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This week was British Science Week and we have taken part in lots of science exploration in school with visitors and outside of school!

Science Dome

Our Science Week started with a bang with a visit from the Science Dome! Each class had an opportunity to have a session in the dome.

Class 1 started their morning with a walk with dinosaurs, where they found out lots about the different dinosaurs and how they survived. We also really enjoyed handling some fossils.



Class 2 enjoyed exploring rocks and fossils, before entering Ancient Egypt and finding out about how they lived and the different star formations.



Class 3 went on an adventure through the Solar System and beyond, before exploring natural selection and the origin of life.



Forest School

Class 1 had a fantastic time at Forest School and built some wonderful fairy houses! Please look at class 1's page for more photos.



Bridges and Tunnels Workshop

On Wednesday, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a fantastic time at Millom Discovery Centre where they developed their knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through a 'Bridges and Tunnels Workshop'. We first learnt the difference between bridges and tunnels and we were then given materials and a time limit to make our own bridge as a team. At the end we tested them to see if they would hold a toy train. This was all funded by Millom Discovery Centre, who also paid for the buses for us to get there - thank you!



Flight Workshop

On Thursday, as part of British Science Week, years 1 and 2 enjoyed a 'Flight Workshop' at Millom Discovery Centre. We impressed Sarah with our existing knowledge about gravity and forces and she helped us discover more about the physics involved in flight. We created our own paper aeroplanes, drew some great pictures of old aeroplanes and explored the museum. As with the 'Bridges and Tunnels Workshop', Millom Discovery Centre funded all of the trip so once again thank you!



Red Nose Day

Today we had a non-uniform for Red Nose Day, where we brought in a £1 donation to raise money for Comic Relief. In total, including the money raised from the Red Nose sales, we raised a fantastic £97.75! Well done everyone! The money we have raised will go towards supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally by funding amazing organisations that do amazing things! Thank you for supporting this great cause!



Bright Stars

Class 2 would like to announce that we raised £200 in the sale of our bags for the competition deadline. However, we have decided that we would like to try and sell our surplus bags to raise even more money for the British Heart Foundation and our school. We will be selling individual bags for £5 and £8 for two.

Class 2 would like to thank everyone for their support and thank you for your custom.



Mrs Cummings' Return Date

Mrs Cummings has confirmed the date she is returning as July 1st and we look forward to her coming back to school! On her return, Mrs Cummings will be in the office while Mr Yates continues to teach class 3 full time up until the summer holidays.

Residential

Letters went out last week about classes 2 and 3's residentials to Scout Adventures Great Tower, near Newby Bridge, and the parental contribution for these trips. 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!

On Wednesday 27th March at 3:30pm there will be a presentation about classes 2 and 3's residentials to Great Tower. There will be representatives from Great Tower to deliver this who will explain the activities as well as kit lists, etc. It is a good opportunity for you or your children to be able to ask any questions you may have about the residential. We hope you can make it!

Parental Questionnaires

Last week we sent your child home with a parental questionnaire. We would really appreciate you completing this with your feedback about the school. We have also added an extra box on the back of

the questionnaire for you to make comments in about what you feel we are doing well, what your child has gained a lot from, or any improvements you think would benefit the school. We hope to be able to share some of these comments on our school website and display them in school, as a way of celebrating our successes. We really appreciate the time you take on giving us this useful feedback! Thank you!

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

Today 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 - Amelia & Olivia and Aggie

Class 2 - Sam and Reuben

Class 3 - Aaron and Katrina

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



Classes 1 & 2!



School dates for your diary

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 - Class 2 leading Collective Worship 9am

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

25th March - Forest School class 2 (PM)

26th March - Easter Egg Competition

- Easter Fair (PM)

27th March - Presentation about classes 2 and 3's residentials for parents and children 3:30pm

28th March - Film Club watching The Incredibles 2

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

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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