

Lowca Community School
Lowca
Whitehaven
CA28 6QS

Telephone: 01946 372656

Friday 2nd December 2022





Class 1: **Lillia** for sharing and taking turns.

Class 2: Evelyn for her consistent focus, enthusiasm, expression and all-round fantastic singing and acting skills during rehearsals for the nativity!

Class 3: Saul for his reading skills and fabulous art work

Class 4: Cooper who always takes a positive approach to his work, never grumbles and always has a lovely smile for everyone.

Class 1: Class 1 have been very busy this week. We have looked at wedding celebrations around the world. We looked at different parts of the world and talked about why ceremonies are different and what they represent. The children had a super time dressing up and enacting a ceremony, taking turns, and looking at past and present photos. Thank you for sending in your wedding photos for the children, they were lovely to see. The children have been exploring shape properties, recapping circles and triangles, and looking at similarities and differences between squares and rectangles. We have placed our bird feeders in the garden and talked about helping wildlife during winter. The children continue to build their sounding and blending skills as we have learned diagraphs using 2 letters and reading longer sentences.

Well done Class 1

Class 2: This week in Class 2 we have been continuing to learn all about the countries that make up the UK, learning all about Northern Island this week and the legend of the Giant's Causeway. We have made our own shadow puppets in Science as we talked about night and day, how shadows are made and how the position of the sun creates different shadows. The children have also written some incredibly impressive setting descriptions in preparation for their own stories based on Claude in the City.

Class 3: In maths both year groups are working on multiplication and division and year 3 understanding arrays. In English we covered a little bit of work on prepositions and adverbs. In Geography we have looked at tsunamis and the devastation they can cause but also the links with earthquakes, volcanoes and landslides that tsunamis have. In French we have moved on to the months of the year and their spellings including their lack of capital letters.

Class 4: This week class 4 have been busy continuing with their investigations into material properties in Science. In Geography the children have written fantastic research pieces, comparing the countries in Scandinavia to the countries of the UK. In art, class 4 have been busy making their baubles for the church tree. Alongside this the year 6's have decorated the main school Christmas tree so we are all now feeling incredibly festive here at school.

The New Year 2023

As you are aware, Mrs. Colley will be leaving Lowca in her role as our executive head at the end of December and will be returning to being St. Bridget's Head full time, she wishes to say a massive 'thank you' to all the parents and staff for making her feel so welcome over this term and will miss us all very much.

Also, we are bidding a fond farewell to Mrs. Casey who is our class 2 teacher, and Mrs. Draper who is HLTA in C4. We wish them all the very best as they move on to new and exciting opportunities and hope that they won't be strangers to us! Mrs.Colley has been working with the new head Mrs. walker so that Mrs. Walker can hit the ground running in January! In Class2 (Y1 and 2) Miss Conroy will be taking over as their teacher until the end of summer term, she is well known to the school as she covered whilst Ms. Lawson was on sick. Miss Rawlinson will be class support with Miss Lawson in C4 full time for the first half of the term and Miss Henderson will be C1 support with Miss O'Neill full time for the first half of the term.

ABSENCES

Over the last 12 months we have had instances where parents and guardians have said their children are ill when they have actually been away on holiday. It would be better if a letter was sent into school telling us that your children will be away rather than us phoning parents/guardians and being told something different. We would rather know truthfully than be concerned over lack of contact and then it TRIGGER A SAFEGUARDING ACTION. We do usually have a good idea as the children either tell us about it before hand or when they get back, and also their fellow class mates usually inform us what is going on!! We are aware that it would be an unauthorized absence but it is safer for us to know what is really going on as we are legally obliged to flag this up if we do not have official notification. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
6 th December	Jack and The Beanstalk pantomime, whole school attending, £10 per child. (At the Carnegie Theatre). This can be paid for on the Lunchshop site.
9 th December	Christmas Dinner- There is a choice of turkey dinner, Quorn fillet or baked potato. Children can come dressed in their Christmas jumpers if they want. There will be a school party after lunch in the hall for our pupils.
14 th December	The Nativity - Will be held at St Bridget's Church at 6pm. Please can the children come for 5.30pm to get ready for the show. Mince pies and refreshments will be available afterwards at the church.
16 th December	NISC Puppet show for the whole school, 10.00am
20 th December	Finish for the Holidays at 1:15pm – Back in 8.45am on the 4 th January 2023

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Ruth Colley. Tell: 01946 372 656