



NEWSLETTER

3rd July 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

It's been wonderful to invite even more visitors into our school as we celebrate different careers. This has been a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to find out about different jobs and ask any burning questions they may had have.

Our oldest pupils have spent the week in Lockerbie on the outdoor and adventurous residential. The children impressed me with their teamwork, exceptional manners and their determination to try new things. The pupils took part in a whole host of activities such as high ropes, raft building, campfire, paddle boarding, kayaking and canoeing. It was a thoroughly enjoyable week and as always, we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part.

Thank you for your feedback regarding our new school uniform. We are busy working throughout the responses, and we will be back to you soon with individual feedback as well as the new uniform policy.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a 'nut free' school.
- Polite reminder: We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Our school Sport's Day has been rearranged and will now take place on Monday 15th July with EYFS in the morning and KS1/KS2 in the afternoon. More details will follow nearer the time.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	84.1%
Year 1+2	96.1%
Year 3+4	89.8%
Year 5+6	94.0%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Niven and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week we have been reading, 'The Little Red Hen' and, inspired by the story, we decided to make our very own bread! The children worked well together to make the bread, unlike in the story when the Hen had to make it all by herself! They added all the ingredients then mixed it on their own and together. After the ingredients were mixed together, we all had to be very patient while we waited 30 minutes for the mixture to 'rise'. Luckily, we had plenty of fun activities to be doing while we waited. The children kneaded the dough and then rolled into little bread buns, which we cooked for 30 minutes in the oven. The children really enjoyed having their homemade bread for snack time - we all said it tasted lovely and yummy.

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we had a visit from Jet and Ben, the police dogs. We learnt about how police dogs use their senses to help the police officers. The children were very good at using their own sense of listening and touch to engage with the dogs. We were also using our senses during our PSHE lesson, where we had to hit the instrument and listen to guess whichever one it was.

In maths, we have been learning about positional language by using a map to navigate where the X was in relation to other objects. In English, we have been reading, 'The Singing Mermaid' which is a book by our favourite author, Julia Donaldson. We have been writing sentences to describe the mermaid using our phonics and interesting words to write independently.





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

It has been a busy week in Year 1 and 2. To begin with, we had a lovely visit from a policewoman and her police dogs, Jet and Ben. The children found out lots of interesting facts about police dogs and about how they are trained. Ben even showed us how he opens draws and trays with his paws. Before they left, everyone had a chance to say hello and give them a stroke.

In our PSHE lesson, we continued with our theme, 'Changing Me', where we discussed how we have changed since we were a baby and how what we have learnt since then has made us who we are today. The children created a flower, and on each petal, named the key events that contributed to their development over the years.

As it is now Summer, we have been talking about shadows and how they are formed. We went outside in the sunshine to create different shadows and drew around them using chalk.

During our computing sessions, we have been learning about spreadsheets. Using a range of tools, we created our own zoo and calculated the number of each animal.

To end the week, we learnt about Buddhism and the story of Buddha. The children found that Buddhists meditate to reach enlightenment and freedom from suffering. We participated in some meditation on of our own.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Miss Spenceley

This week, Year 3 and 4 have continued their writing based on, 'Stitch Head' and have been learning how to write to persuade. They have been looking at the features of persuasive writing and using causal conjunctions to explain their reasons further.

In science, we began to look closer at the different parts of a flowering plant and learnt why the roots and stem are important. The children learnt that the roots are important for 'anchoring' the plant to the ground and sucking up water and nutrients from the soil and that the stem is responsible for transporting water up to the leaves and flower.

In PE, the children have been learning athletics skills and this week they were learning how to hurdle, making sure that they lift their knees up high when jumping over the hurdles.

During their PSHE lesson this week, we looked at stereotypes of males and females and how these don't often apply as much nowadays as many household jobs are done by both. The children used their learning of stereotypes to design a duvet for the opposite sex.

We had some special furry visitors this week, which the children loved. They were introduced to Jet and Ben, the police dogs, as part of our Careers week, where they learnt lots about what it takes to handle police dogs and why they are an important part of the police force.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week, children in Year 5 and 6 have had a fantastic time embracing new challenges at Lockerbie Manor, a 4-night residential. We have tried new sports and activities such as fencing, archery and abseiling; developed our skills on the water in paddle-boarding, canoeing, kayaking and raft building and worked as a team in blind trail and initiative activities. The week ended on a high as we sang and danced around the campfire before toasting marshmallows.

We are so incredibly proud of all the children as they have challenged themselves both mentally and physically, with some children conquering their fears. We hope that all children have made memories to last a lifetime.





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Upcoming Events:

	Event
Wednesday 10 th July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse
Thursday 11 th + Fri 12 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Friday 12 th July	Moving Up Morning
Monday 15 th July	Sport's Day
Tuesday 16 th July	Auditions for 'Middleton's Got Talent'
Wednesday 17 th July	Leaver's Assembly, 9:15 – 10:15am
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Show, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Thurs 18 th , Fri 19 th + Mon 22 nd July	Bikeability, Reception + KS1
Tuesday 23 rd July	Middleton's Got Talent, 9:30 – 10:30am