



Headteacher's Headlines

What a great start we have had to our final half-term of 2023. Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children for completing their half-term home learning projects. We have enjoyed listening to the children's ideas about how The Glebe Field could be developed. We were also really impressed with Honeybees baking using the apples they collected on their farm trip.

Queen Bee Class Teacher

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully appointed Miss Hannah Johnson to Castle Carrock Primary School for the remainder of the academic year. Miss Johnson will be spending some time in school over the next few weeks delivering interventions as well as working alongside Mr Flanagan to ensure a smooth transition. There will be an opportunity for you to meet Miss Johnson before the end of term.

Poppy Appeal

We have begun the 2023 Poppy Appeal here at school. Children are invited to bring in 50p-£1 for poppies and other related remembrance items. Year 6 children will bring the poppies round each day until Friday 10th November.

Tullie House

Year 3-6 had a wonderful trip to Tullie House to view the exciting material from the latest excavations in Digging Deeper: Uncovering Roman Carlisle.

Fellfoot Forward Art Project

Queen Bee Class had a great time on Wednesday participating in a project ran by Fellfoot Forward focusing on Sound and Place. The children listened to sounds and thought about what makes Castle Carrock a unique and special place to learn and grow.

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone for attending parents evening. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed looking through the children's books.

Netball Tournament

Well done to the pupils who took part in the William Howard School Netball Tournament they were all fantastic.

Castle Carrock Toddlers Group

We are looking forward to welcoming the Toddler Group coming on Monday 6th November from 9:30-10:30am for some bonfire fun.

School Photos

Tempest Photography are in school on Tuesday to take individual photos. Any families who would like photos taken with children who do not attend Castle Carrock need to arrive at 8:30am. The school individual photos will start after registration.



Class News

Team Honeybees

The clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in, leaves are falling thick and fast and that means only one thing when you are four and five years old...it's Halloween!

Our littlest learners have had good fun this week as we started to find out about different celebrations at this time of year. First up was Halloween when the children dressed up and looked amazing as witches, bats, cats and skeletons. They also had their faces painted, scooped out pumpkins, listened to and acted out the classic Julia Donaldson story *Room on the Broom*, took part in some monster dancing and created some fantastic witches in art. For Bonfire Night we listened to the story of *The Gunpowder Plot* and found out about why we celebrate with bonfires and fireworks on November 5th each year. Next week we will be learning a little bit about Remembrance Sunday, as well as delving into *The Gruffalo* story as part of this half term's focus on Julia Donaldson's wonderful books.

Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have had a very busy first week back. In Maths year 3 have been using the formal method for addition and subtraction (not crossing any numbers, crossing the 10 and crossing the 100s), year 2 have continued to use base 10 to take away 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers crossing 10. Year 1 have continued to practise the skill of adding and subtracting 1-digit numbers. In English we have started to look at biographies, we began with looking at the features, and then we discussed what the purpose of a biography was and who it might be written about.

In science Year 1&2 started their new unit - materials. They started the topic learning about the different materials and what they can be used for.

In History year 3 enjoyed a trip to Tullie house to learn more about life in the Roman times as well as to look at what was discovered during the Roman Dig. We also enjoyed a walk up to Birdoswald to explore the ruins of a Roman fort as well as explore the features of a very famous wall!

Team Queen Bees

This week in Queen Bee class we finished writing poetry using imagery. The theme was a spooky one where the children used an overgrown pumpkin patch as a stimulus with figurative language and lots of description. In maths, the children in Year 4 and Year 5 have focussed on how to multiply numbers, up to 3-digits by 1-digit in Year 4 and up to 4-digit times 2-digit numbers in Year 5. Year 6 have been learning the methods for short and long division and then applying that knowledge to solve problems using their preferred method. This week the children have also learned about different types of plate boundary -in geography - and how these different types can affect the world around them.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 6th November** – Toddler group 9:30-10:30am
- Tuesday 7th November** – Individual School Photographs
- Thursday 9th November** – PTFA meeting The Duke of Cumberland 7:30pm
- Friday 10th November** - Team Bumblebees trip to the Vue Cinema
- Saturday 11th November** - 10:50am Cumrew Church Remembrance Service
- W/C 13th November** - Anti-bullying week
- Tuesday 14th November** - Team Queen Bee trip Hancock Museum Newcastle.
- Wednesday 15th November** Year 4-6 Fellfoot Forward Art Project
- Friday 17th November** - Children In Need
- Sunday 19th November** - 2:30pm Carlisle Light Switch On Carlisle