

# Sports News



On Friday 10th of February we had a special karate club in school. Nikki, who works in 8G brought her friends from her karate club, 'Northern Freestyle Karate Association'. There was four men and two women who came in, and Nikki.

We had an assembly for everyone in school. The people were talking about what we should not do and what we should do. Then they showed us some really special karate moves. First of all they were kicking wood so it would smash in half but they didn't have any socks or shoes on. Next they



Jack using the 'jab pads' to practise his precision with Chris.

put a blindfold on and used a really big sword to cut a ball in half. They reminded us not to do it at home though. The assembly was really good because it showed us our behaviours for learning. Things like

thinking and keep going to get better and better. Communication was important as well because the karate people had to listen to each other.

We went to class after the assembly to find out what time we would be going for our karate lesson. Our karate lesson was after dinner. We got split into groups with people from different year groups. They started by reminding us the rules about not kicking legs and not punching faces. They also asked us ideas about what we thought was sensible things like not doing it outside of school.

Then they showed us how to do some karate moves. First of all we all practised doing a sidekick. Next we practised doing punches. They also spent time talking to us about being healthy, making sure we eat fruit and vegetables so that we can be stronger. Some of us got the chance to wear the special karate belts! - Rebecca & Lukas 8M



Students in the fighting stance ready to practise their first technique



## Go Team Tyne & Wear Falcons!

On Wednesday the 5th April some students went to the Panathlon Regionals at Gateshead Stadium. Last year we took part in the Panathlon Challenge. Because we did so well we got through to the next level which is called the regionals. Our school teamed up with Percy Hedley School and our team name is the 'Tyne and Wear Falcons'. There was lots of teams from different areas in the North East, like Cleveland, Gateshead and Northumberland.

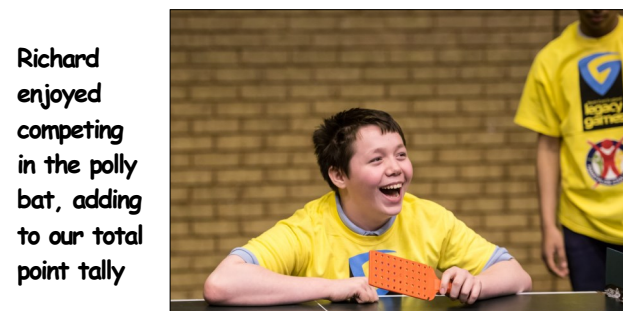
Our team played lots of different games and sports. We played polly bat, new age curling, table cricket, boccia, and field athletics. All of the events were adapted to suit all abilities and disabilities.

Sir Charles Parsons School were the 'North East Regional Multi-Sport Winners'. We got a special trophy.

Our team did so well again that we have now been invited to represent the North-East in the 'North of England Finals' against Yorkshire and Merseyside which will be held all the way down in York.



Abbie 'giving it her all in the relay race,' ensuring the team came first



Richard enjoyed competing in the polly bat, adding to our total point tally



# School News



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## Poland '17



On Monday the 27th of February 2017 we started our journey to Poland. We travelled by school minibus to the airport where we got on a plane. Some people had been on a plane before, some hadn't. We were all nervous and excited. When we got off the plane in Poland we had a long drive to the ski slopes where we were staying. We didn't get there until night time so we had tea straight away and then unpacked our things. The next morning we got all our things ready for skiing and then went down for breakfast. We had a really big breakfast to give us lots of energy. We had cereal and then sausage sandwiches. Before we went on the slopes to ski the trainers gave us some tips. There was two men and one woman who was called Basha. They taught us how to put out boots on. They really hurt your legs, it was tricky to walk in them and you couldn't walk down stairs in them either. Then they gave us practise on how to put our skis on and move around in them. We had to practise walking up the hill sideways. We spent the rest of that day going down the nursery slope learning how to turn and stop. You have to do the pizza to be able to stop. The next day, some people stayed on the nursery slope, and some people went on a bigger slope so had to use the button lift. It was really scary using the lift because you went high up and then had to get off quickly. Everyone kept falling over a lot, but everyone got up and tried again. By the end of Wednesday lots of us were able to ski, we were all much better than we had been. We spent our last day in Poland shopping. We bought gifts for family and friends, and for ourselves. We also got to use the steam room and jacuzzi in the hotel which were good. We had a brilliant time and the phrase of the holiday was 'Too cool for school'. Kyle & Courtney 10W & 10G

## Young Achiever Awards 2017

The annual Newcastle School Achievement Awards took place last week at Newcastle's Civic Centre. This year Daniel was chosen by staff to receive an award in the 'Personal Achievement' category. Daniel joined Sir Charles Parsons in September from a different primary school to all of our other new year seven students. He was very shy and quiet. Daniel has made terrific progress and now regularly has his hand up in lessons, being very keen to answer any questions. Daniel loves assembly and uses the microphone to speak, which is something even a lot of the staff avoid! Daniel has made good friendships in school and enjoys playing pranks on his friend Micky! The change in Daniel has been fantastic to see, he has done amazingly well.



Daniel receiving his award from the Lady Mayoress

## School Photo Day by Travelling Light

On Tuesday 25th April Paul Gemmell from Travelling Light will be in school for the day photographing all of our students and class/year groups. There is no obligation to purchase any copies of the photos. Parents and carers will be sent a 'proof' of their child's portrait pictures and a choice of packages to choose from. Please contact school if you require any further information. The class and year group pictures will be available to view and order should you wish to at our whole school parents evening in June.

**Sir Charles Parsons School**







**On Our Way!**  
We are currently raising £60,000  
to install specialist playground  
equipment accessible to all of our  
students.



As our playground campaign continues we are well on the way to having our first pieces of equipment installed over the summer break. Our volunteers and students have been very



**Justin & Mrs Haq  
enjoying a Sunday  
afternoon at Dobbies**

busy over the last term taking part in several fundraising events including a bag pack at Morrisons, Byker, a bucket collection weekend at Dobbies Garden Centre, Ponteland and a bucket collection at Asda, Byker. This has provided us with the opportunity to raise money as well as raising awareness of our school and it's charity.

We have also been lucky enough to be chosen by two pubs in the area to benefit from the proceeds of their fundraising events. The Turbinia pub, in Walker, held a 'Sponsored New Years Day Dip' down at Tynemouth as well as a charity night in February. We got the chance to meet the manager and staff from the pub when they came along to a special assembly and presented us with a cheque for £3,000. The Salutation, in Tynemouth also donated £464 raised over the weekend around St Patricks Day. Our sixth form students were tasked with the job of making decorations for the event and went along to The Salutation on Friday 17th March to prepare the venue. Last week we held our Easter coffee morning. The event was well attended as always and it was lovely to see lots of old friends. One of the top buys at the coffee morning was the leek & potato soup packs which raised £75. All of the ingredients to make these packs were kindly donated by MA Brothers Supermarket, to who we are extremely grateful.



**The tasty soup packs**

All news and events of 'The Friends of' are shared on the Facebook page. Please like our page to keep updated, event better share it with your friends!!



**Welcome Back  
Mr Ratliff -  
our new school  
fundraiser!**

"I have been asked by the school to support the

work of 'The Friends of SCPs' in raising funds to provide the best resources for our students. The work that 'The Friends of' charity is currently undertaking has raised a lot of awareness for our charity, as well as much needed funds. However there are a number of business and charities, both locally and nationally, which offer grants and funds.

My role involves researching and reviewing the aims, objectives and "grant giving" criteria of a wide range of organisations in order to find the most suitable for our projects. Completing the application process for these grants can be very time consuming, and often involves meeting with potential donors.

At present we have a number of applications being considered favourably and we will have confirmation of the result at the end of May.

We are always looking for any local or national business and charities who may wish to support or find out more about our school, so please let me know of any you are aware of who may be interested. Please see contact details below.

**admin@scp.newcastle.sch.uk OR  
Stephen Ratliff  
Sir Charles Parsons School  
Westbourne Avenue  
Walker**

£60,000

£50,00

£40,000

£30,000

£20,000

£10,00

## Nosy Questions...

At the moment we have two teaching students, Mr N.G. and Mr Hanks, in school on placement from..... Toriql and Aadam from 11W interviewed them to find out a little more about them...

### Mr. N.G

**What country are you from?** Singapore.

**Do you like working in our school?** Yes, I like the students

**Do you like watching TV and what is your favourite show?**

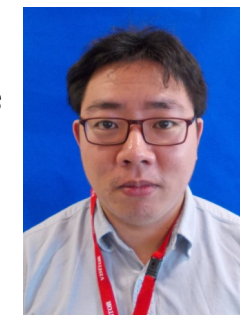
Yes, I like loads, Doctor Who is my favourite and my favourite Doctor is a draw between Matt Smith and Peter Capaldi.

**Do you have a car?** No, but I do have a driving licence. When I get a car I would like a red one with four doors.

**What is your favourite place in Newcastle?** The Empire Cinema in The Gate.

**What is your favourite food?** I don't have a favourite, I like all food except peas.

**Interesting fact about yourself?** I have grade 7 in piano because I did not pass my grade 8!



### Mr. Hanks

**What part of America do you come from?** Texas

**Do you miss your friends and family from America?** Yes, I do.

**Do you have a games console?**

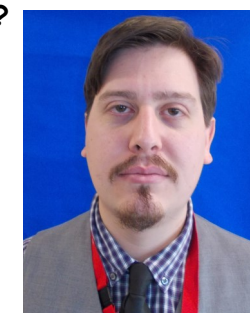
I don't but I do like playing board games.

**Do you have a car?**

Yes, I have a black Smart car which I call Sammy.

**What is your favourite film?** Jurassic Park

**Interesting fact about yourself?** I used to breed seahorses!



This half term we had the pleasure of

having three of the Newcastle Eagles in school encouraging our students to lead a healthy lifestyle. The students took part in the 'Hoops for Health' roadshow which involved them learning about how to be healthy in lots of different ways including, brushing their teeth twice a day, eating healthy foods, taking part in regular exercise and drinking lots of water. Students were supported by Eagles players Fab Flournoy, Joe Hart and Orlan Jackman, in discussing and choosing healthy options, as well as being able to 'shoot a few hoops' with the players. Everybody who took part had great fun while learning about this very important matter.



**Dan, from 6th form, is a huge Eagles fan and was delighted to meet the guys!**

**Pasindu practised dribbling the ball and shooting hoops with Eagles player Orlan**

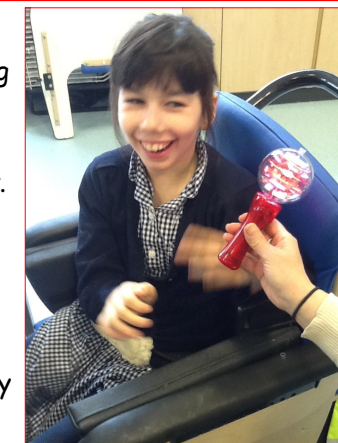
After the sessions all students who had taken part received a free ticket for the next Eagles home



## Comic Relief

Our sixth form students had a busy Red Nose Day, baking and decorating over 200 fairy cakes which they sold during break time. They raised £40 which added to the £121.97 raised by donations for having a non-uniform day. In total we managed to raise £161.97 for Comic Relief.

Thank you to the manager of Sainsburys, West Monkseaton, Roger Thompson who kindly donated Red Nose Day merchandise. Students accessing the sensory curriculum have particularly enjoyed exploring the sensory toys.







In year 12 of SCPS shared 6th form at Walker Technology College, students attend a block week work experience placement. This is in addition to at least one weekly placement



Anthony's work experience at BCE Citybuild has led on to him being offered a trial placement for a possible apprenticeship



Jack has been offered weekly work experience at Scotswood Community Gardens

some of our students. We are very proud of all of them all!

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Puzzletime Answers

for a half-term with Project Choice (vocational placement providers).

Such placements help students to progress further in years 13 & 14 at Walker and in the continued preparation for internships/ advanced vocational training or employment when they leave school.

Many employers request that our students return to placements with them as they demonstrate important work-ready skills such as good time-keeping, enthusiasm, positive attitude, focussed task results and a motivation to achieve well. All in all, a valued contribution to the workplace.

Due to these notable qualities and by progressing through supported training programmes, employers have offered paid employment or further training as a real positive outcome for



## Ant and Dec in our school ?

We have new school pets called Ant and Dec. They are Guinea pigs and are brothers. They live in Mrs. Giuliani's room in 6<sup>th</sup> Form and go

home with her at weekends and during the school holidays. Ant is white with a little bit of grey and has got red eyes. Dec is brown, white and black and has got brown eyes. They love to eat vegetables and a little bit of fruit. Their favourite food is kale, carrot and cucumber.

Ant is very nosey and likes watching students during lessons.

Dec is quite shy and likes to hide in his tube.

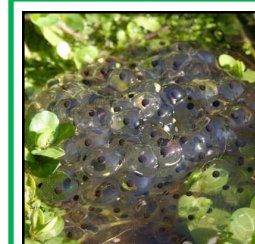
We have been learning how to look after them, and help to clean out the cage and change their water and hay. We also like to brush them to keep their fur soft.

### Our furry friends, Dec and Ant

We have been finding out some interesting Guinea pig facts:

- When they are happy they jump up and down - this is called 'pop corning'.
- They live for about 4 - 7 years.
- The oldest recorded Guinea pig lived until it was 15.
- A female Guinea pig is called a 'sow' and a male is called a 'boar'
- Baby Guinea pigs are called 'pups'.
- They have 4 toes on their front feet but only 3 on their back feet.
- They are very good swimmers.
- They can see 340° which is nearly all the way around them without moving.
- They 'whistle' when they hear the fridge open at feeding time.
- Their teeth are very long and continue to grow so they need something hard to chew on to wear them down.

Everybody loves having Ant and Dec in school!



### NEWS FLASH

We are expecting some new arrivals around school!! Brandon and Hassan have spotted some frog spawn during their lunchtime gardening activities down at the pond. Mr

Browell has informed us that next we need to look for tadpoles before they turn into froglets and eventually frogs.



## THE JOSEPHINE AND JACK SHACK

The Josephine & Jack Shack is a safe space for young people with learning disabilities aged 14-18: The 'Shack' is an accessible space where young people can get to know each other and enjoy learning together.

Josephine and Jack are life sized, anatomically correct cloth people. They are a unique learning resource and have amazing features that give young people the opportunity to explore health, sexual health and wellbeing.

Some of our year 11 & sixth form students recently took part in a series of workshops both in school on Wednesday evenings and during the holidays at Broadacre House in Newcastle.

The workshops comprised of a fun filled programme of creative learning and social opportunities. The programme was delivered by facilitators Jackie and Tom, using a range of creative methods including drama, storytelling and games as well as lot's of supporting materials appropriate for our young people.



Having fun in the holidays at the Josephine & Jack Shack

Justin, from 11A said 'In the holidays, I went along to Broadacre House with my friends from school. We worked with Jacki, Tom and Simon on the Josephine and Jack Shack. I already knew Jacki and Tom as we had done some work after school with them. When we were there, we played lots of games and done some drama work. Then we did some talking on how we feel about different things. I learned about different types of relationships. I loved everything about the three days and can't wait to go back in the next holidays!'

A parent of one of the students who took part gave praise to the project commenting 'My son Adam really enjoyed the games and role play and spending time with his friends out of school. He also seems to have a better understanding of how different relationships work.'

Josephine & Jack will be back in school next term for a series of follow-on workshops as well as hosting three more days at Broadacre House.

## A letter from the Head



The Spring term has been another busy one with lots going on, in and out of school. Year 9 and 10 students have been flying off to Poland skiing, while others have spent a few days closer to home in Keilder. We have competed in sports events across the region and taken part in curriculum visits to a range of venues. All these activities have huge benefits for the students and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the extra work that these events often involve and the additional time they give up to support our students outside of school hours. It is hugely appreciated and makes an enormous difference to the lives of many of our students.

The end of this term brings another big change to the school with the retirement of Ms Rose Finch after many years working in schools in Newcastle. Ms Finch has been a member of the leadership group at Sir Charles Parsons since the school opened and has had a huge impact on the lives of hundreds of students. Her support for me in my first year as headteacher has been amazing and I couldn't have made it through the year without her. I hope you will all join with me in wishing her well in her future adventures and thanking her for the many years of dedicated service and support. I would like to finish, as usual, by thanking everyone involved with the school for everything they do to support our students and our school community. I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter and I look forward to seeing you in school for parent's nights, coffee morning and other events next term.

Karen Hamilton

## SAVE THE DATE

Our annual **Sponsored Walk** will be held on Saturday 1st July this year.

The walk takes place from St. Mary's Lighthouse in Whitley Bay and finishes at The Cumberland Arms in Tynemouth. The walk is well attended and it always proves to be a great day out for families, staff, friends and dogs!

Details will be sent out nearer the time.



Duke of Edinburgh

The Story so Far ... A group of Year 11 students have been working hard since the beginning of Year 10 on the Duke of Edinburgh programme. This half term they have been focussing on preparation for the Expedition section of their award which will see them hike and set up camp. They have had some extremely hard tasks to do but each student has worked hard to achieve their targets and have shown some good behaviours for learning in their communication, working together and being brave. The group have taken part in a series of walks to build up their stamina and endurance. These have incorporated improving their map reading skills and working as a team. Their walks have included navigating their way back to school from the Quayside, walking to and from Chillingham



Road, and the mammoth task of walking around the whole of Northumberlandia, in poor weather conditions. Most recently the students have been planning what they will need to take in their expedition bag.

Justin didn't let a bit of rain stop him on a trek around Northumberlandia!



DoE students are planning what to take on their expedition

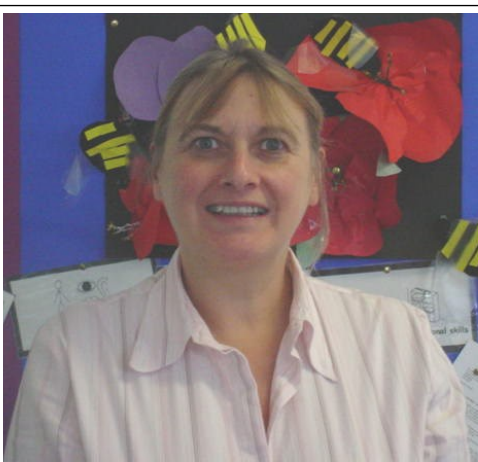
I like doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award. I have been on lots of little walks and quite a big walk round Northumberlandia. We have been practising using a map to find out where we are going. After Easter we need to do a couple more walks. We have done lots of survival things for when we go on an expedition, like what we need to take in a backpack, how to cook food in a camp, and how to set up a tent. But we all need to get a little bit better at walking further. My favourite bit has been doing all the walks because it has given me confidence in finding out which way to go. It has also helped me be more independent and sometimes I have even lead a walk.  
- Justin 11CA  
Well done to all students involved, keep up the good work.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday the 3rd March we all celebrated World Book Day as a school. It was the day after World Book Day because it was a nice start to the weekend because it was a very different day. The whole school had the theme of 'Alice in Wonderland'. At the beginning of the day all of Year 8 came together and we did different activities all together. There was some colouring in to do and some rabbit masks to make. We played a tasting game like the 'eat me, drink me' part of the story. We had to be blindfolded and taste some crisps, there was roast chicken and ready salted and we had to taste drinks like coke and orange juice. People had to guess the flavours of the crisps and drinks. We also played a battleships game. There were two teams and one team had to hide the white rabbit under a letter square in a big grid. The other team had a picture of rabbit poo which had to be put down on the letter square where they thought the rabbit was hiding. Everyone loved this game and thought the rabbit poo was funny. We had our lunch early at 12 o'clock because in the afternoon we had a Mad hatter's tea party. Everyone in school went to the heart for the tea party. The tables were set with party plates with jam tarts and biscuits on. We got our plates and then sat with our friends to enjoy the tea party. In the afternoon we got a chance to watch some of the film so that we could recognise some of the characters that staff had dressed as. Miss Tuck was the white rabbit and Mrs Giuliani, dressed as the queen of hearts liked to shout "off with their heads". We all made our own hats to wear for the tea party. - Paul & Robbie 8G



Queen of Hearts, Mrs Giuliani & Mad Hatter Cameron



Bon Voyage Miss Finch We will miss you!!

Rose Finch - deputy head teacher - is retiring this Easter after many years spent teaching science

and other subjects in our school. Megan from 11A went along to find out what her plans after life at Sir Charles Parsons are.

How long have you been teaching? I have been teaching for along time, for about 30 years. What was the first school you worked in? My first ever teaching job was in Sherrif Leas School in Newcastle.

Why are you retiring? I just feel like it's time for me to do something different. I am going to be going to Scotland.

What are you going to do in Scotland? I am going to be doing a lot of sailing which will be really fun. I also like doing photography so I'm looking forward to taking lots of pictures when I'm on the boat. Most of all I'll be looking forward to relaxing!

What is your favourite thing about school? All of the students and staff, they are a brilliant team to work with.

What are you going to miss about school? The staff and students make up one big family. I'll really miss being part of that family still.

We will really miss you too so will you come back and visit us? I definitely will.

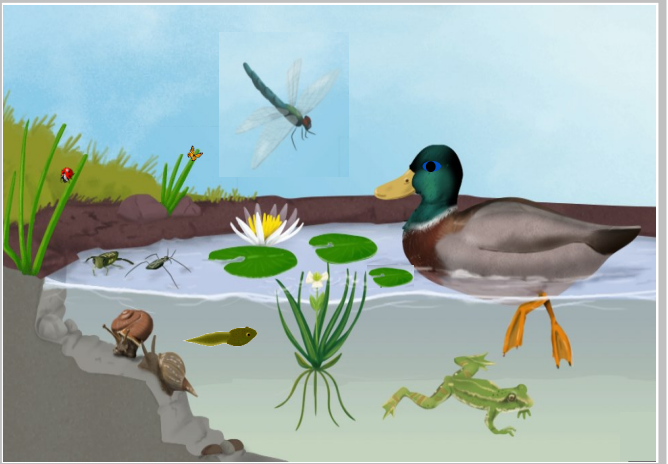


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Can you spot 5 differences in and around the pond?



Spring News Wordsearch

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