



Headteacher's Headlines

We have had a particular busy final week of the half-term with Water Safety workshops, Chinese New Year dinner, Year 3/4 football competition, Internet Safety Day and an impromptu visit to Walby Farm Park! We would like to wish everyone a restful half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 19th February.

Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

A fantastic effort by all the players at the football tournament, they showed amazing resilience playing in such cold conditions narrowly missed out on the final. Thank you to our volunteers and to parents who came to support.

Honeybees and Year 1 & 2 Lake District Wildlife Park

Due to the yellow amber weather warning for snow, we had to postpone the trip on Thursday. This will be rearranged for later in the spring term, further details to follow.

Garden Project Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the first meeting about the garden project. It was great to learn more about the project and hear all the people who are keen to support us. We have arranged a garden tidy up on **Sunday 18th February from 1-4pm**. Please contact Kirstie Smith if you require further information. On **Saturday 24th February from 10am-3pm** we are inviting people to attend a hedge laying workshop, further details on Class Dojo.

Clubs

New Football Club – Every Friday 3:30-4:30pm Years 3-6

Our new football club is being led by MBE Coaching. We have 15 spaces available for children in years 3-6. The club will run every Friday from 3:30-4:30pm. There is a £1 a week charge for this club with the rest of the cost being covered by school.

Staff Led Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs will start the week beginning Monday 26th February; further information will be sent out during the first week back.

Year 6 Maths and Breakfast Club

Maths clubs starts on Tuesday 20th February 3:30-4:30pm. Breakfast club starts on Friday 23rd February 8:15-8:45am.

UDance Tickets on Sale – Bumblebee Class

Tickets are available to buy from 19th February, the link to purchase tickets will be available on Monday 19th February; further information will be sent.

World Book Day 7th March

The children are invited to come in to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. The PTFA are holding a second-hand book stall during our WBD celebrations. Donations of books are most welcome; please bring these to school on Wednesday 6th March.

PE

For the next half-term, Years 1-6 will continue to take part in a weekly PE lesson with Mrs Trickett from William Howard Secondary School and a weekly tennis lesson delivered by LTA Youth Schools.



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Class News

Team Honeybees

It has been an eventful week in Honeybees with the impromptu and much enjoyed visit to Walby Farm Park and a focus on Chinese New Year! The children had a great time meeting the animals, playing with their friends and exploring the Milecastle at Walby whilst the rain and sleet and wind beat down outside. Back in the classroom, The Great Race: the Story of the Chinese Zodiac was our book focus in Honeybees to mark Chinese New Year. The mythical story tells how the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac raced across a river to create a calendar for the Jade Emperor to track the passage of time and the children had a great time re-enacting the story, taking up the roles of the pig, rat, ox, cat, monkey, dragon and so on. This annual celebration helps the children become aware of cultures other than their own and is also a good opportunity to set up a Chinese restaurant in the home corner to encourage lots of conversational play. The topic also took centre stage in the crafting area where the children made colourful lanterns and lucky money wallets. They also produced some fabulous scribing at the writing table as they practised Hanzi, a version of Chinese writing.

Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have had a very productive week. We finished our diary entry and together produced some thoughtful writing as a refugee child. In Maths, we moved onto fractions, Year 1 and 2 have been learning about halves, we know that a half means two equal parts. Year 3 have been learning about unit fractions, we know that this is where the numerator is one. In Science Year 3 investigated what would happen to the bulb if we added an extra battery into the circuit. In History Year 3 we learnt how the Vikings travelled, we learnt about the features of a longboat, and why these were useful. We also had visitors from the Co-Op, to talk to us about fairtrade. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a very unexpected trip to Walby Farm Park, where they saw lots of different animals and their habitats.

Team Queen Bee

On Monday, we had a visit from United Utilities to deliver a workshop about water. During the workshop, the children covered a range of topics relating to water including where our water comes from, how it is treated and why it is important not to waste water. In Maths, Year 5 have been looking at problems involving negative numbers and Year 4 have been consolidating their knowledge of short division. The children have been writing their own narrative poems about a lonely man who lives in a Lighthouse. Within these poems, we used figurative language to build drama and create atmosphere. Finally, we finished the week by building playground structures in DT. The children put their designs to the test by attempting to construct a model for a strong piece of play equipment.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 19 th February	U-Dance tickets go on sale – link to follow on Class Dojo
Friday 23 rd February	Victoria Barbé Musical Theatre Ensemble Queen Bee Class
Friday 23 rd February	End of month reward assembly
Monday 26 th February	Rainbow Wishes Mental Health
Wednesday 28 th February	Wheelchair Basketball
Thursday 29 th February	Sponsored Leap Day
Wednesday 6 th March	CET Multi skills Workington Year 2
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 th March	Relax Kids
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March	Bumblebee Class U-Dance
Saturday 23 rd March	Lanercost Cross Country