



Friday 6th May 2022.

Prize winners this week:

Class 1: Sienne for super Phonics

Class 2: prize winner this week is Anna for brilliant counting, for counting in 5's, doing the 5 x table and for fantastic reading progress.

Class 3: Hannah for super maths work and listening skills.

Class 4: Isabella for hard work and good behavior.

CLASS 1: Well it hasn't felt like a four day week. We have been so busy. Year 1 are working with arrays in maths and learning that to double we add the same number to each other, i.e.; $12+12=24$. Ask your child to double some numbers and think of the maths behind it. Reception children are working up to 20. They have been ordering, writing and finding the numerals as well as accurately counting objects.

In art we have looked at African artist Gokonga, and his silhouette work. We have begun our sunset silhouette and will add details next week, in the style of Gokonga. Our beach topic remains exciting and we have looked into the history of Seaside holidays and how people travelled there and some of the entertainments.

Reminder- Please don't forget about SpellingShed and Reception children, spellings in their reading journals.

CLASS 2: This week we have been looking at whether our beach finds were natural or manmade and if the changes that had happened to them were permanent or reversible. We enjoyed making investigations to find the answers. In art we have been practising bubble writing and other font styles.

In D.T we have been evaluating beach bags, designing our own then making it using fabric. We have learned how to sew using a running stitch.

CLASS 3: In Class 3 we have had a very busy week. The children have continued to finish their science posters, as well as research the life and work of Vincent van Gogh and how he influenced the Art world. We have made informative posters to present to the class and share our knowledge and understanding. On Wednesday afternoon we took a walk down to St Bridget's church and looked around the Knitted Bible exhibition. Scenes from the Bible were beautifully knitted and crocheted to show the different stories. Everyone had a go at reading and listening to the stories depicted. We also had a go at ringing the bells and learned the names of the bells. The church has invited people to visit the knitted exhibition as it is still open this weekend. You can visit Friday 6th May and Saturday 7th May from 10am-4pm and Sunday 8th May 1pm-4pm. Everyone showed lovely manners and asked super questions. Back at school we have looked at planning our own podcast and what elements need to be included. Also, in Computing, Year 4 have practiced logging in to the Multiplication check, so keep practicing on Sumdog! In Science, we have continued to look at our forces and explored magnets. We have discussed where we find magnetism and how it can be used, as well as explored different materials magnetism and strength of magnets. We had a visitor in our class this week, Butters the Butterfly. They were very poorly as we found them on the floor of the hall. We gave them



sugar water and oranges to act as nectar and made sure they kept their wings dry as they wouldn't be able to fly if they lost the dust on their wings. Luckily, the next day Butters perked up and flew back into the wild!

CLASS 4: Today in Class 4 Year 6 have been practicing for SATs while Year 5 have been investigating whether cornflakes are magnetic. However, they found that the iron content is not enough to be attracted to the magnet. They all enjoyed their "dress as a famous person day" and finding out about each-others person.

Statutory National Assessments

As you will probably be aware, all across the country, the statutory assessments of pupil's progress are resuming this Summer.

Over May and July, the class 1 staff will make informal assessments by playing, observing and talking with the reception age children. They will use this information and discuss if each reception age child has met their early learning goals. These Early learning goals are described in the Early years statutory framework and explain what a typical child can do at the end of the reception year. This information will be shared with parents in the child's end of year report.

Year 1 will be having the Phonics screening check in June. This is a list of real and "alien" words and assesses the child's knowledge of phonic patterns, common exception words and the child's ability to segment and blend words. The child gets a score out of 40 and the pass mark is usually 32/40. These results are included in the end of year report.

In May the year 2 pupils also do their key stage 1 SATs. These are puzzle books the children complete and the scores tell us which pupils have reached the expected level in Mathematics and Reading. Their writing is assessed by the class teacher and then samples are checked by an external moderator. These results are also shared with parents in the child's end of year report.

Year 4 pupils will take the online times tables test in June. This is a government test and again the scores are included on their report.

Year 6 will be having their SATs next week. We are inviting them for breakfast to get them in the right frame of mind for their SATs exams Monday through to Thursday. Please arrive at 8.15am for cereal, toast, bacon butties etc. - and a last-minute revision session.

Test Dates

Monday 9 May English grammar, punctuation and spelling: • Paper 1: questions • Paper 2: spelling

Tuesday 10 May English reading

Wednesday 11 May Mathematics: • Paper 1: arithmetic • Paper 2: reasoning

Thursday 12 May Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

The tests happen like formal examinations but if a pupil has special needs and struggles with concentration, writing or reading they can have a staff member with them. However, we have strict training to ensure this doesn't give any child an unfair advantage.

The results of the Key stage 2 SATs will be shared with the child's parents, with the Local Authority and Ofsted but this year they will not be used to create primary school league tables.

General information:

DATE AND TIME	EVENTS
Monday 9 th - Thursday 12 th May	** SATS WEEK **
Wednesday 25 th May	Jubilee Lunch- The only option available on Orion is Fish and Chips. If your child does not like this choice please send them in with a packed lunch. If your child does want the Orion lunch then you must order it as normal.
Friday 27 th May	Finish for half term at 3.15pm, back in Monday 6th June 8.50am
Wednesday 8 th June	KS2 Glasgow Science Centre Visit (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) leaving school promptly at 07.30am. The children must take a packed lunch. Cost to pupils is £5.00. More details to follow.
Wednesday 8 th June	KS1 Are visiting The Beacon in Whitehaven. All children must bring a packed lunch. More details to follow.
Thursday 23rd June	Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit to Maryport aquarium. More details to follow.
Wednesday 29 th June	Careers day at Lowca School, being held in the school hall, more details to follow.
Wednesday 6 th July	St Benedicts taster day. Pupils will be picked up from Lowca and returned for end of school day.
Monday 11 th July	Pupil reports out to parents sometime this week.
Wednesday 20 th July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS. Finish at 3.15pm. Start back 08.50am Wednesday 7 th September.