

[I'd like to donate to Dyslexia](#)

[www.nunnykirk.school](http://www.nunnykirk.school)



Dear Parent / Carer

It's not every week you have your first grandchild, but my daughter decided to bestow that honour on me on Sunday, so I'm feeling particularly old and grumpy while writing this week's News. Now, where did I put my slippers ...?

- Congratulations to **Phillip Robson**, who passed his ASA Level 2 Swimming Teachers Award. Phillip is now a qualified teacher. Wow!
- Well done to **Abbie Buck** as this week's Pupil of the Week, and to **Rhys Jefferson** and **Regan Coyle** who both gained a Certificate of Merit
- We wished a very Happy Birthday to **Sam Hutchinson** and **Lance Kerr**, both of whom turned 18 years this week. We celebrated with a applause in assembly and a delicious cake later. Note to self - arrange rehearsals to improve Nunnykirk pupils' singing of 'Happy Birthday'!
- Our Construction groups have been busy at work around school. In Inters, **Zoe Underwood** and **Joel Casey** can be seen here honing their sawing skills in making a wooden maze, while our older pupils **Harry Rutter** and **Tom McCowie** attend to the poultry enclosure, under watchful eye of Mr Patton. Our poultry enclosure has been professionally extended and strengthened by local builder Steve Kidd, to ensure our birds and avian flu don't mix. The birds seem to enjoy the safety and warm, sunny spot of their new enclosure!
- Our sixth formers have been praising Josey Oliver from Connexions, who held 1:1 Careers interviews with them all this week. They described it as 'a real eye-opener' and were amazed at how many options were available for them. We encourage our young people to take a broad range of subjects and apply themselves to all of these, as we know it helps keep doors open in the future, so hearing comments like this is just music to our ears :)
- What do you think of our new climbing wall? (bottom left photo) Quite amazing how **Phillip Robson** and **Luke Bullerwell** are managing to stay on upside down. Look again ;)
- I met (albeit briefly) with Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York (bottom right) to look at the possibility of some of our young people doing his Young Leaders Awards next year
- We had something of a first on Wednesday. With all the bugs, events and other commitments since Christmas, every pupil and every member of staff was present - that's the first time in 2017! It felt fantastic, but just shows we need to buy some more chairs!
- Please have a look at p2 and complete the NASS survey on the [Lenehan Review](#).

**And a date for your diary...**

Our next **Open Forum** will be on **Wednesday, 22nd March 2017**, from 6.30pm-8.00pm. All welcome. The forum will explore **Autistic Spectrum Disorder**. Each forum starts with a 10-15' presentation of the issue, followed by open discussion that may lead to a series of actions. These are summarised in the last 5-10' and disseminated via my weekly news. Our presenter for this forum is **Mr Chipchase**. Refreshments provided. Please let me know if you are joining us.

**And lastly...**

**Do you know any Nunnykirk alumni?** This would include former pupils, parents, staff and others who have had a special connection to our school since we opened in 1977. If you do, please ask them to keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for news of our Ruby Anniversary events. The main event is on Friday, 30th June and will include Sports Day, BBQ and Ceilidh.

Oh, and as for being old and grumpy, nothing of the sort. I ran 500m at 3.30/km pace on Sunday, and did over 55km last week in training, with lots of hills. Nunnykirk helps keep you young!

**Have a super week!** Barry ([barryfrost.nunnykirk@gmail.com](mailto:barryfrost.nunnykirk@gmail.com))

[Donate to Dyslexia](#)

[www.nunnykirk.school](http://www.nunnykirk.school)

# Nunnykirk Centre for Dyslexia

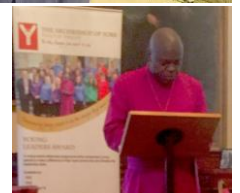
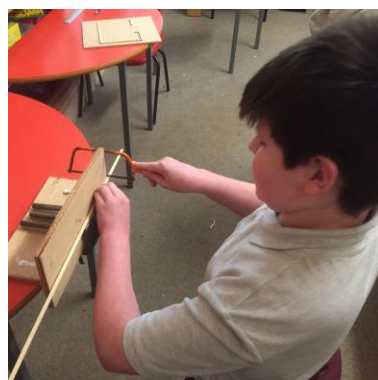
Nunnykirk Hall, Netherwitton, Morpeth Northumberland, NE61 4PB

T: (01670) 772685

F: (01670) 772434

E: [secretary@nunnykirk.co.uk](mailto:secretary@nunnykirk.co.uk)

W: [www.nunnykirk.co.uk](http://www.nunnykirk.co.uk)



## Your views matter!

Dear parent/carer,

The Department for Education are currently reviewing the 'experiences and outcomes' of children and young people in residential special schools. The review is being led by Dame Christine Lenehan, who is looking for evidence from parents, young people, staff and a whole range of interested groups.

To help feed in your views, NASS - the national membership body for special schools outside local authority control – has developed a parents' survey.

Our school is a member of NASS, and we would be delighted if you can take the survey and share your views – positive or negative - to help give a fair reflection of parents' experiences.

The survey is at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LenehanReview](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LenehanReview) and should take 5-10 minutes to complete.

All responses will be anonymous, but there is an optional question so that you can include your details if you wish. The survey responses will only be seen by NASS staff, and individual responses will not be shared with us as a school, unless you expressly ask NASS to share them. Many thanks for your help.