

### UV Dodgeball

A group of children from Y3 and Y4 had a fantastic experience today playing UV dodgeball at the Dodgeball Centre in Hartlepool.



### Cuppa and Catch Up!

A reminder that we will be holding our first 'Cuppa and Catch up' drop-in of the year on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January between 2 and 3pm. Entry is through the Heron Room door next to the nursery. PC Geoff Coggin from the Hartlepool Neighbourhood Police Team will be joining us in this session where he will be available to chat to parents on an informal basis about any concerns or worries regarding any issues. It would be great to see you there.

### Aspire2Be

This week our Year 3 and Year 4 children met Dean from North East Raising Aspiration Partnership who works with Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland and Teesside Universities. Dean supports primary schools by introducing the concept of university, while encouraging enthusiasm surrounding education and further study.

Our children took part in a fun and interactive workshop where they explored different aspects of student life and the exciting careers open to post graduates in areas such as Science, Arts, Media, Sport and Humanities. The children enjoyed completing a quiz to see which career might suit their personality and preferences.

Thank you to NERAP and Dean for working with our children and for introducing them to the idea of further education.



### Newsletter

Friday, 12th  
January

### Merit Winners

Well done to this week's merit winners. As well as having 100% attendance, they have also demonstrated our Commando Joe 'empathy' character value.



### Poppy Appeal

We have been informed that the Fens Community raised a fantastic **£568.18** back in November! This will help continue vital welfare and benevolent work.

Thank you!

### The Big Ambition

Please see the communication below from Dame Rachel De Souza Children's Commissioner for England in relation to a survey she has set up for her national campaign 'The Big Ambition':

*I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the Hartlepool area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.*

*It is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.*

**Parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs).**

Children or parents can complete the survey here:  
[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition).

Or, Scan the QR code below



The survey is open until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January