

Premature baby Noah wins pupils' hearts



SUPPORT:
Noah, centre, with parents Matthew Chriscoli and Michelle Van-Cliffe and Year Five pupils of Burnopfield Primary School

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SCHOOLCHILDREN who took a premature baby to their hearts have raised thousands of pounds for a charity that supported the family.

Year Five pupils at Burnopfield Primary School, were delighted by a visit from

a thriving 14-month-old Noah and his parents Matthew Chriscoli and Michelle Van-Cliffe, who live in nearby Consett.

The children presented a cheque for £2,347 to Tiny Lives fundraiser Louise

Carroll.

Noah was born 14 weeks early, weighing only 2lb, and spent the first 11 weeks of his life on oxygen support in a special care unit at Newcastle's Royal Victoria Infirmary. After a long

recovery Noah was given the all-clear before Christmas.

Deputy head Rebecca Brunton said: "Every year we choose a charity to raise money for. With Michelle being one of my best friend I told my class about Noah.

"I saw the support Tiny Lives gave to parents and so decided to raise money for them this year."

The children came up with fundraising ideas including tuck shops, non-uniform days and a school newspaper.