



# NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

## A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

We were delighted to welcome our local PCSO's Liz and Preet to our school on Tuesday. The officers led a whole school assembly regarding the importance of caring for our school and community and the consequences of anti-social behaviour. We would like to thank our local officers for giving up their time to speak with our children.

Today, our oldest pupils headed off to Rof59 as a reward for their excellent and hard-working approach to their SAT's and for being such brilliant role models to our younger pupils. The children enjoyed an array of activities and loved having some downtime with their peers. Well done, Year 6.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break - let's hope the sun shines!

With best wishes,  
Mrs Harris & Mrs Willington

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## 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.

## A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	85.7%
Year 1+2	96.6%
Year 3+4	86.9%
Year 5+6	89.9%



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What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Niven, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

Nursery have had a fantastic week creating their own symmetrical butterflies, linking to our story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They have also worked hard identifying the life cycle of a butterfly and being able to order the lifecycle independently! Nursery have loved printing their own hungry caterpillar using sponges and paint; they identified that he had a red head and a green body.

In Reception this week, we have finished our 'On a Safari' topic by reading, 'Rumble in the Jungle' and creating African patterns using prints. We have also been finding doubles of numbers, using counters, beads, pegs and numicon. We finished the term off by making rainmakers, as part of our 'learn about African music'.





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## Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

As it was the last week of term, the children were challenged to write their own story about, 'The Gingerbread Monster'. They came up with some brilliant ideas and included a range of key writing features in their story.

In science, Year 1 and 2 have been continuing to learn about plants. The children have been identifying and naming a range of common flowers and trees. The children then used their knowledge about trees to decide whether they were classified as deciduous or evergreen.

This term in art, we have been learning about the artist, 'James Rizzi' and completing our own artwork using his techniques. One of his techniques was the layering technique to create a 3D effect, which we used to make our own 3D picture. The children's artwork are very impressive!

Year 1/2 have had a busy half term and have worked extremely hard. There are lots of exciting activities to look forward to next Summer term.

Have a lovely half term break!





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## Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Skilbeck

To start the week, the children had fun exploring shadows in science and conducted an experiment to see if the distance of the light source affected the length of the shadow an object made. They were able to find out that the further away the light source was from the object, the longer the shadow it made.

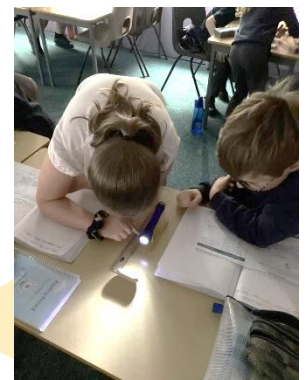
In geography this week, the children learned about their carbon footprint, they learnt what it was and what activities increased their carbon footprint, such as using the car a lot or eating lots of meat. They then thought about what things they could do to help reduce their carbon footprint. They came up with ideas like; walking to school, taking shorter showers and turning off lights when not in use.

In music, the children started to improvise with the rhythm of the song, 'Bringing us Together' and then moved on to composing their own music, in the style of disco, as a class.

In their RE lesson this week, continuing their learning on Buddhism and Vesak, the children made their own 'baskets of wisdom' after learning about the Tripitaka (which means the three baskets), which hold the teachings and rules of being a monk. The children then added their own advice to the baskets.

At the end of the week, the children published their missing chapters from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', after they had helped each other to edit, correct and improve their work. They have written some brilliant stories.

We hope you have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you in our final term.





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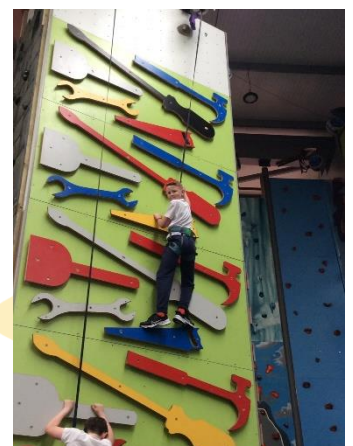
## Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

We've had a jam-packed week to finish the half-term. On Monday, Years 5&6 investigated soluble and insoluble materials. We identified scientific definitions before experimenting to see which materials would make a solution. In our conclusion we decided that we should repeat testing each material 3 times to find an accurate result, or we could have completed a comparative investigation to find the difference between dissolving time in hot and cold water.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from PSCO's Liz and Preet, discussing the importance of keeping our communities safe and looking after ours and others' properties and the consequences that could arise from any anti-social behaviour.

In geography we developed knowledge of coffee farming in developing countries and the problems and solutions associated with this. We discovered that most countries that grew coffee plants were located in tropical climates near the equator – we found this out by researching where popular coffee brands sourced their coffee beans and then placed them on a world map.

To round the week off, Year 6 had a fun-filled time at ROF 59 to celebrate the completion of their end of Key Stage 2 SATs.





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## Upcoming Events:

Date	Event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School reopens for Summer Term 2
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rounders Festival, Yrs 5+6
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Yrs 5+6 Trip to Beamish
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Netball League (plus 13 <sup>th</sup> + 20 <sup>th</sup> June)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Athletics Competition
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Trip to Wharton Park
W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Father's Day 'Stay & Play', 2:00 – 2:45pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 1 and 2 Class Trip to Beamish
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3+4 visit to Hay Meadow - AONB
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sport's Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Lockerbie Talk, 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Yr 3 Trip to Binchester Fort
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS2 Football Competition
W/C 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Careers Week
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 4 Trip to Centre for Life
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> -Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS 'Grab a Grown-Up'
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> + Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Assembly, 9:15 – 10:15am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Show, 3:30 – 4:30pm
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> + Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability, Reception + KS1