



Headteacher's Headlines

What a week! Our children continue to amaze us with their talents and commitment to learning. After the children's performance at the Cathedral, I end the week a very proud Headteacher. Not long to go now until the official countdown to Christmas starts!

Year 6 CET Netball Festival at William Howard School

Year 6 pupils had an enjoyable day at the netball festival meeting lots of pupils from other schools, learning new skills and playing team games.

University of Cumbria Graduation Singing Performance

The University of Cumbria's Graduation Ceremony took place on Wednesday, it was an honour for us to perform at this. The children were outstanding, there was not a dry eye in the house. We received the following email into school to thank us from a past student.

I am a former student of Castle Carrock School and left in September 2009. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Castle Carrock School and I have some amazing memories and friends from my time there. Today I was present at Carlisle cathedral for my girlfriend's graduation ceremony. I would just like to comment on how amazing the school's performance was! They did an absolutely incredible job in front of such a large audience, which left everyone speechless and some even tearful. The performance left me feeling proud to be associated with such an incredible school and made me realise that it's still achieving great things. Well done to all the children ☆ and well-done Castle Carrock! Yours proudly, Oliver Allen - 2009 leaver

Talkin Tarn Cross Country Race

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in in the Cross-Country race today, they showed such determination in the cold and windy weather!

Scholastic Book Fair Tuesday 28th November – Friday 1st December

Next week we have a fantastic range of books available to purchase at our Scholastic Book Fair. The Fair will be open Tuesday – Friday from 3:15-4pm in the school library. We are opening it at 3:15pm as I am sure it will be the perfect place to purchase Christmas presents without the children!

Decorate the Christmas tree – Friday 1st December 2:30pm

On Friday 1st December we have our annual Decorate the Christmas tree service. You are all welcome to join us to celebrate the start of the festive period. Christmas refreshments will be available after the service.

Class News

Team Honeybees

Christmas is on the horizon and the excitement is certainly ramping up in Honeybees as we have taken the leap and started practising for our Christmas nativity show next month. There's still lots to learn, but the children are rising to the occasion and trying their best with commendable enthusiasm and some very loud voices! We have also been hard at work at the craft table making some beautiful, sparkly decorations for the forthcoming Decorate the Christmas Tree assembly so apologies if your child comes home covered in glitter! We have also been exploring the wonderful Julia Donaldson story Gruffalo's Child and in maths we have focused on building numbers to 5 in lots



of different ways. Our phonics learning is really coming on a pace and it's great to see the children so keen to learn new sounds and putting them into practise!

Team Bumblebees

We have been learning about what makes a great adventure story so we can write our own Christmas adventure. We have identified features of an adventure story and answered questions about the text. In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. Year 1 have been adding equal groups, making arrays and identifying doubles. They have used a range of concrete resources to help support them with this. Year 2 have been adding equal groups, making arrays and using the multiplication symbol to write number sentences. Year 3 have been using arrays to help answer multiplication sentences, they have also been using multiples of 2, 5 and 10. In Geography, Year 3 children have been learning about grid references, we learnt that grid references are there to help us locate places or objects on a map or grid. The children were confident in using the correct geographical language to describe the horizontal and vertical axis. In Science Year 3 have been learning about how animals can be classified. We discussed why animals and plants are classified and how they can be classified. Year 1 and 2 completed an experiment in science to investigate which materials stretch the most.

Team Queen Bee

This week, Queen Bees have been deepening their understanding of improper fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions. In English they have continued to work on writing their own mystery story. They have been using relative clauses and fronted adverbials effectively in their writing. In geography year 5&6 have studied tsunamis and how they are formed. They have also explored the impact of tsunamis on local people and had some great discussion. Queen Bees are also starting to recommend books to each other in school. One way we are doing this is by wrapping up books we particularly enjoy with some key words/phrases written on the front to encourage children to read a book they maybe would not normally select. The books can then be rewrapped and returned to school to be recommended to someone else.

Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday 7th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day.

Friday 8th December – PTFA Christmas Fair