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I hope you spotted that there was no Weekly News last week - and if not, why not? To be quite honest, with such a busy term I simply ran out of time to put it together, sorry! Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible, just as soon as we've worked out what normality is. Suggestions welcome!

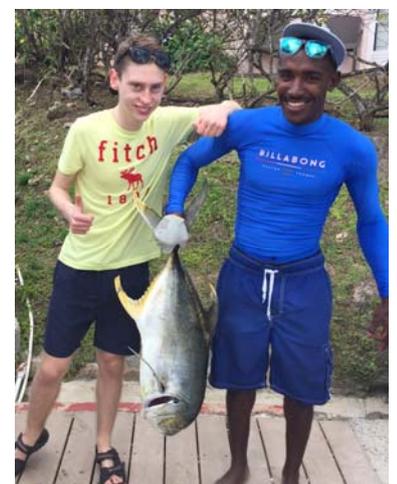
- Thanks to all parents, carers and governors who came to our **OfSTED Briefing for Parents and Carers**, and to Sue Fisher at Percy Hedley for allowing us to use their wonderful school for the second of these. Feedback was extremely supportive and encouraging. I am planning to write a monthly update on our progress which will be included with the last Weekly News each month.
- And on the subject of **Percy Hedley**, I would very much like to thank them for hosting me for several days while I learned about provision for the most complex needs of Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties. It was a real eye-opener and the staff and students at Hedley are just AMAZING!
- On the final day of our exceptionally busy Spring term our students still didn't stop. Our amazing inters and fab year 9 students took part in the '**Make 5 pound grow**' event with [Virgin Money](#) at the Grainger Market, Newcastle. This great event encourages enterprise and our future Richard Bransons were baking and fudging all week. Mr Chipchase would like to thank all students, staff and parents who have contributed and we will give an update of the results after the break.
- It was lovely to welcome the **Violet and Max Deeks** and their parents for a visit (seen here feeding our Jacob's Tupps), and **Josh Priest** for his taster week. We hope they, **Augustine Pond** and several other new pupils will be joining us next term. Watch this space for news of these and other pupils who will be joining us next term and in September. Oh, and on the subject of new pupils, I took a photo to show what lunch looks like at Nunnykirk and by chance all eight pupils who have joined us in the last year were in it! Neat!
- And on the subject of new additions, my daughter Rachel brought my new grandson, Spencer, in to see us. Mrs G, our inters and some pupils from other years took advantage of Rachel's knowledge of rabbits (shown here), while Spencer was passed around school for cuddles ☺
- We had a super turn out for our **Open Forum** led by **Mr Chipchase**. The topic was **Autistic Spectrum Disorder**. Our next Open Forum will be on Supporting Children's Mental Health. The Department for Education's '[Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools](#)' (March 2015) suggests 1 in 10 pupils have a clinically diagnosed mental health disorder. A key part of our mission at Nunnykirk is to support physical and emotional wellbeing, and while some young people may need to access more specialist provision, we use a range of strategies to help prevent poor mental health becoming a barrier to achievement. Our Open Forum is due to take place on Wednesday, 14th June, 6.30pm-8.00pm. All welcome and refreshments are provided. Please let me know if you are joining us.
- Thank you to all parents and carers who have returned **Options Consultation Stage 2** Forms. These will help us determine which subjects we will be offering from September, and Options Choices forms will be distributed early in the Summer Term. As with last year, pupils will have opportunities to amend their choices up to two weeks into the Autumn term.

And lastly...

Spare a thought for poor Jack Corrigan who had to endure a holiday to the Caribbean last week. Jack managed to land the impressive catch shown here, and looks justly proud! Wow!

Have a super Easter!

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