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Where has this half-term gone? It has been a very busy, fun-packed half-term for everyone! Everyone has achieved such a lot in such a short amount of time! We hope that you all have a lovely Easter holidays and look forward to hearing all about them when we come back!

Decorated Egg Competition

Wow! What fantastic decorated eggs everyone brought in on Tuesday! Thank you for making such an effort with these! Every year we are blown away with the imaginative ideas you all have and love seeing how proud the children are of what they have created. Knowing how difficult it was going to be to judge these egg masterpieces, we roped in the help of Mrs Winzor, who found it extremely difficult to pick out a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class so also gave an overall prize for 'highly commended'. Well done everyone! Please see the 'News and Events' section of the website for more photos!



Class 1

Class 1 have been busy learning about Easter and creating Easter gardens to represent the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Miss Ward has also called upon some of the expert gardeners in class 1 to start sowing the flowers for her wedding bouquet. The boys are confident that the flowers will be fully in bloom for the beginning of August. No pressure boys!



Class 2 Forest School

On Monday, we spent a wonderfully sunny afternoon looking for signs of Spring and studying the plants that grow in our woods. We looked closely at the plant diversity and considered why certain plants grow in certain areas of the forest. On our way down to the forest, we chose 3 lines on the palms of our hand to highlight with pen. We then looked for similar lines in nature as we made our way through the field and down the track. We can't wait to go to the forest again!



Class 3

In Class 3 this week, we have been baking cupcakes as a reward for reaching half way in our marble jar. We have also been busy finishing our space quest stories, writing persuasive letters and learning about 3D shapes.



Easter Fair

A huge thank you to the PTA who have once again organised a wonderful Easter Fair, and thank you to everyone who was able to join us! Each class thoroughly enjoyed singing their Easter songs to everyone, which they sang beautifully! We raised a brilliant £277.30! Please see the PTA section of the website for a few more photos and more information about other events the PTA organise!



Height and Weight

On Tuesday 16th April, reception and year 6 will be having their height and weight measurements taken in school. Before Christmas, you received a letter from the NHS regarding this.

Residential

Thank you to those parents and children who were able to attend the presentation about the residential on Wednesday. Also a big thank you to Claire, from Great Tower, who delivered the presentation; it was very informative and answered a lot of questions that we had about the visits.

The residential for classes 2 and 3 have a parental contribution. Some of the money raised by the PTA has gone towards paying for the cost of the buses as well as school contributing some money from the Sport Premium for each child towards the cost of the trip. Your contributions to trips are greatly appreciated and mean the children can continue to enjoy these types of experiences!

Dashing to get our Kids Splashing!

On Saturday 11th May, Mrs Kirky and Mrs Isherwood will be joining a team of walkers to take part in the Coniston to Barrow sponsored walk. The C2B is approximately 21 miles long, starting at Coniston Sports & Social Centre, and following the same route as the K2B all the way down to the finish at Hawcoat Park Sports Club in Barrow. They will be walking to raise money for the **Bootle Swimming Pool Project**. If you would like to sponsor them, please get in touch as any donations will be most welcome!

Website

Don't forget to look at the different sections on our website to see what we have been up to. The class pages have photos and videos of the exciting things we do in class, under 'News and Events' there are tabs to some of the new experiences we have introduced in school (i.e. the sensory room, the daily mile, etc.), and under 'About Us' you can find out about our aims and values as well as different procedures (e.g. safeguarding).

Nursery Open Afternoons

On Tuesday 11th June and Tuesday 18th June, we are having Nursery Open Afternoons in class 1 from 2-3pm. Children of any age are welcome to join us and it will give you the opportunity to see what we have to offer. Please visit the 'Nursery' section of our website to see the Nursery Open Afternoon leaflet. We hope to see you then!

Nursery Places

We have places remaining for nursery next term (after Easter), and bookings are now also being taken for children to start in September. If you will be requiring a place at our nursery, either this year or next, we recommend you contact us sooner rather than later to ensure your child can get a place!

Rising 3s are able to enter our nursery provision at the start of the term in which they will turn 3, however all sessions will need to be paid for until they receive funding. All 3-year-old nursery pupils, are currently entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare per week (some children may be entitled for up to 30 hours depending on your circumstances) starting in the term following their 3rd birthday. You are then able to top this up if you wish. If you are unsure, please discuss your options with us - pop in and see Mrs Hey in the office for further information.

If your child already attends nursery but you wish to increase their hours, please remember this can only happen at the beginning of a new half term to allow for the appropriate staffing to be in place. **Please get in touch asap if you wish your child's hours to change after Easter.** Thank you!

The Big Battery Hunt

Your child has been sent home with a 'Big Battery Hunt Box', where you can place your used batteries. As soon as you have filled your box, send it into school where they will be collected and taken to be recycled. By helping to recycle as many batteries as possible, our school could win:

- A 2-night class trip to the sustainability centre
- A 3-year subscription to MyMaths worth £1000
- £2000 worth of school equipment vouchers
- iPads
- Certificates and trophies

For more information, please visit <https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/>

Carpark

Another reminder that if you are dropping off or collecting children from school, please can you ensure that your car is stationary while children and adults are on the carpark. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of everyone. Thank you for your understanding!

Graduated Driving License (G.D.L.)

"A graduated driving licence puts a set of restrictions on new drivers who have recently passed their test, for an initial period of time.

Government statistics repeatedly suggest as many as a quarter of newly-qualified motorists are involved in an accident during their first two years on the road - with 400 young UK drivers sustaining serious or fatal injuries each year.

Although no countrywide scheme is currently in place, the government is exploring its possibilities, with the ultimate aim of reducing this worrying number of early-stage accidents."

(RAC, 2019, <https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/learning-to-drive/graduated-driving-licences/>)

There is clearly a need for the G.D.L. in the UK Sharron Huddleston has set up a petition in memory of her daughter, Caitlin Huddleston, which ultimately aims to protect our younger generation.

In January, Sharron was invited to speak about the need for the introduction of the Graduated Driving License in the UK at a meeting organised by Keoghs in the Houses of Parliament. The need for change is also recognised by insurance companies, such as LV, Admiral and RAC.

To find out more about why the GDL needs to be adopted in the UK, please watch the following clip: https://youtu.be/Y1vINaZG4_c

A message from Sharron...

Please can you support "Caitlin's Campaign" and sign our petition for the introduction of the Graduated Driving License in the UK. As a parent, there is no greater tragedy than losing a child. The G.D.L. is a positive law to protect our younger generation.

The G.D.L. is a vital lifesaving policy, because young drivers are known to be at a very high risk of serious and fatal crashes, and the G.D.L. helps to address this.

It would be greatly appreciated from all of Caitlin's family if you could help our campaign and sign our petition: <https://planetradio.co.uk/hits-radio/manchester/news/caitlin-campaign-the-petition/>

Achievements

Well done to the winners of both the 'burgundy jumper' and 'good to be green' this week. These are:

Class 1 - Lily and Jessica

Class 2 - Max and Annie

Class 3 - Eve and Darcy

The class with the highest attendance this week is...



Class 2!



School dates for your diary

15th April - Back to school

16th April - Reception and Year 6 height and weight

18th April - Easter Service at Corney Church

19th April - Good Friday (Bank Holiday)

22nd April - Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)

13th May - KS2 SATs week

14th May - Bag2School collection

20th May - Class 2 residential (1 night)

21st May - Class 3 residential (2 nights)

24th May - Class 1 leading Collective Worship 9am

- Break for half-term holidays

Kind regards,

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