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Welcome back after half-term and we hope you all had a lovely time!
What a great week back and even the sun has made an appearance - spring is almost here!

Class 1

We have a very special visitor in class 1...our very own classroom fairy! She waits until we have all gone home and then pops out of her little fairy door to see what we have been getting up to each day. We have been writing her letters and she is VERY impressed with our writing! The Classroom Fairy writes a reply to each of our letters every night - what a busy little fairy! Luckily, Sam, the Attendance Bear, has been on hand to help handle the volume of post!

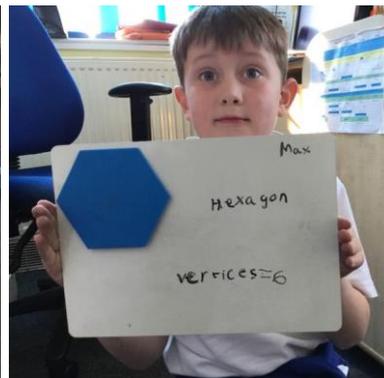
We have also been enjoying the sunny weather with a bit of birdwatching and planting. We have put our seed potatoes onto the windowsill to chit ready for the inter class potato growing competition. Class 1 are looking forward to retaining the title of champion growers for the second year running! Our initial tactic is to talk to our seed potatoes as they chit; this should ensure we grow some whoppers!



Class 2

This week we have been very busy looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We learnt about the faces, edges and vertices of the shapes and sorted them into our own Venn diagrams. We then built 3D models and labelled the shapes we used, as well as finding and naming 2D and 3D shapes in our environment.

We have also chitted our seed potatoes, which are currently sunning themselves, in preparation for the Annual Potato Growing Competition - we are certain that this year is our year to be champion potato growers!



Class 3

On Monday, class 3 went to Drigg Beach to start their journey to achieving the John Muir Award, and we could not have asked for better weather! We had so much fun exploring the sand dunes, exploring rock pools, finding different kind of animals and even building sandcastles and creating our own sand art. Everyone was exhausted by the end of the day and we cannot wait to go back to discover and conserve this beautiful area!

The fun did not stop there...later that week we then chitted our potatoes and are already thinking of ways to ensure they grow as big as possible so as to regain the title of Potato Growing Champions!



Bright Stars

This week the children ensured that all their posters were in place around school and three representatives went to the other two classes to remind children that the 'bag shop' would be open every morning from 8:50 until 9:10am. The children also drew up a rota for each morning so that everyone could experience selling the bags. Our first morning (Thursday 28th February), was a huge success with lots of orders for personalised bags. We have also set up an event on the British Heart Foundation Gift of Hope page, which is our chosen charity.



The Daily Mile

Next week we are starting 'The Daily Mile' where children will get out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom. If you would like to find out more information about this, please look at 'The Daily Mile' section of the website under the 'News and Events' tab.

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/>

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 half term or Easter. Thank you!

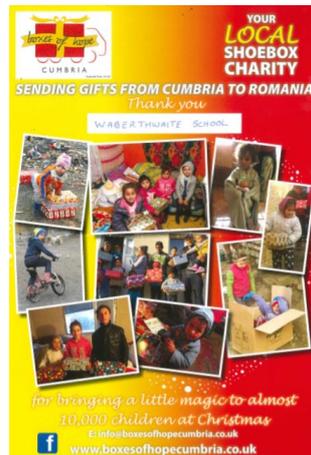
Irton Church

On Tuesday 19th March, class 2 will be visiting Irton Church to explore the stained glass windows and baptism, which links to our focus in RE this term of 'what is the trinity?' We will be going in the morning and be back in time for lunch.

World Book Day

Don't forget to come to school dressed as your favourite book character on Thursday 7th March for World Book Day!

Thank you from Boxes of Hope



Residential

The time is steadily approaching to when classes 2 and 3 will be going on their residential to Scout Adventures Great Tower, near Newby Bridge.

Letters will be sent out next week, which will provide you with more information about the visit as well as the parental contribution.

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!

Achievements

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

Class 1 - Jessica and Isabelle

Class 2 - Kyle and Luke

Class 3 - Lucy and Ellie

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



Class 1!



School dates for your diary

4th March - Class 3 Beach School day

5th March - 'Relax Kids' sessions for all classes (Y5&6 from St. Bega's joining class 3)

7th March - World Book Day

- Class 1 Drumming with Zozo

11th March - British Science Week

- Science Dome for all classes

- Forest School class 1 PM (nursery remain at school)

13th March - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 'Bridges & Tunnels' Science Workshop at Millom Discovery Centre (PM)

14th March - Years 1 & 2 'Flight' Science Workshop at Millom Discovery Centre (PM)

18th March - Class 3 Beach School day

19th March - Cycle Wise with year 5

- Class 2 visit to Irton Church AM

20th March - Cycle Wise with year 5

21st March - Cycle Wise with year 5

22nd March - Years 3, 4 & 5 last swimming session before Easter

25th March - Forest School class 2 PM

29th March - Break for Easter holidays at 1:30pm

15th April - Back to school

18th April - Easter Service at Corney Church 9am

19th April - Good Friday (Bank Holiday)

22nd April - Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)

13th May - KS2 SATs week

20th May - Class 2 residential (1 night)

21st May - Class 3 residential (2 nights)

Kind regards,

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