



## Headteacher's Headlines

We have had a wonderful week of learning and fun. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA for the wonderful support they provide the school. We have been busy planning and spending their most recent donation to enhance class reading areas. Keep your eyes open for photo updates on our Facebook page.

## School Photos

Tempest Photography photos are available to order online directly from Tempest.

## Year 5&6 Trip to Hancock Museum in Newcastle

Reminder - please can children arrive at school for 8:20am so we can leave promptly at 8:30am. We expect to return by 3:30pm.

## Children In Need - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children are invited to come to school wearing spots or pyjamas. We would be very grateful for cake/biscuits donations which we will sell at morning play. The children are encouraged to bring 50p-£1 to spend on our cake stall.

## Anti-bullying week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Next week is Anti-bullying week. The theme this year is – Make a noise about bullying. The children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate what makes us all unique.

## Christmas Light Switch On – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November in Carlisle

Years 1 – 6 - we can't wait to watch the children perform, they have been rehearsing with Mrs Docherty, Miss Carroll and Mr Wood and sound fantastic. Meet time 2:30pm, performance 3:05pm. Honeybees class are very welcome to come and support us at this event.

## Nut allergy

We currently have someone in school with a nut allergy. Children are not allowed to bring in food products containing whole nuts. Foods with traces of nuts are allowed in school.

## Class News

### Team Honeybees

It was lovely to welcome Castle Carrock's Toddler Group into Honeybees class for an explore and play at the start of the week. These sessions, which we aim to run once a term, help us develop strong community links and hopefully familiarise the little ones with 'big' school for when it's their turn to don a uniform. This time we had a focus on bonfire night and the highlight for all had to be snack time when the children sat together and ate their edible sparklers. Later in the week our learning has been focussed on the wonderful Julia Donaldson story of The Gruffalo and the children did a great job describing the Gruffalo in their writing and drawings. In maths we have been working hard to recognise, order and represent numbers, as well as subitising (recognising a total amount without having to count each object individually). Towards the end of the week, we looked at Remembrance Sunday and why the children may see people wearing poppies at this time of the year.



## Team Bumblebees

This week team Bumblebees have continued their learning on biographies. We focused on the key information needed for a biography and used the features in context. In Maths we have been learning about shape, Year 1 have learnt about the different 2D and 3D shapes, we discussed their differences and learnt how to tell which shapes are 2D and which are 3D. Year 2 have been focussing on upskilling their mathematical language when describing both 2D and 3D shapes, they have been able to use language like edges, vertices and faces. Year 3 began with recapping their knowledge of shapes, by recognising and describing them. Then they started to learn about angles including acute obtuse and right angles. In Geography this week, Year 3 learnt about the different points on a compass. Firstly, we looked at the four cardinal points of a compass then moved into looking at the inter cardinal points of the compass. In science Year 3 started their new topic 'Living things and their habitats' we started by looking at different types of habitats. In Science year 1 and 2 compared materials to see which one was the strongest. They carried out an investigation writing a prediction, fair test, result and conclusion. Finally, the class enjoyed their visit to Vue Cinema to watch 'Puss in Boots.'

## Team Queen Bee

This week has been a busy one for Team Queen Bees. They started a new unit in English writing mystery stories based on the film Alma. The children have been able to identify the features and answer inference questions based on evidence in the film. In maths they have continued their learning on efficient written methods. The children all have a task to complete on Maths Shed. Year 5&6 started their new Science unit all about electricity they have been matching symbols to their components and writing about the function each component has in a circuit. The children have been busy preparing a song to perform at Carlisle Cathedral for the University of Cumbria Graduations later in the month as well as learning the words for our Light Switch On songs. Queen Bees have also had the opportunity to work with Miss Johnson who will be their new class teacher from January.

### Dates for the Diary

- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - 10:50am Cumrew Church Remembrance Service
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – 9:30am St Peters Church Castle Carrock Remembrance Service
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Anti-bullying week
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Nursery Rhyme week
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5&6 Hancock Museum Newcastle
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4-6 Fellfoot Forward Art Project
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – 2:30pm Carlisle Light Switch On Carlisle
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – CET Year 6 Netball Festival