



Friday 23rd June 2023

Newsletter

What a week!

Ofsted

I would like to start by thanking everyone for the words of encouragement you sent us during our Ofsted visit, it was very much appreciated. Your children have truly shown us what superstars they are, we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Due to the timing of our visit, there is a possibility that our Ofsted report will not be released until September, we have everything crossed that it arrives before the end of term.

Reports

Please except my apology for not sending the reports home on Monday as planned, when I received the Ofsted phone call, we were in the middle of printing them etc. but the visit obviously had to take priority.

Reports will now be sent home next week.

Carnival

The Maypole dancers are performing at 1:15pm tomorrow (Saturday 24th June), please ensure they are wearing trainers for their performance, they can change their shoes once the performance has finished. Thanks.

Flagpole

Since the day I arrived at Castle Carrock school I have wanted to erect a flagpole. A flagpole is a great way to celebrate or share areas of the curriculum, for example when we are learning about Remembrance, we can fly a Remembrance flag. I am planning to purchase a 6m flagpole to put at the front of school. The pole will be installed securely.

PE

The children look incredibly smart in their new PE t-shirts. P.E t-shirts need to be worn with black shorts/leggings and trainers and need to be kept in school.

Transition

On Monday morning, the children will be spending time in their new classes for September. Some of our new Reception children are also joining us for the day.

Trips

Please check ParentMail for information regarding trips/visits for next week.

Monday 26th June – Years 3-6 Roman Dig Carlisle

Tuesday 27th June – Years 5&6 Rounders at WHS

Wednesday 28th June – Years 1-6 Brockhole Windermere Visit

Thursday 29th June – Innovate group winners attending Whitehaven Academy

Friday 30th June – End of the month assembly, this is our last one of the academic year

Class News

Honeybee Class

This week in Honeybees class we have been using the gorgeous children's picture book *The Rainbow Fish* as a stimulus for writing, answering questions about the story of the most beautiful fish in the ocean as he discovers the value of friendship. Alongside this the children have been finding out about other sea creatures, singing sea shanties and creating some lovely paper plate rainbow fish and other sea creatures for our classroom display. In maths the focus has been on counting in 2s for Reception and number recognition to 10 for Nursery. In PE we have been fine tuning our skills in preparation for Sports Day.

Bumblebee Class

This week our Year 1 and 2 Bumblebees have been learning about position and direction in Maths, we have used language such as half a turn, quarter turn, three quarter turn and full turn to describe the position of an object or person. We practised using the language by giving commands to instruction children to move in different directions. We have also explored using language to describe direction such as left, right, forwards, backwards. The children were able to combine the language to be able to confidently give commands like "turn a quarter to the left". Our Year 3's have focussed on consolidating their learning in Multiplication and Division, they have spent time looking at division, and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. Throughout English we have continued with our book *Flat Stanley*. Our new writing focus is non-chronological reports, we have started by looking at the different features of information texts and the language used. In History this week Year 1 and 2 used their historical enquiry skills to find out what our explorer - Ranulph Fiennes - was known for. We had lots of different items and objects that all related to our explorers expedition and we needed to use our inference skills to be able to make an educated guess about what he did. The children were very good at this and within a couple of objects they were able to identify that our explorer was a mountain climber.

Queen Bee Class

This week in Queen Bee Class we have been working hard on consolidating our understanding of geometry. We have been problem solving using angles, length and area. In English, the children have written a diary entry from the point of view of our main character in our class text. We have had a focus on writing in first person and using reflecting vocabulary that conveys thoughts, feelings and emotions. In our non-core subjects this week, our children have become real life detectives - working through sources found aboard *The Mary Rose* to infer and articulate the types of jobs that were required on Henry VIII's favourite ship.

In what has been a very busy week, our children have showcased all of the greatest components of Castle Carrock school. They have been resilient throughout the work they have completed; they have been responsible and shown off our school in the most positive of ways and finally they have been respectful using their manners at all times to familiar faces and new visitors alike. You are all amazing Queen Bees!

King Regards,

Miss A. Carroll



Head of School