


## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

Prize winners this week:

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- Class 1:** Thomas Burns for super questioning skills.
  - Class 2:** Ernie for always putting maximum effort into his work.
  - Class 3:** Jake for super attitude to learning and making good choices.
  - Class 4:** Kade for doing extra research whilst away from school.

Dearest Parents,

*I am writing with a heavy heart, to let you know that I will be leaving in September.*

*I have loved working with the children, staff and parents of Lowca Community School over the years and I have found it incredibly rewarding. It has been exciting, creative and the pupils and their achievements, fill me with joy. However, the accompanying intense workload and stress are very difficult to cope with.*

*I want to thank all of the children, staff, parents and friends of Lowca School who have made my time here amazing. I have so many precious memories made in this place which I am truly grateful for. Lowca School and the people in it, have become part of my soul, but I feel, for my own health, that the time has come to leave.*

*Thank you again, for the wonderful opportunity and the happy experiences this school has given me. I have considered it a privilege to be its headteacher and I will miss you all so much.*

Yours sincerely,



*Joanne Crawford Bed (hons.)*

**CLASS 1:** We have had a very exciting return to school in Class 1. The children are looking forward to finding out about beaches and have already posed some very thoughtful ideas so we can find things out. For example, why is seawater salty? How do we make sand? Reception children have been counting up to 20 and now know that when they count all their fingers and toes the total will be twenty. Year ones have been dividing using two. Both groups have continued with our phonics programme and are now quite happy with the new methods of delivery- the transition has gone well. The children are also enjoying the new reading scheme. At the beach, the children explored the environment with great enthusiasm and they found all sorts of treasures, which we decided to leave there so that others can have fun looking for them too, so we are not sad.

## CLASS 2:

### Our Paper Prototypes



This week we have enjoyed our trip to the beach to look for artefacts from the past. We found sea-glass, Micklam bricks, fragments of old pottery and iron ore. These are clues to the types of local industries of the past. In design technology we have been designing our own beach bag. In R.E. we have been exploring how fasting during Ramadan brings people closer to God. In History we have sequenced a time line of seafaring and used compass to draw our own compass points on the playground.

### Points of the Compass



**CLASS 3:** This week Class 3 have had a super return from our Easter break. The children wrote recounts about what they got up to and remembered the key features of their writing. The children recapped their fraction knowledge and did a super job remembering the parts of a fraction and how fractions work. We have continued to explore fractions by counting and placing them on a number line and fractions less than 1. We have started to explore our new topic for this half term, Famous people that changed the world. We started with looking at Alfred the Great and why he was called 'great'. The children placed events in Alfred's life in chronological order to create a timeline as well as looked at maps of the U.K and compared them to modern maps to see how counties have changed over the years. In Art, have looked at medieval art and the Bayeux tapestry. The children have practiced sewing skills using cross and running stitches to create different effects and patterns. On Thursday the children had a brilliant time at Walby Farm Park. They explored all of the animals and listened to how the farm has evolved and how it works. The children had opportunities to pet some of the animals, explored different types of farm animals and how they live on a farm. The children also discussed where their food comes from and thought about the food they eat. Well done Class 3!

Remember to go on Sumdog and Spelling shed for homework to help practice our Math's skills and read every night.

**CLASS 4:** 'Class 4 are all happy to be back after the Easter break! Our new topic this half term is 'Famous People Who Changed the World'. In Art this week class 4 studied 'DerSchrei der Natur' (The Scream of Nature) by Evarad Munch. We have all started to research famous people and we are looking at what period in history they were alive and how they changed the world. On Thursday all of the juniors went to Walby Farm Park. We learned about the different animals on the farm, how they lived, what they ate and about their habitats. We had a great time in the inside play area. We used lots of our gymnastics skills as well as sharing, patience and making new friends. On Friday, we made models of famous people by upcycling our old class water bottles!' (Contributed to by various pupils of Class 4)

### General information:

DATE AND TIME	EVENTS
SWIMMING LESSONS ALL THIS WEEK	THE NEXT SWIMMING LESSON SESSIONS FOR JUNIORS WILL BE MONDAY 25TH APRIL THROUGH TO FRIDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> April. The bus will pick them up at 12.30pm to take them for their lesson for 1.00pm-2.00pm from which they will be picked up and brought back to school. Can girls wear one-piece swimsuits and wear hair tied back if it is long. Can boys please wear shorts that are above the knees as if they are long they are restrictive during the lessons. Can all pupils remove any jewellery. Goggles can be worn if needed.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>** SATS WEEK **</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<p><b>Jubilee Celebration Lunch</b></p> <p>The lunch menu on Orian will be Fish and Chips and ice-cream, a traditional English meal to celebrate the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> year of reign! (If your child does not like this selection please provide a packed lunch. The meal must still be ordered even though there is only the one choice otherwise it will be presumed your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home)</p>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Finish for half term at 3.15pm, back in Monday 6th June 8.50am