



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Newsletter

We have had a busy week preparing for our Newcastle visit next week and our Shine As One performance the following week. The children have created some wonderful artwork about our local area which will be shared at the event on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We have been blown away with the wonderful feedback we have received in our parental surveys, this has been shared on Class Dojo. Thank you for your continued support.

### Newcastle trip

All children must be at school for 8:45am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March so we can leave school promptly (we will wait for the bus children). Communication for this visit has been sent on Parent Mail. Reminders will be sent on Class Dojo. If you have any questions regarding the visit please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Science Week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Please see our science week poster which has been shared on FB and Class Dojo so you find out all about the exciting things we will be doing. Below are some links which have lots of ideas for you to do at home with your children.

Age 5-7 [Star Home Learning.pdf](#)

Age 7-11 [SuperStar Home Learning.pdf](#)

### Comic Relief Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

We will be celebrating Comic Relief. The children are welcome to come to school with crazy hair, the crazier the better! We will be holding a biscuit/cake sale during morning play – silver donations welcome. The children will be learning about why Comic Relief is celebrated and the difference our donations can make.

We would also like to encourage the children to enter the Lego competition as part of Comic Relief. The children are bringing a flyer home with them tonight. Further details can be found here [LEGO Build the Change | Comic Relief](#)

Once you have uploaded your child's design, please forward me a copy so we can also celebrate this in school.

Normal school uniform is required.

### Parents Evening

We will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evening on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. You will be able to book this from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

### Class News

#### Honeybee Class

There has been a focus on money and how to use coins in Honeybees class this week as the children have been exploring our farm shop and garden centre role play areas. Money is quite a tricky concept for young children to grasp - more so when you consider they probably only ever see grown-ups tapping cards or phones at the checkouts these days. However, the Reception children are now able to recognise 1ps, 2ps, 5ps and 10ps and some are beginning to understand their values. The nursery children were spotting differences between the coins, in colour and size, and everyone enjoyed playing at shops. Alongside that we've also been busy writing a zig-zag book based on Jasper's Beanstalk and we've been practising letter formation, making sure we go in the right direction when we write a /c/ or an /a/ or an /o/. In PE the children really impressed with some fabulous climbing and moving around the apparatus in the hall. We also practised balancing and learnt how to jump off a platform safely.

### **Bumblebee Class**

This week Bumblebees continued with their learning of diary entries in English, we focussed on looking at the different features of a diary entry and practised using these skills so we can transfer this into our writing. We looked at using conjunctions to extend our sentences. Year 1 and 2 focussed on using the words and, so and because to extend their sentences and year 3 looked at using although, while, nor, and yet to extend their sentences. In Maths we have moved onto Fractions, Year 1 and 2 have been looking closely at finding, recognising, and making a half where year 3 have focussed on identifying unit and non-unit fractions. In History this week we learnt about Skara Brae this is a prehistoric village located in Scotland. We learnt that it was built in the Neolithic period of the Stone Age, we discussed the similarities and differences of their houses compared to ours. Year 2 had a lovely day on Wednesday at Workington Academy, for the Multi-Sports Festival. We practised a wide variety of throwing, catching, balance, coordination, and striking skills that we will be able to apply to a wide range of sports.

### **Queen Bee Class**

This week in Queen Bee Class we have been writing non-chronological reports. The children chose an endangered animal, researched their animal thoroughly using books and the internet and then typed up their report covering all aspects about the creature. In Maths, Queen Bee Class have been investigating statistics, Year 4 have been reading and interpreting visual tables/graphs and answering questions based on the information shown. Year 5 and 6 have been interpreting and answering questions about line graphs.

The children have completed a science experiment this week where we were tasked to find out which solution was fresh water and which was salt water. We used pipettes and petri dishes to remove a sample of each and then left then over night to evaporate. Finally, the children have again this week been practising their singing in preparation for our "Shine as One" showcase later this month.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss A. Carroll



Head of School