



Headteacher's Headlines

What a great start to spring term 2! We have been very busy and have lots of exciting projects planned. We would like to start by thanking the volunteers who gave up their time on Saturday to help start clearing the garden ready for work to start this weekend.

Honeybees and Year 1 & 2 Lake District Wildlife Park

We are pleased to confirm that this has been re-arranged for Tuesday 19th March 2024.

Garden Project Update

On **Saturday 24th February from 10am-3pm** we are inviting people to attend a hedge laying workshop, further details on Class Dojo.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Teacher led clubs start on Monday 26th February and will run for 4 weeks; information has been sent on ParentMail.

UDance Tickets on Sale – Bumblebee Class

Tickets are available using this link <https://buytickets.at/udancefestivalcumbria/1157756>

Rainbow Wishes – Monday 26th February

On Monday Honeybees, Year1 & 2 will participate in a workshop with Rainbow Wishes, they will explore their emotions through imagination, games and crafts. The workshop is a gentle and fun approach towards mental health and emotions in young children using creativity and play.

Wheelchair Basketball – Wednesday 28th February

We are really looking forward to having Great Britain World Champion Nat Pattinson in school next week to give the children a unique experience using wheelchairs to play basketball.

Team Queen Bees Class Robin Wood Residential – Wednesday 17th April – Friday 19th April

Reminder – please make sure we receive full payment by the end of February, please come and see me if this causes any problems.

Leap Day – Thursday 29th February

We are celebrating Leap Day this year, a special day which only happens once every 4 years! The PTFA have organised a sponsored jump for the children. Sponsorship forms have already been sent home, if you require another form, please ask the office. Family and friends are welcome to join us from 2:30pm. Honeybees and Year 1&2 will be hopping their way around a course on the school field. Years 3-6 are going to hop their way around the Marr! Come and cheer us along. The PTFA are kindly presenting certificates and cupcakes to the children following this event.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

For World Book Day this year we will be taking a step back from our usual lessons to celebrate reading. We don't want to give away all of our arrangements for the day but we can reveal we will be having a second-hand book sale/book swap at the end of the day; all books will be priced at 50p or alternatively you can swap a book for a new one! Donations of books are most welcome, please bring them to school on Wednesday 6th March. The PTFA will be selling special reading themed chocolate bars, these will cost £2. Come and join us from 2:30pm on the day for a special assembly.



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Class News

Team Honeybees

It's been a dinosaur frenzy in Honeybees this week with this exciting new topic capturing the children's imaginations and acting as a gateway to loads of great learning opportunities right across the Early Years curriculum. In literacy lessons, using the wonderful picture book Dinosaur Roar, the children have explored rhyme and opposite words, while in maths we have been comparing height and trying to get to grips with how enormous some of those dinosaurs were! We've been dinosaur crafting, digging for fossils and dinosaur bones and hunting for dinosaurs in our outdoor exploration centre. The children have been really engaged and have picked up some great vocabulary along the way, using words like extinct, carnivores and herbivores in their play - wonderful!

Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have had a productive first week back. We started a new writing unit all about fables, we familiarised ourselves with what fables are and the purpose of them. In Maths we have continued learning about fractions. Year 1 have been learning about quarters, Year 2 have been learning about thirds and Year 3 have been comparing fractions. In Geography Year 3 learnt about the process of making chocolate, and they were able to successfully sequence the order. We started a new topic in Science which is 'Animals including Humans', our first lesson focussed on the digestive system, we learnt about the different organs in the digestive system and their use. To finish the week, we had Miss Short in who has been helping us practise for our UDance performance. We are getting really excited and can't wait to perform it.

Team Queen Bee

Queen Bees have had a fantastic start to the term. During the week, Year 5 and 6 pupils had a visit from William Howard and were able to learn more about what their time at secondary school might look like. The children were excited by all the amazing opportunities they can look forward to. In Maths we have been learning about the area of shapes and next week we will be calculating the perimeter. We have been busy reading a range of discussion texts in English relating to a variety of interesting topics. The children have been looking at how these texts are structured, and the type of language used. In Geography we have been continuing our work on oceans and have been looking at how humans are sadly causing the ocean to suffer. The children had a fantastic time on Friday afternoon with Victoria Barbé. She delivered a theatre workshop to support the children to gain a thorough understanding of the anatomy of the voice and body.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 26th February	Rainbow Wishes Mental Health
Wednesday 28th February	Wheelchair Basketball
Thursday 29th February	Sponsored Leap Day 2:30pm
Wednesday 6th March	CET Multi skills Workington Year 2
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March	Relax Kids
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March	Honeybees and Year 1&2 Wildlife Park Trip
Wednesday 20th March	Bumblebee Class UDance
Saturday 23rd March	Lanercost Cross Country
Wednesday 27th March	Spring craft day
Thursday 28th March	Spring concert – St. Peter's Church 2:30pm
Friday 29th March	PTFA Easter Fun Day 10am-1pm