

Friday 18th September 2020

Prize Winners this week

Class 1: Evelyn for listening and being ready

Class 2: Jake for gaining lots of housepoints and trying lots of new healthy foods in our tasting session

Class 3: Kieran for hard work and engagement in learning

Class 4: Nate for excellent work in all lessons and fabulous questions

Class 1: Class one have been very busy this week. The children are really understanding their routines and are settling really well. Our focus this week has been on good manners both with their peers and the adults around school. We have also been doing lots of work on sharing, most of them are quite happy to do this. When you're only 4 years old and having fun with something it can be difficult to share. We have been looking at some strategies to help our children cope with this. Another focus is writing our first names and making sure the children use a tripod grip with writing media. To help at home: put pencil down with the pencil pointing towards their body, then nip towards the point with thumb and index finger, next rest pencil on middle finger with 3rd and little finger tucked into their palms.

Class 2: As part of our theme of Ourselves and significant others we have been measuring our bodies in blocks, cms and metres. We have also been measuring length and volume of liquids in mls when watering the plants and measuring how much water we drink. We have been practising counting to 100 and focussing on the different endings of thirteen and thirty- which had been mixing some of us up. When measuring long things we discovered that grouping the cubes in tens made it easier, quicker and more accurate. Next week we will be developing this, to look at partitioning of numbers into ones, tens and hundreds up to 1,000. In English we have been writing clues and done reading comprehension about breathing. Next week we will be revisiting correct letter formation then beginning joined handwriting- as this help to also improve spelling.

Class 3: This week class 3 have explored the Human Digestive System by researching the different organs and their jobs. They also demonstrated how nutrients are absorbed by the body, working together as teams. Class 3 have explored different types of movements in tai chi for P.E. and are exploring ways to create masks in D.T. Class 3 have been working hard together and building up their teamwork skills.

Class 4: This week the Juniors really enjoyed their RE. They have found the Hindu Gods fascinating and they have had very in-depth discussions about Dharma and Karma. The children would like me to tell

you that you they have enjoyed doing their Maths and English tests too. We have been creating art in the style of Keith Haring this week and the class love the way he uses lines and vibrant colours to show movement in his figures. The year 6 have been confidently working on huge long multiplication questions and systematic problem solving today – which they really enjoyed and are very proud of.

Homework reminders:

Spelling Shed – A minimum of two games per night. (10 games for the weekly total)

Sumdog – A minimum of 5 minutes game play per night. (25 mins minimum for weekly total)

Extra work on both programs will be rewarded with Sumdog coins.

YEAR 6 MOVING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

We have just settled in so well after the summer but it is already time for year 6 and their grownups to start making plans for the move to secondary school. You will have been sent a transition email from Cumbria County Council. It has instructions and a code for placing your application on line once you have decided on your favourite school, and including your second and third choices. The closing date for applications is 31st of October. Please let us know if you haven't received this code for registering your choices.

St Benedict's have forwarded this link inviting you to a virtual open evening,

<http://www.st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk/message-for-year-6-students/>

Whitehaven school have also asked us to let you know about their virtual open evenings.

Tuesday 22nd September; 4.30pm [The Whitehaven Academy Virtual Open Evening Tuesday 22nd September at 4:30pm LINK](#)

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This has also come in from Workington academy:

[Workington Academy - Virtual Open Evening for Y5 & 6 students - Wednesday 23 September, from 6.30pm](#)

To watch our Virtual Open Evening on Wednesday 23 September from 6.30pm, please log on to either our:

Workington Academy Website – www.workingtonacademy.org

Workington Academy Facebook Page – <https://www.facebook.com/WorkingtonAcademy>

Workington Academy YouTube

Channel – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU07VM3mz6IWBs4qGeOwRFw>

Please don't forget to also check out our dedicated Transition Website including comprehensive Admissions Information, Virtual Tour and Familiarisation videos, which can be found

here: <https://vle.workingtonacademy.org/welcome-to-team-year-7>

Ordering School Lunches

There are a number of instances of puddings not being ordered on the lunchshop website when parents/carers have placed their order for the main meal. Please can you check that you also order the pudding part (even if it is only fruit available) as if the order is not complete and the notification of completion doesn't appear, your child's dinner order will not be placed and there will be no food sent for them. Thank you.

Parents' meetings

In the week beginning 19 October 2020 we will be having individual parent and teacher meetings by phone. We will contact you nearer the time to arrange this and give you an update on how they are settling in their progress.

Changing staggered end of the day.

Beginning next week we will be returning to our whole school end time of 3.15 unless you are in reception, and do not have an older sibling, which will continue to be 3.00. If you do have an older sibling and are in reception you can pick up at 3.15. This is to avoid having to wait around in the yard as the weather becomes more wintery. Please continue to leave the premises as soon as you have picked up your child/ children.