



Friday 20th January 2023

Newsletter

We have had a lovely week which started with a very snowy Monday. The children had a wonderful time playing in the snow, attempting to make snowmen and having snowball fights! On Tuesday we enjoyed a Chinese New Year Assembly delivered by Tullie House. We have many more learning opportunities planned for the children next week.

Thursday 26th Chinese New Year Dinner

On Thursday we are delighted to be offering the children a Chinese New Year feast. Sylvia is cooking sweet and sour chicken with rice or noodles, spring rolls and a rabbit biscuit for pudding as it is the Year of the Rabbit. The children will have the opportunity to use chopsticks to eat their lunch (other cutlery will also be provided as this is a tricky skill to master!). Please book the Chinese dinner as usual on Parent Mail.

Strike

We are sure that you have heard in the media of the strikes which teaching unions are planning. The proposed industrial action will take place on Wednesday 1st and Tuesday 28th February, and Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. Currently these plans will not impact Castle Carrock Primary School. Please refer to the separate letter on Strike action.

Survey

Thank you to the large number of you who have already completed the survey we sent out on Parent Mail and Class Dojo. If you have not already done so, please click on the link below to complete the anonymous survey. We value your views and opinions of the school <https://forms.office.com/e/Qry1Zp4vKR>

Class News

Honeybee Class

This week Honeybees have been finding out all about the fire service as part of our topic People Who Help Us. We learnt some important fire safety tips - such as never play with matches - and we have had great fun pretending to be firefighters and health and safety inspectors checking out how many fire extinguishers we could find in school. We've also done fire engine shape art and used lots of rich vocabulary linked to the book No Dragons for Tea! The highlight of the week of course (apart from the snow!) must be the trip to Carlisle Fire Station where the children found out what it is like to be a real-life firefighter. They also got to sit in the cab of a huge fire engine and try on the firefighter's clothes - It was a fantastic trip!

Bumblebee Class

This week Bumblebees have had an exciting week, we had our second Ukulele lesson where we began to learn more notes to play. In English we finished out biographies about Marcus Rashford, the children have really enjoyed learning about Marcus' life. In maths we have come to the end of our Place Value unit, next week we will be learning all about time. The children have really enjoyed using different resources to help them clearly understand the value of digits in large numbers. In History we have dived deeper into our topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age' the children are showing a huge interest in this topic, by asking lots of questions to deepen their own understanding.

Queen Bee Class

This week in Queen Bee Class we have been completing our termly assessments in Reading, Maths, and SPAG. The children have shown amazing resilience to keep going and stay focussed throughout. In Geography we have been investigating climates from around the world and considering the impact of location on the climate of a country. Finally, we have had some extracurricular athletes from year 6, Frankie and Olivia participate in a competitive cross-country run. They both upheld our school values and performed excellently - well done girls!

Yours Faithfully,

Miss A. Carroll

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Head of School