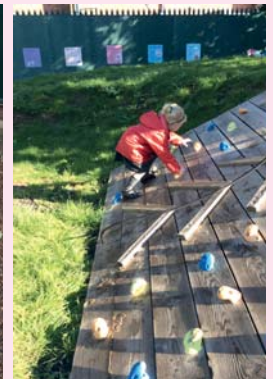
## End of term Celebrations

The summer term ended in an unusual heat wave which heralded the warm summer holidays for everyone. Both pupils and staff managed to stay cool with ice-pops being served up regularly to help everyone cool down. Our final assembly celebrated a wonderful year at St. Patrick's Primary. The Rose Walsh Cup is presented to a pupil in the honour of Rose Walsh who was the longest serving governor. The cup was presented to Jessica Hobson for her constant positive attitude and friendship since she started with us in nursery. Well done Jess and good luck at secondary school! It was also a time to say thank you and farewell to Liz Barber. Liz has been a member of staff at St. Patrick's for many years. We thank Liz for her loyalty and friendship over the years and wish her well in her retirement.



## Early Years - Early start!

Our new children have not taken long to settle into school! Just look at what they have been getting up to already!



## Holland Memories

One of the final memories that Year 6 students have in primary school is the annual residential visit to Noorvijke in Holland. It was a wonderful experience shared by both staff and pupils as the Dutch sunshine did not fail throughout their stay. Great company was shared with days at theme parks and places of interest, finished off with fun and games on the beach until sunset. Excitement and plans are already underway for the 2023 visit!



## Green Flag Award

The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks, green spaces and schools setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world. St. Patrick's now celebrates its fourth consecutive Green Flag Award for the ecological work in their curriculum and care for school grounds and local area.





### Cafod award

The LiveSimply award is earned by communities and schools who can show how they have been living: simply, in solidarity with people in poverty and sustainably with creation. The award celebrates all of this and has our school community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully. We are one of the first schools in the Diocese of Middlesbrough to be awarded with the Live Simply Award. The assessors at Cafod were so impressed with the work that we do at St. Patrick's, we were asked to host the National Assembly which was beamed to every Catholic school in England and Wales. Pupils have recycled and reused preloved uniforms and made use of produce from our school allotment. Our caring pupils also shared what they had grown with residents in local care homes.



### Battle of Britain Memorial

The event held at The Airmen's Statue on Thornaby Road was postponed this year due to the death of HM Queen Elizabeth. However, pupils still remembered the strong links which Thornaby celebrates with the Royal Air Force and the Battle of Britain. We look forward to the time when this event can be commemorated again singing "God Save the King!"



### Parish Partnerships

It has been great to reconnect with our parish again this year with school and class Masses, retreats, Holy Communion Masses and other recreational events that we have hosted in school. Our parish is the foundation stone of our school and celebrates 150 years of existence this autumn. The parish welcomes classes each week to Mass and children have helped in the upkeep of the gardens in Church.



### Remembering Queen Elizabeth

In the summer edition of Thornaby Pride we told readers about our joyous Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It seems unreal and with sadness that we are now observing the Queen's passing and looking back at her life of service. One thoughtful parishioner travelled to London to lay flowers at Buckingham Place on behalf of St. Patrick's parish. Over the past week or so, the children have paused to remember in prayer and silence Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and discussed in hope the reign of King Charles III.



### St. Patrick's Open Evening

Many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils will attend the open evening at St. Patrick's Catholic College in anticipation of attending there in the future.



## Season Of Creation

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration where we are encouraged to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: The Church family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home. The Season begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year we will unite around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation." We had a special assembly where children sang their special Laudato Si song and reflected upon if the earth had a voice, what would it say to us?



## Money Money Money

A big thank you to Emma Ormston-Hall from Yorkshire Bank who helped facilitate "Money Matters" lessons.. The children created their own event in groups, budgeting for the event and working out how much they would need to charge to cover the cost. Economic well-being is an important lesson!

## Equality Counts

Our curriculum promotes equality and helps our pupils realise everyone's potential and part in society that powers our economy, strengthens society and increases fairness. A group of Year 6 girls visited Durata HQ and with the help of 2 engineers, were able to explore the world of electrical engineering. NETA Training Group was founded at its current location in Stockton-On-Tees in 1975 to provide technical training service to the local engineering, offshore and petrochemical industries. This project hopefully inspired the next generation of female engineers. We also invited the Northern Stars to work alongside our pupils to help develop partnerships and drama skills. Northern Stars is a performing arts company working with adults with learning difficulties and disabilities. It was great to have them around school again!

