



Headteacher's Headlines

What a lovely week we have had at Castle Carrock Primary School. Many thanks to those who bought a raffle ticket from the school stall on Sunday's Market on the Marr. This will be drawn in this week's Friday assembly. A big thank you also to those families and children who bought the sunflower seeds pack - we are excited to see which one of you can grow the tallest sunflower!

We are looking forward to a fun filled week in school including trampoline sessions for all the children. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable half-term and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 3rd June 2024.

Warmest Wishes,
Sarah

Extra-Curricular clubs

We will be starting our extra-curricular clubs again from the week commencing Monday 10th June. A big thanks to members of the PTFA who are coming in to complete an art club with the children. Watch this space for the other exciting clubs that are coming our way!

Honeybee Class Trip – Hutton in the Forest

The Honeybee class had the most amazing trip on Tuesday visiting Hutton in the Forest. The following day we received a phone call from Hutton-in-the-Forest complimenting all the children saying how fantastic they were and what a credit they were to the school. Well done Honeybees!

Queen Bee Class Trip – RSPB Geltsdale

The Queen Bee class had a fun-filled adventurous morning at the nature reserve at Geltsdale. They spotted an array of wildlife including birds, insects and even a giant moth! We are extremely lucky to have a nature reserve like this right on our doorstep.



I Can Fitness on Tuesday 21st May

I Can Fitness is a Wheels of Wellness activity van who will be delivering trampoline exercise to the children. All children from Years 1-6 will take part in a musical well-being bounce in the school playground.

BAG 2 School on Tuesday 21st May

Thank you so much for your generous donations of bags of clothing. We managed to raise over **£70**. Thank you so much to the PTFA for arranging this.



Forest School / Garden Day Thursday 23rd May and Friday 24th May - Rearranged to Thursday 20th June and Friday 21st June

We have a great couple of days for the children planned for working in the garden this summer. The children will be taking part in woodland activities outside as we realise that being outdoors is very important to mental health and wellbeing. The original dates have been altered and will now take place in June.

Swimming lessons

Please note - the last swimming lesson will be held this Wednesday 22nd May.



Thursday 20th June Break the Rules Day – Eden Valley Jigsaw Appeal

We are supporting the 10-year anniversary for Eden Valley Hospice Jigsaw - more information to follow.



Komatsu Climate Heros Thursday weekly sessions

Queen Bee class have Natasha coming in from Komatsu Climate Heros with Carlisle United Community Sports Trust. Sessions will cover, climate scientists, biodiversity, ecosystems and green futures. The last session will be held at Carlisle Airport, where all children will receive a goody bag!

Class News

Team Honeybees

The trip to Hutton-in-the-Forest was the highlight of our week in Honeybees when the children were treated to a very special tour of the stately home. Despite one or two heart-in-the-mouth moments as walked amongst the lavish treasures, antiques and valuable collectables on display in the house, the visit was a chance for the children to see how noble men and women would have lived in years gone by in a grand house that was also used as a fortress. After the tour, everyone enjoyed a walk/run along the beautiful woodland trail which was filled with a huge variety of old trees and an expansive carpet of wild garlic. Then we dodged the rain, ate lunch on picnic benches, and finished with a stroll around the beautiful gardens teeming with spring flowers. All in all, it was a grand day out – and we have never known such tired children at the end! Perhaps a result of all the wonderful questions they were asking.

We also enjoyed time out of the classroom this week when we went on a walk around the village to spot signs of spring. As ever, our nature detectives loved looking for buds, blossom and flowers, as well as seeing the young lambs growing up quickly in the fields nearby. In amongst all this fun, we have continued to work hard on a reading, early writing and maths. In fact, the children were so good at recognising, naming and describing the properties of 2D shapes, we extended our maths learning to recognising pentagons, hexagons and octagons!

Team Bumblebees

This week in English, Year 1 and 2 students enhanced their narrative skills by incorporating adjectives and conjunctions into their writing for greater coherence and interest. Meanwhile, Year 3 focused on using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions for similar purposes. In Maths, Year 1 and 2 explored position and direction, emphasising descriptive language and practical applications, whereas Year 3 revisited fractions, consolidating their understanding of key concepts such as numerator and denominator, as well as equivalent fractions. Additionally, in Science, Years 3 and 4 investigated the differences between freezing and boiling points of substances, using bar models to present information. In Geography, Years 3 and 4 explored the formation of rivers, studying their diverse features and impacts.



Team Queen Bee

This week in Queen Bees, the children have started investigating microorganisms and have conducted their own experiment in to mould! These children have left pieces of bread around the school in different locations, and we will be looking to see which piece of bread goes the mouldiest and why we think this might be. In maths, Years 4 and 5 have finished looking at money and are now working on converting between different units of distance and weight. In English, we have been exploring informal explanation texts and using our reading skills to pull out key information from scientific articles. The children have also been using their reading skills to summarise information during our reading lessons. To do this, the children have had to practise finding the most important parts of a text. Finally, the Year 6's have done a fantastic job completing their SATS this week. They have shown great resilience and maturity and everyone at Castle Carrock is very proud of all their hard work.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 4 th June	NHS Screening Reception and NHS measuring programme Year 6
Tuesday 4 th June	Kidsafe Parents Information session – coffee and cake.
Thursday 6 June	Komatsu Climate Heroes with Queen Bees (for 6 weeks)
Friday 7 th June	Year 6 Growing and changing & Reproduction with Donna Moore
Thursday 13 th June	Maypole Dancing
Friday 14 th June	Tempest Photography class photos
Friday 14 th June	Castle Carrock Garden Grand opening- more details to follow
Saturday 15 th June	Open Gardens in the village all weekend.
Sunday 16 th June	Open Gardens in the village all weekend