



Headteacher's Headlines

Welcome back everyone! It was so lovely to see you all on Monday, ready for the exciting half term ahead. It has been a fantastic first week back. On Tuesday, we had a visit from Matt Hood the CEO of Oak National Academy and he was extremely impressed with the wonderful children of Castle Carrock. Please take a look at the dates for your diary section as we have some exciting events coming up including a celebratory picnic for the Grand opening of the school gardens and our Olympic themed sports day! As always, please get in touch if you have any questions or need any further information.

Warmest Wishes,
Sarah

Blue Peter Badges

The children who took part in the Extra Curricular club were excited to receive their Blue Badges. We will be working towards achieving more Blue Peter badges across the next academic year.



Komatsu Climate Heroes Thursday weekly sessions

Queen Bee class have their first session with Natasha from Komatsu Climate Heroes with Carlisle United Community Sports Trust. During these sessions they will be learning about both climate change and sustainability.

KidSafe

Queen Bee Class had their first Kid Safe session. We talked about the ways we can keep ourselves safe and the meaning of trust. We talked about lots of different feelings including happiness and excitement as well as feeling sad, scared or worried. If you have any questions about the Kidsafe programme, please speak to either Mrs Lee or Miss Bowman.



DDay

Team Bumblebees spent some time honouring the sacrifices that thousands of Allied troops made all those years ago.



Year 5 & 6 Growing and changing & Reproduction

Donna Moore Specialist Health Educator visited school today to talk to the Year 5 & 6 children about changing and reproduction.

Sponsored - get our school to Paris

This year's sports day is themed around the Olympics! To help raise money for school funds, the PTFA have sent a sponsorship form home last half term with all the children in their bags. We would love to get our school to Paris by completing 755km in various ways including cycling, running, walking or even skipping! You will find all the details on the sponsorship form.



Extra-Curricular clubs

Information has been sent out on ParentMail for the clubs starting next week. They are running for 4/5 weeks this half term.

Water Safety Talk Wednesday 11th June

We are delighted to welcome Cumbria Fire in for a Water Safety Assembly with the children.



Maypole Dancing Thursday 12th June

We cannot wait for the Maypole Dancing in school next week, watch out for our performance at the Castle Carrock Carnival on Saturday 29th June.

Grand Opening of Castle Carrock Primary School Gardens Friday 14th June 2.30pm

Please join us for the opening of our beautiful garden which will be celebrated with a family picnic. The gardens will be opened by Sylvia on her last day with us at Castle Carrock. We wish Sylvia all the best and hope she enjoys spending more time with her family. The picnic is open to families and the community volunteers that helped shape our wonderful garden. Come with a picnic blanket and some nibbles.

Class News

Team Honeybees

This week in Honeybees we have turned our attention to spiders as we launch our final topic for the year; Minibeasts. Using the wonderful Lydia Monks picture book *Aaarrgghh Spider!*, as a stimulus for writing, the children have been working hard to develop their sentence writing skills or, for our youngest learners, talking about the story and representing what they can remember in a drawing. We have also spent time working on fine motor skills by threading wool to make some lovely spiders webs and the children created some very cute little spiders to go in the webs using pipe cleaners and cut up toilet rolls. In maths the focus has been on odd and even numbers and then making double numbers to 10 and beyond. We definitely have some budding mathematicians in our midst! The highlight from this week has been time spent down in the garden lifting up stones and wooden stumps in search of minibeasts. The children found worms, woodlice, slugs, a centipede and slug eggs and were delighted with their finds. Next week we move on to butterflies and we are hoping to have some live caterpillars move into class for the remainder of the term so we can see what happens as they turn from tiny, brown, wiggly caterpillars, into beautiful butterflies.

Team Bumblebees

This week, our focus in English has been on performance poetry. We have investigated the key features of poetry and are currently exploring adjectives to vividly describe the season of summer. In Mathematics, our Year 1 students have been learning about statistics through the collection and representation of data using tally charts. Year 2 students have delved deeper into this concept, utilising tables and block diagrams to display their gathered data. Year 3 have revisited tally charts, moving on to create pictograms and bar charts to present information. In Science, Year 3 and 4 have embarked on a new topic, 'Living Things and their Habitats - Conservation'. We commenced with an examination of how seasons impact animal habitats across the globe. In Art, we have introduced sculpture to the students. They have experimented with various thicknesses of paper to construct towers, exploring how altering the tightness of rolling impacts the width of the tower.



Team Queen Bee

Queen Bees have had a good first week back after a restful half term. In maths, the Year 6s will now be working on a variety of projects in which they can apply their all that they have learned this year. Their first project is about planning a holiday, and they have been using their knowledge of statistics to interpret information about the climate in different potential holiday destinations. Meanwhile, Year 4 and 5 are currently looking at telling the time and problem solving with this information. In English, the Queen Bees have been looking at the difference between autobiographies and biographies, and have been using their reading skills to work out which is which. Queen Bees will be learning about environmental issues in both their science and geography topics this term. To help us do this, the children will be benefiting from sessions with the Kamatsu Climate Heroes, and we look forward to our first session at the end of this week.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 10 th June	NHS screening hearing Reception children
Tuesday 11 th June	Water Safety Talk with Cumbria Fire
Thursday 13 th June	Maypole Dancing
Friday 14 th June	Tempest Photography class photos
Friday 14 th June	Castle Carrock Garden Grand opening 2.30pm
Saturday 15 th June	Open Gardens in the village all weekend.
Sunday 16 th June	Open Gardens in the village all weekend
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 4 CET Sports Festival at Whitehaven
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 6 Parents Meeting at Castle Carrock with William Howard School Senior Leadership
Thursday 20 th June	Break the Rules Day – Eden Valley Hospice
Thurs 20 th & Frid 21 st June	David Corrie Woodland Day
Friday 21 st June	CET Photos whole school
Tuesday 25 th June	Olympic themed sports Day 1:15pm - 3:15pm