



Friday 27th January 2023

Newsletter

It was wonderful to welcome so many family members to our end of the month assembly. Thank you for joining us.

Candle Mass

On Thursday 2nd February the children will be making Christingles. In the afternoon we are having a Candle Mass Service at St. Peters Church. Everyone is welcome to join us at 2:30pm as we sing and celebrate this special celebration.

Demon Dentist Years 3-6

Please ensure you complete the form on Parent Mail to consent to the trip to Demon Dentist on 16th February.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

All children are welcome to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch (recoding sheets were sent home with the children). It is suggested that you spend one hour over the weekend to count the birds you see. This is a great way for us to monitor the wildlife in our local area. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts! The RSPB will compare the data from 2023 with the data they collected last year. They will work out what birds are in trouble, and then do work to help them. The Eco Council are going to present our findings. Keep your eyes open for our Birdwatch display.

Class News

Honeybee Class

The delicious smell of freshly baked biscuits wafted through the school corridors this week as Honeybees busied themselves in the kitchen making some very tasty wish cookies. It was all part of a week of activities to mark Chinese New Year which the children have loved. From acting out the story of the Zodiac, painting dragons, pretending to run a Chinese restaurant, learning how to say Happy New Year in Chinese, to eating Chinese food and perfecting the art of lion dancing, it's been an action-packed, fun-filled week with lots of wonderful learning taking place. On top of that, Honeybees current topic of People Who Help Us saw the incredible people from the North Cumbria Rescue and Response Team come into school to help the children understand the hugely important role they play in helping to keep us safe.

Bumblebee Class

As always Bumblebees have had a busy week learning lots of new things. We have started studying Fantastic Mr Fox in our English with the aim of writing a Newspaper Report at the end of the unit. The children have been engaged in the story and have made predictions about what they think will happen next. In maths this week we have been learning to tell the time. The children have been able to make the time on clocks and tell me what time it is and why, using mathematical language like, "it is 5:30 because the minute hand is pointing to the 6 and the hour hand is halfway past the 5". We have been researchers in science, we researched the famous Scientist Charles Macintosh, I wonder if they can tell you what he invented? We've also identified the different capital cities of the UK in Geography and discussed why they are our capital cities. Well done everyone.

Queen Bee Class

This week Queen Bee Class have been writing character and setting descriptions and planning for writing their own Myth story next week. In Maths we have been practicing our arithmetic skills by completing questions under timed conditions, they tackle this with great enthusiasm every day using their power of resilience. We have also been

learning how to multiply and divide fractions. In our afternoon lessons, Queen Bee Class have been: sketching the Taj Mahal, choreographing and performing their own version of 'The Haka' and learning all about the composition of blood. The children (including year 3 children) have been busy learning our school song for the Shine as One performance at The Sands Centre on 21st March at 6pm – please save the date.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss A. Carroll



Head of School