



Headteacher's Headlines

This week started with the children wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We then ended the week wearing pyjamas/spots to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you for your donations, we raised £84.37 which is truly wonderful.

Christmas Light Switch On – Sunday 19th 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. Please meet at the new venue - The Town Hall next to Costa Coffee at 2:30pm, performance 3:05-3:15pm. Honeybees class are very welcome to come and support us at this event.

Year 6 CET Netball Festival at William Howard School

Year 6 pupils have been invited to the CET Netball Festival, all year 6 pupils from our 10 trust primary schools will be participating.

University of Cumbria Graduation singing Performance – selected children from years 4-6

The University of Cumbria's graduation ceremony will take place on Wednesday it is an honour for Castle Carrock Primary to perform at this.

Pantomime 13th December at the Tyne Theatre Newcastle

An Information letter will be sent next week advising on the timings and the costs per child/adult. This will then be available to pay on ParentMail.

Talkin Tarn Cross Country – Friday 24th November

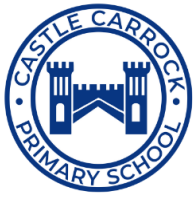
Selected children from Key Stage 2 will be competing in the Talkin Tarn Cross Country race on Friday, we wish them the best of luck.

Class News

Team Honeybees

Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have had a very busy week. The children finished their biographies about Boudicca, it was amazing to see how much knowledge they retained about the ferocious warrior queen! In Maths we continued to learn about shapes, year 1 made different patterns, Year 2 looked at the faces, edges and vertices of 3D shapes and Year 3 looked at the different lines such as vertical, horizontal, parallel and perpendicular. In Science Year 3 researched a habitat, they found out what animals and plants live there, what the conditions and climate is like and the potential threats that habitat may face. Year 1&2 in science completed an investigation to see which material was best to build a bridge. They had bricks, wood, paper, plastic, metal, tinfoil and cardboard and they tested each material using a toy car. In History year 3 learnt about the beliefs of the Romans, and how a bit like today not everyone believed the same thing.



Team Queen Bee

Queen Bees have had a very exciting week working with both Miss Carroll and Miss Johnson. On Tuesday, we visited The Hancock Museum in Newcastle to complete some learning based on our history topic about the Ancient Greeks. First, we enjoyed exploring the museum and looking at the current exhibits and even got a chance to visit the museums planetarium. In the afternoon, we were given learning packs and used ancient artifacts to explore what life would have been like in Ancient Greece. Back in class, the children have been developing their understanding of mystery stories ready for some great writing next week. In maths, we began our new topic on fractions, learning how to find equivalent fractions and simplifying them. Our times table knowledge has really helped us with this. On Thursday, Queen Bees continued working on their Sound Project with Guy and Rose from Fellfoot Forward. The children have been telling stories and have been developing a sound map of Castle Carrock. This work will continue in the coming weeks. Finally, Queen Bees have been having frequent singing practices in preparation for the Carlisle Light Switch-On on Sunday and a special performance at the University of Cumbria next week.

Dates for the Diary

- Sunday 19th November** – Carlisle Light Switch-On Carlisle
- Tuesday 22nd November** – CET Year 6 Netball Festival
- Wednesday 23rd November** – Singing Performance at Carlisle Cathedral – selected pupils from Queen Bee Class
- Friday 24th November** – End of month reward assembly 3pm
- Friday 24th November** – Selected Key Stage 2 pupils Talkin Tarn cross-country
- Tuesday 28th – Friday 1 Dec** – Scholastic Book Fair 3:30pm
- Wednesday 29th November** – Fellfoot Forward Project – final session
- Thursday 30th November** – YES Day – details to follow!
- Friday 1st December** – Decorate the Christmas Tree Service 2:30pm