



Friday 10th June 2023

Newsletter

What a wonderful start to our final half-term of this academic year.

Cumbria Education Trust Update

This week, four of our KS2 children attended a Student Leadership event at Yewdale Primary School. They worked with our other trust primary and secondary school students to plan for CETs Be the Best You Can Be Week in July. The children have come back with some wonderful ideas – watch this space for an update!

Friday treats!

Every Friday at 3:30pm for the rest of this half-term, we will be selling ice lollies and ice creams to raise money to contribute towards the year 6 leavers celebrations. The year 6 children have chosen to go bowling and have tea in Carlisle.

Weather

A reminder that children need to apply suntan lotion prior to coming to school, they can bring lotion to school in a named bottle but they need to be able to apply this themselves. The children are also encouraged to bring in sun hats. We are going to be doing some work in assembly about how to keep safe in the sun including how to keep safe around water following the recent accidents whilst children have been playing in rivers. The children also need a bottle of water which can be refilled in school.

Uniform update

We are waiting for the new PE t-shirts to arrive, as soon as they do, the children will bring them home. We are delighted that we have been able to provide these free of charge thanks to our £250 donation from The Cumberland in Brampton and a donation from the PTFA. We ask that once your child has finished with their PE t-shirt that if your child does not have any younger siblings that these are returned to school.

On the uniform website, you are now able to order white polo shirts with the logo as a transfer as well as the embroidered logo. Hoodies have been removed as from September these will only be allowed to be used for PE. The rest of the uniform is staying the same for September. Please ensure your child/children wear only plain coloured black, grey, white or navy-blue socks. All uniform orders placed before 31st July will be delivered to school no later than Tuesday 5th September. If you have any questions regarding uniform, please contact me.

Garden Planning Day – Friday 23rd June

We are delighted to announce that our first grant has been awarded from the Fellfoot Forward Community to develop a Castle Carrock Focused Biodiversity Woodland Classroom & Nature Area.

On 23rd June Years 3-5 and Eco Council members will be involved in a workshop led by Biodiversity & Nature Connection Specialists, to provide an immersive and inspiring learning experience. Using P4C enquiries they will explore the children's attitudes and relationships to the natural world and use multi-sensory activities to explore the woodland area, helping them to develop fresh perspectives and a deeper connection to the space plus a greater awareness of the natural world around them. They will also explore topics such as Landscape Heritage and concepts such as Heritage and Legacy, identifying what legacy they would like to leave on the landscape. The children will learn how to identify the existing plants and animals that are living in the space and assist with taking measurements and surveying the area, the data gathered will contribute towards the production of a site plan.

The children will be engaged in discussions that explore ways to improve the area for people and wildlife and will have the opportunity to share their opinions and ideas about the space and create mood boards. All the information gathered on the day will then contribute towards the production of a preliminary design for a Woodland Classroom.

Class News

Honeybee Class

Ahoy there ship mates! We've set sail on the seven seas in Honeybees class this week to kickstart our new Sea Adventures topic with a focus on pesky pirates. Using the fabulous picture book *The Night Pirates* as a stimulus for writing, we have thrown ourselves into the wonderful world of these colourful characters, finding out what language they used, what nicknames they had and how they terrorised landlubbers and stole their treasure. We have had such fun as we turned the bridge into a pirate ship and practised walking the plank. In other areas of provision, we have set up a beach hut in our outdoor role play as thoughts turn to the summer and having fun in the sun. There is also a wet sand and shell investigation station – perfect for making sandcastles and dreaming of days on the beach. In maths this week the Reception children have been practising subtracting from 10 and noticing the link with number bonds, whilst our nursery boys and girls have been working on number recognition and sequencing.

Bumblebee Class

Bumblebees have been busy bees this week. We started a new English topic based on the story *Flat Stanley*. We are learning to write a letter in response to Stanley's friend. We have focussed on understanding the book as well as understanding our model text. We have learnt how to use apostrophes and whether they are for possession or contraction. In Maths we have been learning about statistics, year 1 have been organising objects into groups then using this data to find out how many objects they had. Year 2 have been looking at tally charts, and understanding the need for tally marks and what happens when we have 5, they then displayed their data in block diagrams. We have been looking at scales and using a ruler accurately. Year 3 briefly recapped tally charts and marks, but quickly moved on to bar charts. We looked at their purpose and the children created their own analysing the data, they quickly grasped the concept and could explain the most and least popular. In History this week, Year 1 and 2 have been learning all about Neil Armstrong, the children were really engaged in this lesson and asked lots of questions to further develop their understanding. In Science Year 1 and 2 started their new topic 'Animals including humans', we started by labelling the parts of the human body and discussed what each part of our body is for.

Queen Bee Class

This week in Queen Bee Class, the children have been completing our summer assessments - showing great resilience to keep going with them. The year 5 and 6 children have had a busy week completing Bikeability learning how to ride their bikes safely on the road and building up the physical resilience to tackle some of the step hills around Castle Carrock! Excellent effort and improvements from everyone. In History years 3-6 have been learning all about Henry VIII. We learned about his wives, his laws and looked at a range of sources to infer what people thought of him from different periods of time. In Science, the children begun their new unit all about life cycles. We investigated the life cycle of a plant and the different ways a plant can reproduce.

Reminders

Parents First Aid course 9am-12pm - we still have 3 spaces left if anyone else would like to attend.

Class photos Friday 16th June

Honeybee trip to Maryport Aquarium Friday 16th June

The children who have been going swimming have two sessions left - 14th and 21st June.

King Regards,

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Head of School