



# NEWSLETTER

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## POLICE CADETS GET BUSY

After a very quick half term break the volunteer police cadets got back to their respective evening sessions. The sessions were varied and included visits from Jet and Ben, guest speakers from fire safety and British Red Cross. The cadets also got an insight to the day in the life of a PC from PC Tom James, who himself was a police cadet when he was 15 years old. The cadets performed various volunteering events throughout this period including remembrance parade, leaflet drops, bag packing and Christmas fayres. The cadets also did the police fitness test and the in the last session before the Christmas break all units enjoyed a Christmas party.

## PAWS UP NIGHT A REAL SUCCESS!!

Late November saw another fantastic fundraising night at the Ramside Hall. 250 guests enjoyed live music, party games and delicious food and drink. The evening, its 7th annual event, raised over £5000 for the retired police dog fund which supports the dogs into a comfortable retirement they very much deserve.



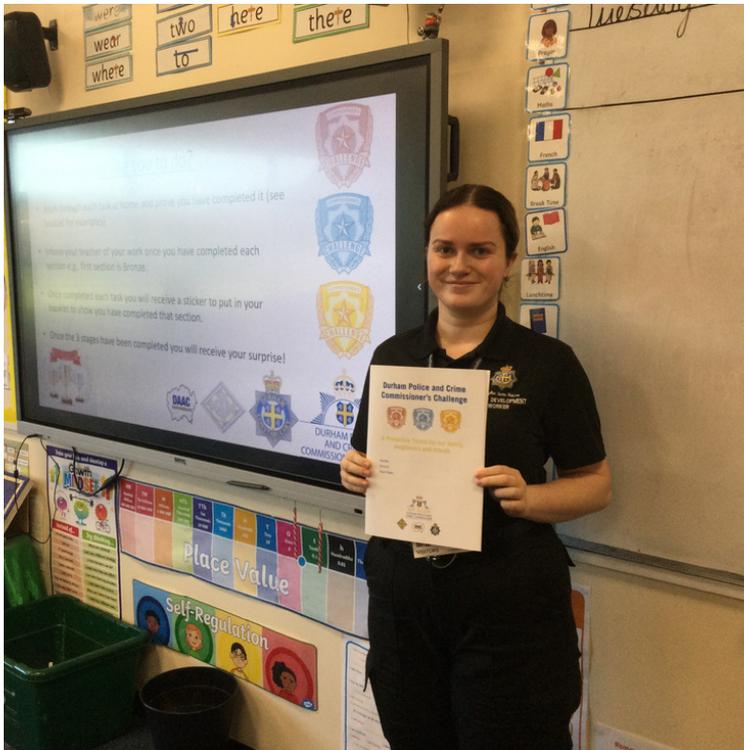
## OBP BEACH TRIP

The 5 groups returned after half term and over the past 7 weeks have witnessed varied weather conditions. However, that did not stop visits to Wharton Park, Crimdon beach where they learned outdoor cooking, and a reward trip to the bowling arcade. The groups also covered education workshops raising awareness of substance misuse, sexual health and positive communication skills.



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## EMILY CONTINUES TO SHINE

Project coordinator for the Commissioner Challenge project Emily Snowball is doing a great job with the new project. with a mission of offering the scheme to all 232 primary schools in County Durham and Darlington by July 2024.

The project, which is a personalised booklet for the young people to complete, is split into 3 key themes Keeping our family , friends and neighbours safe: keeping our streets safe: and keeping ourselves safe.

Since Emily started mid September she has delivered in 89 schools to 2894 young people. FANATSTIC!!!!!!!!!!

## MINI POLICE FOCUSED!!!

Our two mini police teams are remaining focused with their operation trail blazer programme, targeting the hot spot areas of ASB within the county.

The teams deliver education workshops based on the consequences and victim impact ASB has on individuals and the community.

Since the programme commenced mid September this year the teams have delivered in 41 schools, 57 groups with direct engagement of 1038 young people

Quote from Dean Bank primary school sums it up really!!!

'well delivered, really positive engagement and the children learned a lot "

