



# NEWSLETTER



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## Headteacher's Headlines

Another busy week at Castle Carrock Primary School.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening this week, we hope you found this useful.

Thank you to the children and staff who designed their hair to make us smile today – what creative children (and adults!) we have!

## Swimming Gala

KS2 pupils who expressed an interest, took part in a training session on Thursday in preparation for the swimming gala. We were very grateful to have a swimming instructor lead the session observing the children. The team has been selected based on the children's ability to swim over 50m. Information will be sent via Parent Mail for the children attending the Gala on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## Garden Update – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Our next working day in the garden is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-3pm. You are very welcome to join us to help continue the great work which has started in this space. If you can please bring a wheelbarrow, shovel and rake as we have woodchip and gravel to move.

## Residential Meeting for parents at 3:30pm - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

It is essential that you attend the meeting for the residential. If you cannot attend, please let the office know so that we can arrange a time when we can meet to share the information with you.

## Lanercost Cross Country Race – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

If you are attending the Cross-Country next Saturday, please complete the form sent on ParentMail on or before Tuesday next week. Miss Carroll will be there to meet you. Parents will need to stay with their children.

## School Gate

We are pleased that the intercom is now fixed. On arrival to school, if you need to speak to the office, please press the intercom button. We have a gate release button in school, please pull the gate when advised. If you are collecting from after school club, please continue to press the bell which is now labelled after school club.

## UDance Reminder – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

We can't wait to watch Team Bumblebees perform on Wednesday. If you require any further information, please contact the office.



## Class News

### Team Honeybees

This week Honeybees have been finding out about the magic of science and how you don't need a white coat and a fancy laboratory to be a scientist – just a curious mind and an ability to use your senses. In fact, we discovered that we 'do' science in Early Years all the time as the children explore, problem solve and learn about the world around them through our different topics. By asking questions such as 'why did that happen?' or 'what will happen if I do this?' we are being scientists every day! But, to mark British Science Week 2024, we carried out three specific experiments; one to discover there is strength in numbers when we balanced wooden blocks on thin strands of spaghetti, one where we discovered why water turns to ice when we put it in the freezer (we put dinosaurs and water in balloons and froze them to make dinosaur eggs) and one where we tested out what materials were good for floating when we made our own boats. As ever, the children impressed us all with their ideas and predictions and I am happy to report there are several budding scientists among our number! Elsewhere in our learning we have moved on from dinosaurs to chickens in the run-up to Easter when we will be thinking about Easter traditions, why Christians celebrate Easter and no doubt the odd chocolate egg or two will be consumed!

### Team Bumblebees

We have finished writing our fable and have started writing Easter poems. In maths we have been looking at capacity and volume, Year 1 can now explain the meaning and difference between volume and capacity and year 2 and 3 have explored measuring and comparing capacity and volume. In History Year 3 and 4 have discussed the cause and consequence for the events which took place during the Viking era. We learnt that every event had a cause and a consequence. In Science we have been learning about the effects of different liquids on our teeth. To do this we carried out an experiment to see how hard different liquids are to get off our teeth. For science week our enquiry question was 'Does longer mean faster?' we carried out tests where we measured the lengths of our legs and then ran the same distance and compared the time it took, to answer our enquiry question.

### Team Queen Bee

On Wednesday, we all enjoyed our different sessions with Magic Mel from Relax Kids. The children learned strategies to help them develop self-confidence whilst gaining some practical tips to help them manage anger and anxiety. We also enjoyed taking part in British Science Week. We had a special science day on Thursday during which the children took part in two separate investigations: one linking to our current topic of light and the other following the British Science Week theme of time. To do this, children measured their leg length before taking part in some running to explore the key question, 'Does taller mean faster?'. Years 4 and 5 have begun looking at myths and legends. So far, we have looked at two myths from Ancient Greece and have begun to explore the history of myths. In maths, we continue our shape work and have learning how to measuring angles.

### Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents Meeting 3:30pm for residential trip
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Honeybees and Year 1&2 Wildlife Park Trip
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bumblebee Class UDance
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Lanercost Cross Country
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Swimming Gala Competition
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Spring Craft Day
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Spring Concert – St. Peter's Church 2:30pm and last day of term
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTFA Easter Fun Day 10am-1pm