



Friday 17th March 2023

Newsletter

What a busy week we have had with Science week, our whole school visit to Newcastle and ending the week with crazy hair to celebrate Comic Relief. The children looked great today; I was really impressed with all your creative ideas! I can't believe how quickly the spring term is going – 2 busy weeks left to go!

Lanercost Run – Saturday 18th March

I am looking forward to cheering Castle Carrock children on at The Lanercost run tomorrow. Please arrive from 10:15am, I will be there to meet you. The children will need to wear their PE kit and school jumper to make it easy for us to spot you!

Races will run in the following order:

- Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2
- Year 3/4
- Year 5/6

Shine As One – Tuesday 21st March – Years 3-6

The day has nearly arrived, we honestly cannot wait for you to watch our wonderful Key Stage 2 children perform on the big stage! If you have any questions about the day, please contact me directly.

Easter Service

Reminder – our Easter service is being held at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday 28th March 2:30pm, everyone is welcome to join us.

Easter Competition

Easter prizes up for grabs!

- Toddlers, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Decorate an Easter hat/bonnet.
- Years 3-6 – Design your own egg, this could be a hard-boiled egg, polystyrene egg or a printed picture of an egg.

Entries to be in school on Friday 31st March.

The winners will be announced at The Easter Fun Day on Sunday 2nd April 10am-12pm which is being organised by our wonderful PTFA.

Parents Evening

We will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evening on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. Appointments are now available to book on ParentMail, if you need help with this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Class News

Honeybee Class

Highlights from Honeybees this week are many...Monday's science experiment measuring how far cans can travel depending on what they contain went down a storm. As did our whole school trip to Newcastle. In a (not scientific) poll, 4 out of 7 Reception children who took part in our survey said the best bit was the frog eating the wand! (Guess you had to be there for that one!). Other highlights have been making magic, bubbling potions as part of British Science Week, planting some fruit trees and practising handwriting skills. Honeybees = busy bees!

Bumblebee Class

In English we have been looking at the features of stories, the children have started by writing a setting description focussing on the use of adjectives to make their writing exciting and really build a picture for their readers. Year 3 had the challenge of using a rhetorical question. In maths we have continued to work on Fractions, year 1 and 2 have focussed on quarters this week, we have recognised and found quarters of both shapes and quantities. Year 3 have developed their knowledge of unit and non-unit fractions by looking at fractions on a number line and scale. In geography we talked about the use of land, the children responded to an e-mail which asked them their opinion on whether a local park should be changed into a supermarket. Year 3 have written a full response in the correct format using reasons to explain their thoughts. Year 1 and 2 had made points to argue their viewpoint also. All the children were really understanding of the implications that came with building a supermarket, they talked about the lack of exercise, how it would damage habitats, and mentioned pollution – impressive! We all really enjoyed our trip to Newcastle, Year 3 enjoyed exploring the science centre as well as listening to the talks. They also enjoyed going to the mosque, this linked nicely to our book study on World Book Day – The Proudest Blue. Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous time at Seven Stories and watching Room on the Broom. For Science week we have completed 2 experiments, Year 3's experiment was to see what temperature was best to make yeast rise, we looked at the different variables of the experiment and discussed what variable we changed to make the test fair. Year 1 and 2 explored which material was best to make an umbrella, we tested different materials to see which one was waterproof, light, and strong. A very busy week of learning.

Queen Bee Class

This week in Queen Bee Class we have channelled our inner scientists! We have enjoyed watching some medical maverick videos and having a go at investigating the things our bodies can do, including testing out reflexes and listening to our heart beats. We headed to the Life Centre where we learned all about how the sea helps humans generate power and how we as humans have explored space. We have had many "eureka!" moments all week. The children enjoyed our visit to The Mosque, they learnt first-hand what it is like to be a Muslim which links to our RE topic – What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God. We have also been using the music video 'Titanium' in English to generate some fantastic setting descriptions using a range of high-level vocabulary. In Maths we have been investigating angles. Busy week Queen Bees - well done!

Yours Faithfully,

Miss A. Carroll



Head of School