



Headteacher's Headlines

We a wonderful week we have had! One of the many highlights has to be our Leap Day bounce on the school field and around the Marr. A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising this event. We will reveal how much we have raised as soon as we have collected all of the money.

Clubs started again this week; it is great to see the high numbers of children who are attending these.

Garden Update – Sunday 17th March

Our next working day in the garden is Sunday 17th March from 10am-3pm. You are very welcome to join us to help continue the great work which has started in this space.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

On World Book Day, the children can dress as a character from a book. The children need to bring their favourite book to school to write about, the children's costume does not need to be a character from the book they bring in. 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.

Parents Evening Tuesday 12th March and Wednesday 13th March

Appointments can be made on ParentMail from Friday 1st March.

Residential meeting Monday 18th March at 3:30pm

Ahead of the residential, there will be a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the visit. It is essential that parents either attend the meeting or arrange with Mrs Helliwell an alternative time to meet.

PTFA Payments

If you would like to pay for things such as sponsorship or Wonka Bars on PayPal, please tick friends and family as they are a charity otherwise, they will be charged, thanks.

Class News

Team Honeybees

Our dinosaur topic continues to captivate the Honeybees who have been hard at work this week creating posters about saving today's wild animals from extinction and using some very grown-up describing words in their writing. We have also been thinking about how enormous some of those dinosaurs actually were and, to help grasp the concept, the children used their shoes to measure the length of the largest dinosaur footprint ever to be discovered. Then we had fun filling in the outline of that footprint with painted, mini-Honeybee footprints. The highlight of the week had to be the wheelchair basketball which all the children *loved*. It was amazing to see how quickly they picked up how to move forwards, backwards, left and right and spin around which took the adults considerably longer! They also enjoyed shooting a few hoops – a truly fantastic experience and learning session. As ever, Honeybees continue to impress with their thirst for learning and great questioning skills while their retention of new facts and vocabulary is wonderful. A great bunch of little learners!



Team Bumblebees

This week Team Bumblebees have continued with their learning of fables. We are currently in our gathering content phase, where we are looking at the SPAG features of a fable and gathering examples of how these can be used in our own writing. In Maths we have continued with Fractions. Year 1 have continued learning about halves and quarters, Year 2 have moved onto equivalent fractions and Year 3 are now able to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. This week in History, Year 3 discussed whether Vikings were traders or raiders. We looked at lots of different sources before they made their own judgement. In Science we learnt what the function of the main organs in the digestive system were and how they work. Bumblebees thoroughly enjoyed having a go at wheelchair basketball and participating in the leap day activities. Year 1&2 enjoyed their session with Rainbow Wishes. They explored emotions and how to make ourselves feel better when we are feeling sad. They used a parachute to discuss different feelings and tried to show those emotions on their faces.

Team Queen Bee

We have had another exciting week in Queen Bees this week and the children have continued to demonstrate the schools core values when working hard in our lessons. We have continued our work looking at area and perimeter and next week we will be beginning to explore volume and capacity. Years 4 and 5 have been researching the current debate in the news about whether phones should be banned in schools. This is in preparation for writing some interesting discussion texts about the topic next week. Furthermore, in History, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the religious beliefs of the Mayan people, and considering how this compares to the Anglo-Saxon beliefs at the same time. Finally, we enjoyed participating in Wheelchair Basketball on Wednesday, the children showed great resilience trying something new!

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 6th March	CET Multi skills Workington Year 2
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 13th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 13th March	Relax Kids
Thursday 14th March	Swimming Gala Training Session
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Sunday 17th March	Garden Day 10am-3pm
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	Swimming Gala Competition
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