



Friday 29th September 2023

Newsletter

This week a huge number of children have taken part in Cycle to school week; this has been a great success. It was lovely to see all the bikes in school and hear about the children's adventures outside of school. The children were presented with certificates in assembly for participating whether that be cycling to school or going on a bike ride outside of school.

On Thursday Year 5&6 were fortunate enough to have two visitors from Carlisle Magistrates Court come in and perform a mock trial. They taught the children all about the role of a Magistrate. They explored the consequences of being convicted of different crimes.

Grandparents' afternoon and MacMillan Coffee Morning

Today we had the most wonderful afternoon with grandparents in school visiting the classrooms, we combined this with our MacMillan Coffee morning and first end of the month assembly. Thank you for supporting us.

Reception children parents' phonics session – Wednesday 4th October 9:15am

Parents of reception children are welcome to come into school to find out more about our phonics scheme – Little Wandle.

Thank you!

We would like to thank our wonderful PTFA. Following their most recent meeting they have agreed to give each class £300 to develop our reading areas. They have also given each class £100 to spend on learning resources. Their generosity does not end there as they have also agreed to pay £30 towards each child attending the Year 4-6 residential (further details to follow). Finally, they have donated £1000 towards the cost of transport over the year. Without their continued support, we would not be able to provide these additional extras for our children. If you would like to find out more about how you could get involved with our PTFA please contact Kirsty Smith.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 4th October – Reception children parents phonics session 9:15am

Wednesday 4th October – Flu vaccinations

Saturday 7th October – Selected year 5&6 children representing Castle Carrock at the WHS football tournament

Date to be confirmed – Harvest Festival 2:30pm St Peter's Church

Friday 20th October – End of the month assembly

Friday 20th October – Break up for half term.

Class News

Team Honeybees

Honeybees enjoyed some great cycling sessions this week as we marked the Cycle To School event. We took our school bikes onto the front playground which sits on a slope. The children soon discovered how much harder it was to go uphill - and then how much fun it was to whizz back downhill. All in all, there was some super pedalling, scootering, and weaving in and out of the cones, as well as some great sharing among friends of the different bikes, trikes and scooters on offer. Inside the classroom we have been moving forward with learning new sounds and Reception children have been blending them together to read simple words – sat, sit, nip and tip. We even found a bird's nest to help remind us of the /n/ sound! There has also been some fantastic 'baking' with playdough, tiger crafting and re-enacting of the classic children's story, The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

Team Bumblebees

This week team Bumblebees started a new topic in English, we have been learning about the features of a setting description. The children have used a range of descriptive language to help create a picture for the reader. In maths, Year 1 have been introduced to number lines and have been ordering numbers to 10. Year 2 have been practising counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s. Year 3s have practised ordering numbers to 1000, as well as comparing them. This week Year 3 have been historians learning all about Boudicca and her revolt against the Romans. Year 1 and 2 have been learning about what caused the Gunpowder plot. In Science, year 1 and 2 have been looking at the different food groups and why we need all these different food groups to keep our bodies healthy. Year 3 children have been learning about how sounds travel through solids, liquids and gases through conducting three different investigations.

Team Queen Bees

This week in Queen Bee Class we have been editing our narratives in English - improving our figurative language and incorporating speech throughout. In Maths, Years 4 and 5 have continued their work on place value, whilst Year 6 have been learning about Algebra. In History, we have been investigating democracy and where it all started in Ancient Greece which linked well with our visit from two Magistrates. The children continue to be excellent role models in our PE sessions and demonstrate many leadership skills especially when supporting the younger children. In art the children explored the decisions made in the creative process. They improved their art techniques using a range of materials. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with our many visitors on Friday afternoon.

King Regards,

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Headteacher