



Headteacher's Headlines

The children have enjoyed the snow this week. The decision for gradual school closure was due to the roads and school buses, we appreciate your help collecting your child/children.

Due to the freezing weather conditions, we had a burst water pipe in the attic above the kitchen and girl's toilet. This resulted in water pouring from the ceiling covering the kitchen, toilet and hall.

Luckily, we managed to turn the water off and staff then worked tirelessly to stop the water from spreading into other areas of the school. The Primary Estates manager from CET came and helped to clear up the water. We were able to get the pipe fixed the next morning and have a full electrical check which included changing several light fittings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work ensuring we were able to open school on Friday.

On Friday the steps to school and the ramp were painted using a paint which is used for pedestrian crossings. The children will continue to use the steps to access the school, the ramp is there for access for deliveries, pushchairs, wheelchairs etc.

Good News

Garden update - we have now secured £9920 for our garden project - further details to follow as soon as I have them!

Cycle Wise – We have been selected to take part in a new project which focuses on teaching children aged 3-6 to ride a bike. We are training two members of staff to deliver balance bike riding sessions. As part of the project, we have been given 6 new balance bikes and helmets worth £2000. We can't wait to start teaching our youngest pupils to ride their bikes.

Monday 22nd January - Virtual Assemblies with Tullie House

We will be taking part in virtual assemblies on Monday with Tullie House which link to our History topics. Year 3/4 Vikings. Year 5/6 Anglo Saxons.

Wednesday 24th January - Year 6 SATs Appointments

Appointments for year 6 parents are available to book on ParentMail.

Thursday 25th January - Cyberbullying: Think Before You Send

Years 4-6 are taking part in a workshop delivered by Spiral Cumbria on Thursday. Spiral are an organisation who work to prevent bullying from happening. They educate young people on how to use devices safely, not causing harm to themselves or others.

CET Maths Challenge

A group of four Year 6 pupils are participating in a Maths Challenge at Workington Academy on Friday, they will be tested through a range of Maths tasks competing against the rest of the primary schools in CET – good luck!

Thursday 25th January – Sunday 28th January

We are going to be taking part in the RSPB Big Bird watch, further details to follow as to how you can take part.

Trips

Further information to follow on our trips for this half-term. Years 3-6 Durham Cathedral and Nursery, Reception, Year 1&2 Lake District Wildlife Park.



Class News

Team Honeybees

It was a week of stark contrasts in Honeybees class with a focus on the baking hot, dry Africa savannah, coupled with the freezing cold temperatures and snow that came to Castle Carrock at the start of the week! From thinking about giraffes galloping gracefully through the grasslands to braving the cold to building our own snowman on the school field, the children have enjoyed a busy week of learning that has exposed them to lots of rich language and experiences. Using the wonderful children's book *Giraffes Can't Dance* as a stimulus for discussion and writing, the children thought about things they were not so good at (yet!) and things they were proud to say they could do. In maths we turned our attention to mass and capacity, thinking about balancing scales and what items were heavier/lighter and how to describe different amounts when filling or emptying a range of containers. We also made paper plate lion masks and sparkly snowflakes on tin foil as part of our learning activities.

Team Bumblebees

The children have been busy writing persuasive letters (Year 2 and 3) and posters (Year 1) to persuade our special pencils to come back. They did such an amazing job with their writing, that our special pencils have returned! In Maths we have been learning about length and height, Year 1 have been looking at the vocabulary used to describe length and height such as longer, shorter, taller etc. and used this to describe the length and height of different objects and each other. Year 2 have recapped the language used to describe length and height, they have also been measuring objects using centimetres. Year 3 have been measuring objects using centimetres, metres and millimetres. They have also been comparing the different lengths and heights of the different objects as well as using a ruler to draw lines of different lengths. In Science, Year 3 have been learning the difference between a complete and an incomplete electrical circuit. They used scientific vocabulary to describe the circuits and explain whether a circuit would work and the reasons why. In Geography Year 3 are learning about food, where it comes from and the impact this can have on our environment. We have been learning about our food choices and their impact on the environment, as well as how we can tweak our food choices to have a better impact on the environment. In DT, after looking at different structures and their shapes, we started to plan our structures considering the different materials we will use.

Team Queen Bee

In Geography this week, Queen Bees started their topic about oceans. We explored the names and locations of the oceans and began to investigate how oceans are important for keeping us alive. In Science, we investigated different types of blood vessels and are developing our knowledge about the different components that make up blood. We are continuing our work on persuasive book reviews, next week will be publishing our final reviews for 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We hope our book reviews will persuade other people to read this great book.

Year 6 – Mrs Lee has continued to work with the children in English. They have been focusing on how to effectively use semi-colons and colons in their writing to add detail. They have also been learning about selecting higher-level vocabulary to interest the reader. In Maths year 6 have been learning how to order and compare fractions, decimals and percentages. They have been set some homework in their CGP books and have been given some additional challenges on Ed Shed if they would like to complete them.



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Dates for the Diary

Monday 22nd January	Virtual Assemblies with Tullie House – Years 3-6
Thursday 25th January	Spiral Cumbria Cyber Bulling workshop – Queen Bees Class
Thursday 25th January	RSPB Bird count
Friday 26th January	Maths Challenge at Workington Academy
Friday 26th January	Monthly Rewards Assembly 3pm
Monday 29th January	Christingle making
Tuesday 30th January	Candlemass Service 2:30pm
Wednesday 31st January	Years 3-6 Trip to Durham Cathedral
Thursday 1st February	Wheelchair Basketball
Friday 2nd February	Bumblebee Class Assembly 2:45pm
Monday 5th February	Water Workshops – Years 1-6
Thursday 8th February	Nursery, Reception, Year 1&2 Trip to Lake District Wildlife Park
Friday 9th February	End of term