



Friday 10th February 2023

Newsletter

As always, we have had another busy week at Castle Carrock with plenty of learning opportunities. This included a visit from Mo who helped us to learn more about the Islam faith and what it means to be a Muslim. Mo told us about his upbringing in the Maldives and how religion shaped his life. We have also been busy learning how to stay safe online, Queen Bee Class took part in a live BBC lesson to help them to extend their knowledge.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school each week. The children need a coloured t-shirt (team colours), plain black/navy PE shorts, plain black/navy track-suit bottoms and sweatshirt (winter months), trainers/plimsolls. Earrings either need to be removed or covered with a plaster/tape. Thanks for your support with this matter. Class teachers will send PE kits home at the end of each half-term or before if they are become dirty.

Bake Sale

On Tuesday 7th February, Honeybee Class visited Oak Tree Animal Rescue Centre in Wetheral. They attended a free session to learn more about how they help animals. Honeybee Class have decided to raise some money to help them look after their animals to say a thank you for having us. Honeybee Class will be selling their baked goods during Wednesday morning playtime. Biscuits and cakes will cost 50p each. If we have any biscuits/cakes left, these will be for sale at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day - Save the date Thursday 2nd March 9:30am

We have a very special visitor coming to open our newly revamped library. Further details to follow.

Staff update

As you are already aware, both Mrs McNeil and Mrs Buchanan have decided to leave Castle Carrock Primary School. We have invited them to a leaver's assembly on Friday 17th February at 3pm, this will take place during our end of the month assembly. Everyone is welcome to celebrate their time at Castle Carrock with us and thank them for their hard work over many years.

If you would like to contribute to their leaving gift, please speak to Mrs Burrus who has started a collection.

Half Term Project

Over half term, we will be setting the children a home learning project. The project is going to be titled – When I Grow Up. The children will bring home further information regarding their project on the last day of term – Friday 17th February.

Reminders:

Thursday 16th February Years 3-6 Demon Dentist - Expected arrival back at school 4:30pm, an update will be posted on Queen Bee's and Bumblebee's Class Dojo page when we leave Carlisle.

Years 3-6 – William Howard School visit for Shine as One rehearsal, further details on ParentMail.

Class News

Honeybee Class

Honeybees enjoyed a great trip to the Oak Tree Animals' centre near Wetheral this week to find out about how the charity takes care of animals, especially those looking for a new home. There they met some friendly goats and gentle horses and everyone enjoyed making and hiding delicious carrot and green bean treats for four cheeky donkeys who loved their foodie treasure hunt! Back in class, the children have been playing at Vets as part of our topic People Who Help Us and the baby clinic remains a popular choice where babies can be bathed, dressed, weighed, measured and fed. In maths Reception children have been thinking about different ways they can build the numbers 9 and 10, while Nursery children have been concentrating on numbers 1 to 3. For English, the focus has been on writing simple sentences and using phonics knowledge to build words for both reading and writing. Amid all the hard work there has been plenty of giggles and smiles along the way with some great teamwork and friendships developing in our lovely early years class.

Bumblebee Class

This week Bumblebees have been news reporters in their English. They have written their own newspaper reports outlining the events which occurred in our story 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. In Maths we have continued with our length and height unit, however this week we have focussed more on the comparison and ordering of measurements, this has enabled us to practise those number skills as well as our measuring skills, Year 3 deepened their understanding of perimeter and focussed on finding and measuring the perimeter of different shapes. In our foundation subjects we have also been very busy. In Geography this week we looked at human geographical features and physical geographical features. The children had fun organising well known features into the correct category, the Year 3's then deepened their understanding by explaining the difference between the two. We have also enjoyed spending time in our library, where the children have had some time to independently access a reading book of their choice as well as read for pleasure.

Queen Bee Class

In Queen Bee Class this week we have been delving into a new unit all about motivational speeches. We are going to be writing speeches that address the gender pay gap between male and female footballers. So far, we have been discussing what makes a motivational speech great and how the delivery and script are both crucial components. In Science this week, we conducted an experiment to see how different types of exercise effects our heart rate and investigated why this might be. The children have continued to be busy learning our songs for the Shine as One event.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss A. Carroll



Head of School

