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Next week is the last week before we break up for the Easter holidays! Next Friday (29th March), school will be finishing at 1:30pm. If your child gets a bus home, the bus will be collecting them from school at this time.

Class 3 Beach School

At Beach School this week, we went for a walk to try and find Natter Jack Toads. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to find any, however, we did find a warden's hut. We also found some Owl pellets, which we further investigated when we got back to school. We really enjoyed working in teams to build shelters, finishing off the day with a campfire, marshmallows and hot juice, which was the perfect way to warm up after a long day of exploring!



Class 2 Irton Church

Class 2 had a fantastic time at Irton Church on Tuesday and found out so much! We learnt about the different parts of the church and the history of the architecture. Did you know that some of the windows were designed and made in William Morris' studio? After that one of the bell ringers told us all about the different bells and we even got a chance to ring them...which was trickier than it looked! Reverend Hart then talked us through the service that takes place when someone is being baptised before walking around the outside of the church to see the Celtic cross, which is one of the oldest relics on site. For more photos, take a look at our class page on the website.



Bikeability

Some of the children in class 3 have been very busy this week completing their Bikeability training. We now know lots about how to safely ride our bikes.



Hockey Competition

Well done to those in years 3 and 4 that competed at the Hockey Competition at Millom School on Wednesday. You were brilliant sports people and demonstrated all our sporting values, in particular respect and teamwork!

Class 2 Collective Worship

What a wonderful collective worship class 2 lead today! Everyone enjoyed learning about the Baptism of Jesus and sharing their own opinions. A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us and be part of our collective worship - it was great to see so many people!



We look forward to class 1 leading collective worship on Friday 24th May!

Class 1

This week we have had a really good time hunting for fossils. We brushed sand and rocks to see if there was anything in them. When we had found the skeletons we then made imprints in salt dough to make our own fossils. We then had fun digging for dinosaur treasure in the sand pit, which was filled with dinosaurs, bones and fossils.

We also learnt about the Easter story where Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. We made our own hot cross buns from a special play dough which had mixed spice and raisins in, and smelt delicious!



Residential

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!

On Wednesday 27th March at 3:30pm there will be a presentation about classes 2 and 3's residential 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!

School Dinners

Next week is Mr Drage's last week in the kitchen before starting his new job at Muncaster Castle. We wish him the very best for the future and will be sad to see him leave! After the Easter holidays, we will be going to a single option menu for the half-term, with the daily alternative of baguette or jacket potato. After the week off in May, we will be back to usual. Thank you for your understanding!

Easter Fair

Next Tuesday (26th March) at 1:30pm we will be holding the Easter Fair in the school hall, which will be run by the PTA. From 1:45pm, each class will take turns to perform an Easter song.

There will be a raffle where you could have the opportunity of winning our Easter hamper as well as many others prizes. There will also be a 'Guess the Name of the Chick' competition, where you could be in with the chance of winning this cute, cuddly toy!



If you would like to contribute any baked goods towards the cake stall or any raffle prizes, it would be very much appreciated! Thank you and we hope to see you there!

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!

Parental Questionnaires

We would really appreciate it if you could complete the parental questionnaire 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 - Esmee and William

Class 2 - Lacey and Maisie

Class 3 - Harry and Jake

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



Class 3!



School dates for your diary

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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