

## Thurston 2014



During the summer holidays, over 30 pupils from each year group across the school joined staff and helpers for three days of outdoor activities at Thurston Outdoor Education Centre in the heart of the wonderful Lake District!

The group all took part in lots of activities including fell walking, mountain climbing, canoeing, ghyll scrambling, rock climbing and of course jumping of the jetty into the lake! As if the days weren't full enough, the long summer days gave plenty of opportunities for evening activities on site!

The weather was splendid and they all had a great time!



## Epinay Sur Seine, near Paris

For the fifth year in a row, Epinay pupils and staff were invited to Epinay-Sur-Seine, on the outskirts of Paris, to celebrate our town twinning and to provide an English stall at the town's traditional French Christmas market. This year, 4 of our Key Stage 4 pupils (Kyle McNee, Gareth Robinson, Bridie Edminson and Amy Ratcliffe) were lucky enough to be selected to take part in this traditional festival. The experience provided a learning environment



outside the classroom and offered the pupils fabulous real life experiences such as travelling, communicating and selling our products! The four pupils were ably assisted by Mrs Dunn and Mr Beckel! Enterprise products were sold on our stall over the weekend. During their spare time, the group took a trip up the Eiffel Tower and travelled on the Paris Metro. Of course, they also sampled lots of fabulous French food!





## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Christmas is coming and the festivities are certainly in full swing here at Epinay!

We have certainly celebrated Christmas well this year! Class 1SC chose and collected our school Christmas tree. They certainly did a good job by choosing the tree and it looks just marvellous in our school hall. The primary classes also got to visit Santa!

The school's nativity performance of "Whoopsie Daisy Angel" took place at St Paul's Church in Jarrow. I am sure you will agree that all readers and performers were excellent and their many hours of rehearsal certainly paid off! Many thanks to all who supported the event and to all the pupils and staff for putting on such a fantastic performance!



The school also celebrated Christmas with a gorgeous Christmas lunch!



### Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal

Once again Class 8/9AW took responsibility for the Shoebox Appeal this year. After presenting their assembly they began collecting empty shoeboxes which they wrapped in Christmas paper. Pupils and staff were asked to bring in items for the boxes and cash donations were also made. £70 was collected in school and we went shopping for more shoebox items. The school had filled 100 shoe boxes. A fantastic achievement for such a small school. A great team effort!

## Fundraising

What an amazing term we have had with our fundraising and charity efforts! Here is just a sample of the good work we have carried out:

### BBC Children in Need

Once again, Epinay supported the Children In Need cause by dressing as super heroes!



We raised over £200 which will be put to great use by the charity! Pupils enjoyed dressing up as super heroes and sold cakes and wristbands to raise funds!

This year we were lucky enough for Children in Need to support our school with a small amount of funding towards our summer school and Thurston trip.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 12 December, we had a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children. It was great to see lots "Nativity Knitwear" on display!!

### McMillan Cancer Research

The KS4 Enterprise Group held a very successful coffee morning in aid of McMillan Cancer Research and raised over £100. The Enterprise Group were privileged to be visited by a volunteer for McMillan who collected the cheque on the charity's behalf.

### Genes for Jeans

In October, we had a wear jeans for school/work day and raised a huge amount of money for this great cause.