



## Headteacher's Headlines

We have had a wonderful week in school this week and the sunny weather has put a spring into everyone's step. With the warm and dry weather, it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their playtimes on the school field. We have many exciting activities in school this week including a session on the local history of Castle Carrock provided by Carlisle Archive Centre which we are all looking forward to. Please bring in any old photos you may have of the area or email us with any information about the local area. Thank you as always for the support that you show the school.

Warmest Wishes,

Sarah

## Castle Carrock Toddlers

Our nursery children had a lovely time spending the morning at the village hall with the local Toddlers Group. We hope you enjoyed the story that Mrs Helliwell read.

## School Dinners

A friendly reminder please book in advance for your school dinners, this really does help with the preparation in the kitchen. Please do not hesitate to contact school office for any help.

## Friends of Castle Carrock School

I am overwhelmed by the support the school receives from our dedicated PTFA group.

They have planned some fantastic activities for our children to take part in and are a vital part of our school community. We would like to say a great big thank you for all you do.

## Market on the Marr

Castle Carrock School are pleased to be supporting this wonderful event which will raise money towards funding a new community play park for the children. Come and visit our Stall on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 between 10am and 2pm whereby some of the year 6 children will be selling raffle tickets to win a wobble.

## Sunflower Competition

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, the Friends of Castle Carrock School as well as our Eco – Warrior team will be selling a 'Grow you own Sunflower' pack which contains everything you need to compete in our competition of 'Who can grow the tallest Sunflower'. Packs cost £1.50 each and will be available to be purchased from school.



## Class News

### Team Honeybees

Having started the week with the heaters back on and coats zipped and fastened when we were outdoors, we ended the week with lots of lovely outdoor activities in the warmer air and sunshine – perfect for our Honeybees! We thought it was time to spruce up one of the raised beds in our outdoor area and the children were happy to pick up the tools and start weeding. Among our treasure haul were some old potatoes, lots of worms and some stones which the children decided were treasure fit for a king or queen. We are always impressed with the children's ability to find magic and joy in the simplest of activities whether that be making volcanos where dragons live in the sandpit or using our different shape, size and textured balls to fire cannonballs – great for strengthening those arms and improving throwing skills! Elsewhere in our learning this week the



Reception children have been practising holding a sentence in their heads before putting pencil to paper and remembering to use a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a full stop at the end. Nursery children have been impressing with their deepening knowledge of initial sounds and recognising phonemes and their number recognition and counting skills are really taking off. It is wonderful to see them all grow!

### Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have been working on writing biographies about Rosa Parks this week. They have effectively used the features we covered last week and have demonstrated their understanding of Rosa Parks' significance. In Maths, we have progressed to the topic of time. Year 1 has concentrated on using phrases 'before' and 'after', practising these with the days of the week and months of the year to read a calendar. Year 2 has revised 'o'clock' and 'half past' and has introduced 'quarter past' and 'quarter to'. Year 3 has reviewed 'o'clock', 'half past', 'quarter past', and 'quarter to', then advanced to 'minutes to' and 'minutes past'. In Geography, Year 3 started their new topic 'What are rivers and how do they work?' by examining the water cycle, which aligns nicely with our Science topic. In Science this week, we delved into understanding the behaviour of particles within solid, liquid, and gas, investigating the reasons for their distinct behaviours. Children participating in swimming lessons on Wednesdays are thoroughly enjoying themselves and demonstrating good progress.

### Team Queen Bee

This week, Years 4 and 5 have been working hard solidifying their knowledge of multiplication and division. The children have been using their times tables to be able to answer related questions fluently. In English, the children are now beginning to write their own speeches ready to perform next week. They will be aiming to persuade their audience that no child should be without an education, and we have been discussing why it is important that all children have a fair and equal access to education across the globe. We have continued our work looking at Victorian census information and have been considering whether old census information is reliable. In music, the children have been exploring film music and have been practising using the correct musical vocabulary to describe the music accompanying different film scenes. In the coming weeks, the children will try composing some of their own film music and are welcome to bring in their own instruments for this project.

### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Queenbees Carlisle Archives session in school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Reception and KS1 Festival at William Howard School
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Honeybees class trip to Hutton in the Forest
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Queen Bees trip to RSPB Geltsdale
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Market on the Marr stall in Castle Carrock
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 3 /4 Tennis competition
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	I can fitness sessions in school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Queen Bees Garden Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Woodland activities – over 2 days