



Newsletter

Friday, 22nd March 2024

Spring Discos

Although it did not feel like Spring had arrived, as we walked to school in the icy rain on Thursday, we still managed to enjoy our Spring discos. Pupils from across the school had a great time dancing along to their favourite songs. We were impressed by their dance moves and are looking forward to seeing these again in our Summer Shows.



Term 2 Week 12

Coffee Morning

It was lovely to welcome our Dearham Primary School community into school on Thursday for a coffee morning. Well done to our School Council for decorating and selling the cakes, in aid of the Marie Curie charity. We raised £83.22

Thank you!



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We have had a very busy week in Nursery! We have been learning all about Spring Flowers. The children enjoyed reading 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and learning all about the life cycle of a flower. We used watercolours to paint beautiful daffodils. The children really took their time and carefully observed the daffodils, while they painted them. We have finally had some sunshine so we have been outside watering our new flowers, which are growing nicely. We already have some crocuses, daffodils and pansies! We have also been doing lots of Easter crafts this week; making sheep, decorating Easter eggs, painting bunnies and lots more too!

On Wednesday, we welcomed lots of new children into the Nursery for our open morning and our new starters' afternoon. It was a wonderful day and it was so lovely to meet new faces, some of whom will be starting with us after Easter. We also welcomed Mrs Lucey, our new Nursery Teacher. The children really enjoyed getting to know her and I know she had a lovely morning with them.

In Maths, we have been doing lots of counting games. The children enjoyed playing games on the big screen and have been recognising numbers and having a go at writing numbers up to 5, using chalks, pencils and paint brushes.

In Phonics our sound for this week is 'r' and we have been thinking of lots of different objects and animals beginning with 'r'. This fitted in really well with our 'Rainbows' theme from last week too!



This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Imogen Lister and Archie Smyth

This week we have made the most of the sunshine by enjoying our outdoor classroom. We have loved building dens, throwing and catching balls and enjoying the fresh air.

In Maths, we are learning our number bonds to 5 and 10 and have been identifying odd and even numbers. In RE, we are looking at the Easter story and talked about how Christians celebrate Easter.



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

Callan Shields and Ella Cook

Congratulations!

Reception



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been completing their NFER booklets. These are assessments in English and Mathematics and help us identify next steps. They have all worked extremely hard and I am really proud of them all.

In Geography, the children have been looking at beaches in the UK and abroad, noticing what is the same and what is different. In Science, they have been finding out about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and then sorting animals into those groups. We also learned about pets and the children made a bar chart to show the pets we have in Year 1. In the independent areas, the children watched videos on dolphins and wrote facts about them. They weighed weighed and compared objects in Maths, and said which things were heavier and lighter than others.



Year 2

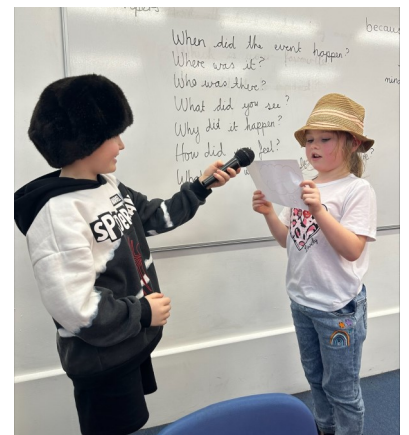
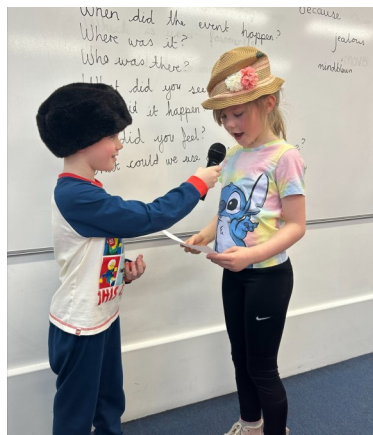


This week's Headteacher's Awards in Y1 go to:
Wilson Short and Hayden Gee

This week in Year 2, the children have worked incredibly hard completing their Maths and Reading assessments. We are very proud of the progress that they have made since the Autumn term.

In Science, we looked at self hygiene and how easily germs can be spread. We discussed all of the different ways to keep ourselves clean and children made their own daily routines. In History, we investigated the significance of the 1969 Moon Landing. The children came up with questions they would like to have asked Astronaut Neil Armstrong and role played with each other to come up with some answers, based on the facts they learned in the lesson.

In PSHE, we looked at parts of the body, the correct names for them and discussed appropriate contact. The children finished off the week celebrating their hard work in the Spring Disco; well deserved Year 2!



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

William Shaw and Elliott Tubman



Well done!

Year 3

We have had a lovely week in Year 3. It has been assessment week and we are so proud of all of the children's efforts. We have also completed our DT work for the term. We hope you all like the cushions the children brought home.

The children showed their amazing artistic talents by completing mirror image animals. They have also been busy in RE learning about what different religions believe happens when we make good, or sometimes the wrong, choices.

We all had a fantastic time at our Spring Disco on Thursday and we are very excited for the upcoming holidays!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:

Poppy Hindmoor and Owen Wilkinson



Year 4



This week in Maths we have been continuing to learn about the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. The class drew their own shapes to a given perimeter and were also able to decipher missing side lengths. We were impressed with the children's mathematical vocabulary!

On Wednesday, Year 4 spent the afternoon outdoor learning, carrying out some fieldwork in Geography. They investigated how our forest school area is used. They completed tally charts, examined the bug-hotel and made some sketches of the school grounds.



In Art, we have finished creating our abstract art pieces, inspired by rainforest animals. The children chose a rainforest animal to draw from four different perspectives. They used a viewfinder to find a section to draw and used oil pastels to bring their work alive. They looked brilliant!



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 4 go to:

Freya Hall and Daisy Sowerby

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have worked really hard in their Spring Assessments. They all gave a fantastic effort, and completed their tests to the best of their ability! In English, we have just finished our work on 'Titanium'. The class produced wonderful extended writing, retelling the plot of the short-film as a story.

In Science, we have continued our work on 'Life Cycles'. We looked at how amphibians reproduce, and learned a lot of very interesting facts (including that tadpoles' gills are initially on the outside of their bodies). We looked at 'metamorphosis', and how a tadpole changes from an aquatic herbivore, into a carnivore, with legs and a pair of lungs. As part of Science Week, last Friday, each member of the class researched a famous scientist or inventor. They then produced a report about their life and their importance to their field of study.



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

Zoey Gaskell and Rosie Haynes



YEAR 6



This week we have continued work on area and perimeter. We looked at formulae for finding the area of triangles, parallelograms and the volume of cubes and cuboids. We continued to answer reasoning questions based on this topic. We worked hard on our arithmetic skills too – as a class we got our highest score on LBQ! (Learning By Questions) We have continued to revise our grammar and punctuation knowledge as we prepare for our upcoming tests. We looked at tenses and active and passive sentences. We love taking part in Kahoot quizzes to show off our learning and we really enjoy the competitive side of it.

We thoroughly enjoyed coming to school in our Spring clothes and the disco. Year 6 have worked extremely hard this term and defiantly deserved the treat. There were some very interesting dance moves on show!

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

Bobby Scholey and Belle Fidler





Well done to everyone who made an extra effort to be active this week by completing the 5 Day Challenge. All participants received a badge today.

Parent Meetings

Teachers are very much looking forward to meeting you next week to discuss your child's progress. If you have not yet made an appointment, please log on to ScoPay to select a time for Wednesday afternoon (Tuesday afternoon for Reception). The booking system will close on Monday morning.

Wonde Vouchers

Cumberland Council want to ensure every child who receives benefits-eligible Free School Meals continues to be supported over the Easter holiday 2024. School is working with Wonde to ensure they have the right contact details for you. It is important that the email and mobile contact details we hold are up to date. Please let us know **immediately** if your details have changed.

Health and Safety Drills

At the start of this term, we had an evacuation drill, where we practised exiting the building as quickly as possible, in the event of a fire.

There may be occasions though, when we need to keep safe by locking ourselves inside the building, for example, if there was a wild boar on the playground. On Monday (25th March) we shall be having a 'lockdown' practice. Please rest assured that, as with the fire drill, we will do this in a calm and age appropriate manner, so as not to alarm the children.



End of Term

Please note that we break up for the holiday at **3pm (RY and KS1)** and at **3:15pm (KS2)** on **Thursday, 28th March**.



Courtesy Cups

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

Early Years — **Hope Hodgson**

Key Stage 1 — **Freddie Cresswell**

Lower Key Stage 2 — **Stacie Nasadiuk**

Upper Key Stage 2 — **Oscar Frankham**



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Attendance



Attendance for week ending 22/03/24

Nursery	99.96%
Reception	92.65%
Year 1	94.27%
Year 2	95.86%
Year 3	93.29%
Year 4	93.83%
Year 5	94.06%
Year 6	95.84%

Whole School Attendance = **94.56%**

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