



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### **Newsletter**

Our first half-term of 2023 has come to an end, what a busy few weeks we have had. The children continue to impress me with their positive attitude towards their learning and their resilience to try new things.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Extra-curricular clubs for Spring 2 are available to book on Parent Mail.

### **Survey Feedback**

Following our feedback from the parents' survey, you will now find all staff on the gate from 8:50am. Please feel free to pass on messages to staff during this time.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

The children are invited to come dressed as a character from their favourite book. There is no expectation for parents to purchase costumes, the most effective costumes will be created from items of clothing you already have at home. Friends and families of Castle Carrock Primary are welcome to join us from 9:30am for a World Book Day assembly including the official opening of our revamped library.

### **Whole School Newcastle Visit – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Room on the Broom Tyne Theatre  
Years 3-6 – Life Science Centre

Further details to follow with the full itinerary of the day to be sent home after the half-term break. There is a £10 cost for this trip. The PTFA have kindly offered to pay for the full cost of the transport – thank you!

### **NSPCC**

This week KS1 and KS2 have taken part in a special online assembly delivered by the NSPCC. The year 5 and 6 children followed this up with a workshop to learn more about how they have the right to feel safe, and that they can speak to a trusted adult in school, at home or to Childline if they ever need help or support.

### **Class News**

#### **Honeybee Class**

What a busy half term! We've certainly packed in plenty of learning and had lots of fun along the way exploring our topic People Who Help Us. It culminated this week when our focus switched to how we can help others, specifically the Oak Tree Animals' Charity. The children made cupcakes, chocolate chip biscuits, rainbow biscuits and flapjack and were very proud to sell them at playtime. They raised a fantastic £60 for the charity to continue their work with animals in need.

It has been great to see the children really bond as a group this half term and there has been some wonderful role play in our 'Control Centre' in the outdoor area and the Doctors/Vets' surgery inside. Singing, dancing, crafting and reading have been other very popular activities. We look forward to doing it all again after the half-term break.

#### **Bumblebee Class**

Bumblebees have been working very hard this week. We have enjoyed finishing off reading Fantastic Mr Fox, the children have all written letters to Grandma Fox pretending to be one of the little foxes, they have used some fantastic vocabulary within this, the Year 3's challenged themselves by trying to include alliteration in their letters. In Maths we started to look at 2-D shapes, Year 1 and Year 2 have been identifying 2-D shapes, as well as sorting them and making patterns. The children enjoyed looking for 2-D shapes around the classroom and school. Year 3 have

been looking at parallel and perpendicular lines, as well as right angles, they also enjoyed looking for parallel and perpendicular lines around the classroom and the school. It is fascinating to see how many you can find! In our foundation subjects we have continued our topic of Stone Age to Iron Age. In History, we focussed on Iron Age and discussed how the use of iron helps us today. In PE we finished our Dance routine, the children have really enjoyed learning different routines and working together to perform. Our Year 3 children have also enjoyed a trip to the Sands Centre to watch 'Demon Dentist' they had a great time.

### **Queen Bee Class**

This week Queen Bee Class have been planning and writing their motivational speeches arguing for or against equal pay between male and female footballers. They have used various techniques to write their scripts including repetition, facts, opinions, rhetorical questions and the rule of three. The children then performed their speeches with great passion. The year 5 and 6 children took part in a NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe workshop to help the children to understand that they always have a right to feel safe, and that they can speak to a trusted adult or Childline if they ever need help or support. In Geography, we have used various jars to create a small living ecosystem. The children gathered contents for the system from around school and planted a sunflower seed which will grow (hopefully) inside the jars. The children can't wait to what happens to them when they return after the half-term break. We all had a great time watching 'Demon Dentist' at the Sands Centre.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss A. Carroll



Head of School