



NEWSLETTER



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Headteacher's Headlines

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We have so many exciting learning opportunities planned for the next two terms - we can't wait to share them with you all!

Staffing update

I would like to officially welcome to Castle Carrock Primary School Miss Johnson as our new Queen Bee Class Teacher and Mrs Lee who is our new Head of School on a Monday and Tuesday.

Garden project

I know news on the garden project has been quiet however I am delighted to confirm that we have secured a £5000 grant from the North Pennines Organisation, I will update you soon with news on how we will allocate this money.

PTFA

The PTFA have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 24th January, we really do value the input and money raised by the PTFA who provide resources and experiences for the school. If you are interested in joining or want to attend the meeting, please see Kirstie Smith or call the school office.

Relax Kids

On Wednesday the whole school are going to be taking part in Relax Kids sessions. Relax kids supports mental and emotional health and wellbeing with a range of tools and techniques to help calm bodies and mind and build confidence and self-esteem. The sessions will provide mindfulness techniques to help children and staff feel happier and healthier.

After School Clubs

Clubs started on Monday 8th January; they are running for the next 4 weeks. It is great to see so many children attend our clubs. We have many more exciting clubs planned for the spring and summer term.

Class News

Team Honeybees

Searching for lions and hippos, reading maps, finding mysterious bugs and taking a ride on the 'safari taxi' have all been part of the fun in Honeybees this week as we have embarked on our new topic Amazing Africa. The children have been really enthused to find out about this wonderful continent and they have amazed us all with their ability to soak up information and remember some quite detailed facts! As part of their studies the children have listened to several new stories, including the wonderful Follow the Swallow (thanks to Owen for bringing it in to share with the class) and Bringing the Rain to the Kapiti Plain. In maths we have been subitising, adding one more and taking one away and in phonics our nursery children have continued to wow with their great listening skills, whilst our Reception boys and girls are ploughing ahead with their reading as we move into Phase 3 of the programme.



Team Bumblebees

Bumblebees have settled nicely into their first full week back at school. Our special pencils have vanished from our classroom, so to persuade them to come back we are learning about the features of a persuasive poster and letter, hopefully they will come back soon! Year 2 and 3 are going to be writing a letter, so far, we have looked at paragraphs and why we use them, as well as rhetorical questions and persuasive language. Year 1 are going to be writing a poster, they have been learning about the use of sub-headings, statements, and adjectives to persuade their audience. In Maths Year 1 have been learning about numbers to 50, they have been able to find the 10s and 1s in numbers and they have also been able to use a number line to 50 to help identify one more and one less. Year 2 have been identifying 10s and 1s with numbers up to 100. Year 3 have been multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. In Science Year 3 are learning about electricity, they have been learning how to keep safe when using electricity and the electrical components used in a circuit. We had our first History lesson of our new topic 'The Vikings' this week. We discussed who the Vikings were and why they might have come to Britain, the children had a go at creating their own timeline where they sequenced some events from the Viking era. In DT, we started to look at structures, we talked about what the word 'stable' means and how it would relate to structures, we also looked at different structures and their features.

Team Queen Bee

Queen Bees have had a brilliant start to the year and Miss Johnson has been so impressed with their attitude to learning for the new term. In Maths, we have been looking at decimals and converting between decimals and fractions. In English, Years 4 and 5 have started looking at book reviews and the impact of positive or negative language. The children have also enjoyed reading 'Vinnie's War', our new class book which was selected by one of our Reading Influencers. Finally, we have been exploring the heart in Science, and even played with a model to show how the muscles in the heart contracting and relaxing causes blood to be pumped around the body. In English year 6 have been taught by Mrs Lee. The children have been learning how to write to persuade people to visit Castle Carrock. In Maths year 6 have been taught by Miss Carroll. They have been learning about decimals understanding the value of decimals up to three decimal places. They have been adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals using formal written methods when appropriate.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 17th January	Relax Kids
Monday 22nd January	Vikings Virtual Assembly with Tullie House for Years 3&4
Monday 22nd January	Anglo Saxons Virtual Assembly with Tullie House for Years 5&6
Thursday 25th January	Spiral Cumbria Cyber Bulling workshop – Queen Bees Class
Friday 26th January	Maths Challenge at Whitehaven Academy for selected Year 6 Pupils
Friday 26th January	Monthly Rewards Assembly
Monday 29th January	Christingle making
Tuesday 30th January	Candlemass Service
Thursday 1st February	Wheelchair Basketball
Friday 2nd February	Bumblebee Class Assembly 2:45pm
Monday 5th February	Water Workshops
Friday 9th February	End of term