



# Newsletter

Friday, 26th April 2024

## Taste of the Sea 2024

This week, we were visited by a resident artist, who worked on a special project with our Year 5 pupils. In the session, they looked at the 'Alauno Aura,' which sits on the promenade in Maryport. They saw that this sculpture, installed in 2008, has different images cut out to represent the history of Maryport, including Romans and Vikings. The artist taught them a range of skills for drawing with chalk and charcoal to show light, form and shade. The class produced some wonderful artwork, which has been taken away for judging. The best piece will be made into a sticker for the Taste of the Sea Festival, to be held in the town this August. A big thank you to John McNamee, the artist, for his time, teaching and techniques.



Term 3 Week 2

## Sickness

Well what a week it has been. As you are aware, we have identified that a number of children within school are off ill at the present time with symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. The numbers are larger than would normally be expected. The symptoms are suggestive of viral gastroenteritis (often caused by norovirus) and it is known that high levels of viral illness are currently circulating in the community.

If your child is affected with these symptoms we would like to reiterate to parents, carers and staff members that children should remain off school until they have been **symptom free for 48 hours**. This advice will be strictly adhered to for the general health and wellbeing of the whole school community. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Information about viral gastroenteritis is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-vomiting-gastroenteritis/>

## Keeping Safe

My main priority is the safety and wellbeing of our pupils. During our assembly this morning, we discussed all of the things that we do in school to stay safe. We talked about the importance of washing our hands to stop viruses spreading and looked at all of the people in school who can help us if we are worried or concerned about something. Following this, we had a lockdown practice. Children were both indoors and outside when the alarm was raised but we were able to get everybody locked down in just over 3 minutes.



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This week we have continued to settle in our new children and have been supporting them in getting to know the routines of our Nursery. The older children have been a brilliant help over the past two weeks and have been really supportive of the new starters. They have shown kindness and empathy towards them and have been enjoying building new friendships together. Our older children continue to amaze us with their independence and show us daily how they can get their coats, wellies and waterproofs on, all by themselves!

We have been spending a lot of time exploring the outdoor area this week. Our flowers are finally starting to grow and the children have been enjoying using the gardening resources to help Mrs Jackson with our new flower beds. We are excited to watch more flowers and vegetables grow! We have been making dens underneath the trees so we have some shade on these warmer days and have enjoyed setting up our own camps. The children have been using our building resources to create towers; stacking crates and loose parts to create vehicles, models and houses. The children have also been feeding our tadpoles and they have been getting bigger every week. They are very excited to see them turn into frogs!



This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

**Tommy Chamberlain and Ellie Ross**

Well done Nursery - Another super week!



# Reception

This week we have been continuing with our 'Growth' topic and decided that we wanted to make a giant class beanstalk! We quickly set to work painting cardboard tubes and leaves and soon we will be able to piece it all together in our classroom. We also decided that we wanted to have a go at constructing beanstalks out of some of the resources we have available in class. We made some super beanstalks!

With the lovely weather, we have also been making the most of our outdoor classroom. We enjoyed some parachute games and even played some of our favourite playtime games including 'Duck, Duck, Goose' and 'What's the time Mr. Wolf?'



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Reception go to:

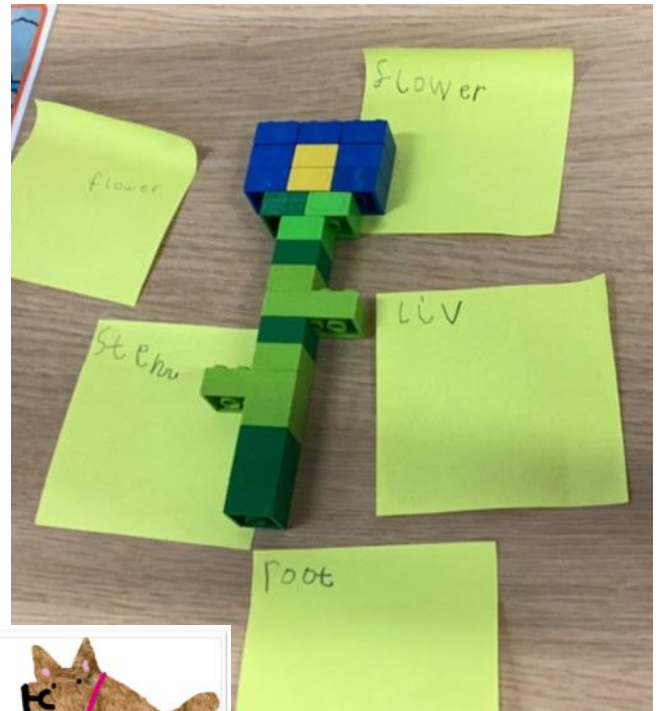
**Emilie Manchester and Marcie Marsden**



# Year 1

This week in Maths, we have been learning about equal and unequal amounts, grouping and making arrays. Multiplication can be tricky but their knowledge of 2's, 5's and 10's from last week has really helped them. In English, we continued reading 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been looking at capital letters and full stops and using capital letters for names and places. The children also wrote some different openers for the beginning of the story, which they are going to write next week. In topic this week, we have been exploring what the weather is like in Kenya and we found out that it is by the equator, so it is a very hot place. In Science, we made our own plants and labelled them. Some children made them with Lego, some drew them, some painted them and some children used wooden blocks. They looked fantastic. In Computing this week, the children have been making a front cover for their very own e-book, they look amazing.

Well done Year 1 another brilliant week.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Y1 go to:

**Poppy McManus and Hunter Campbell**



# Year 2

What a fun-filled week we have had in Year 2!

We started off planting sweet pea seeds for our Science topic. We are carrying out comparative tests to investigate what conditions seeds need to grow. Everyone has their own plant however three of them are being treated differently, one without water, one without warmth and one without sunlight. We are going to observe how well they grow over the next half term.

In Maths, we measured in litres and learned about temperature and how to read it using thermometers. In English, we planned and wrote a recount in the past tense, acting as the character 'Iris' who finds a lion in her back garden. The children also wrote and illustrated 'wanted posters' for the missing lion.

In Art, the children experimented with clay and practised different shaping techniques. They made a fantastic range of models such as mountains, flamingos and snails! To finish off the week, in Geography, the children located different coastlines in the UK using Google Earth and shaded them in on maps. Good work Year 2!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 2 go to:

**Knox Hodgson and Paddy Pattinson**



# Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been diving into the world of fractions. We had a blast using pizzas to grasp the concept of equivalent fractions. We also explored which fractions are equal to each other and how to work with fractions using a number line. It has been a fun and interactive learning experience!

In English, we have started reading our new class book, 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. The children enjoyed answering questions in character of Mr Fox and the farmers. We had some great farmer accents! We have made the most of the dry weather to finish our Geography topic. We mapped the school grounds and used compass points to plan our own expedition. The children enjoyed using their iPads to find the school on Google Earth and they used this to help them map the school.

In Science, we continued our new 'Light' topic and we are excited to take part in a practical light investigation next week. In RE, we had an interesting and very philosophical lesson on forgiveness - the children all shared stories about what forgiveness means to them.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:  
**Charlie Ross and Leon Spriggs**

# Year 4

In Year 4, we have started our new Science topic which is all about 'Sound'. To begin this topic, we played a 'mystery sound' game where children had to listen closely to guess what the sound was and how it was made. After this, the classroom became very lively as the children experimented with different classroom objects to understand how vibrations create sound. Hitting the drum with counters on and the ruler twang were their favourites!

In P.E the children continued to work hard on the choreography for the Wizard of Oz dance and have made good progress.

In Maths, we are continuing to look at fractions. This week our focus has been on improper fractions and mixed numbers. There was a lightbulb moment at one point when some of the children noticed patterns and how fractions are related to the times tables.

This week's Headteacher's

Awards in Year 4 go to:

**Henry Smith and Esther Blackburn**



# Year 5

In English this week, we have been using subordinate clauses to enhance our writing, and in Maths, we have been reading and interpreting data from tables. We also enjoyed an energetic afternoon, using our bodies to produce a range of percussive rhythms during our Music lesson.

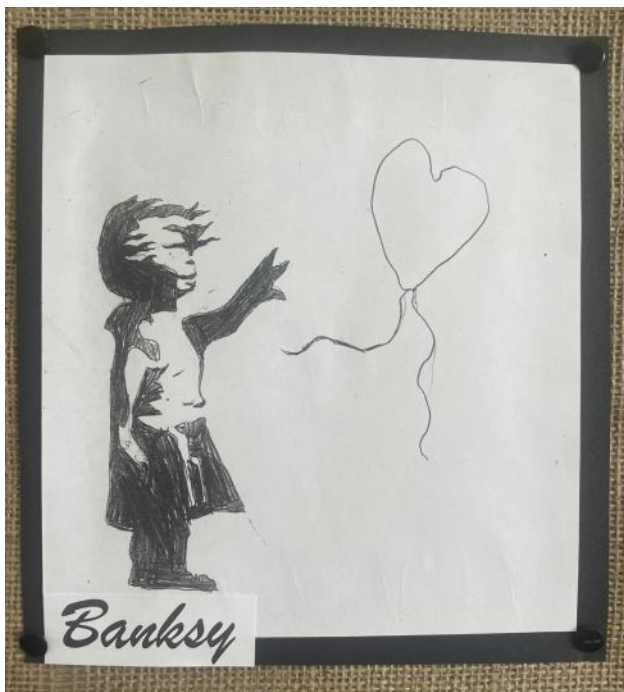
As well as the Maryport Art project, the class have also been working on gathering ideas to create a business proposal for Year 4 and 5's entry in the 'Bright Stars' young enterprise competition. Together they will plan and run a number of events to spark their creativity and develop their understanding of how a business is run.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 5 go to:

**Fahren-Cole Adams and Amelia Simpson**



# YEAR 6



In Maths, we have looked at the sum of interior angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and any other polygon. We identified the properties of a circle and noticed the relationship between the radius and the diameter. We used our knowledge to answer reasoning questions related to shape.

In Art, we researched an artist of our choice and created a research page. We picked our artist based on their work and how it made us feel. We focused on the artists' style, inspiration and the techniques they use to achieve their work. We then created our own piece of art inspired by our chosen artist. We are very proud of our creations and they have made a beautiful display board in our classroom.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 6 go to:

**Bella Dixon and Amelia-Grace Robertson**



### Courtesy Cups

It was lovely to award the Courtesy Cups in assembly this morning to the following pupils:

Early Years — **Joey Denwood**

Key Stage 1— **Poppy McManus**

Lower Key Stage 2 — **Esther Blackburn**

Upper Key Stage 2 — **Lacey Morris**



It is important to us that we listen to our pupil voice. Our School Council met with Ms. Scott on Monday and fed back the suggestions and concerns raised by their peers. Ideas put forward included having more outdoor play equipment, increasing collaboration between older and younger classes and increasing bike storage. I will now go through the minutes and see what we can do to proceed with some of these requests. I will take some of their thoughts to the next FODS meeting.

### King Charles III

This morning, we received a special delivery - an official portrait of King Charles III. This now takes pride of place in our main reception area.



### Recycle

There is now a special box in our main entrance where batteries can be recycled.

### Term Dates

#### Autumn Term

6th September—19th December



#### Spring Term

4th January—28th March



#### Summer Term

16th April—19th July (1:30pm)

(Half Term: 27th May—31st May)



### Attendance



Attendance for week ending 26/04/24

(Please note that Nursery is not included as this is non-statutory education)

Reception	70.89%
Year 1	78.08%
Year 2	93.83%
Year 3	86.78%
Year 4	87.55%
Year 5	92.44%
Year 6	99.28%

Whole School Attendance = **88.02%**

### Useful Information



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