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Reception Children's Assembly

Our Reception Class have done so well this year and have impressed us all by their knowledge, skills and confidence. Today was no exception! They performed in front of the whole school and their special visitors with enthusiasm and big voices in their assembly all about Traditional Tales. They looked great in their costumes too. At this time of year, with so much going on in school, there is never much time to rehearse but despite this the children were amazing! Well done to Mrs Bartoli, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Bowron and Mrs Spence for their work putting this together.

The final class assembly of the year will be Miss Blackburn's class on Thursday 12th July at 9am.

Outdoor and Adventurous Activities

This week, Miss Richardson's Class enjoyed a treat at The Hub where they took part in High Ropes and Kayaking. It sounded like they had a great time and outdoor and adventurous activities form part of the Upper Key Stage 2 curriculum. The children were fearless on the High Ropes and enjoyed the kayaking too! Staff commented on the tremendous behaviour and attitude.

To fund this event, the children have saved the money they raised from their Christmas Business Ventures (the stalls they ran after the Christmas Performances). This gives the older children some other important messages around earning and saving money too.

Extension Update

The past couple of weeks have seen the timber frame erected for the four new classrooms. The roof is being added this week and next, with the windows also being installed next week. The building will then be watertight to allow the electricians and the other trades to work inside.

Work has also been undertaken in the Boiler House, replacing our old boilers, to make improvements to the school heating and make it more efficient. There is also quite a lot of work going on with the hall extension, drainage and electrics.

In the coming weeks, the team will start to improve the drainage on the school field, which will make it accessible and usable for much more of the year for sports and playtimes.

Fun in the garden

The development of the garden has been a tremendous addition to the school. The children work and play in it each day. Unfortunately, the strong winds last week made the lampposts unstable so I have asked for them to be replaced. The fencing to go around the replica Percy Beck viaduct should go up shortly and the mini River Tees can then flow.

This week our Gardening Club harvested 133 potatoes and the joy and excitement on the children's faces was magical.

I have shown Mrs Ellis (Head of School at Teesdale) and staff from other schools around this week and they were amazed and envious of this space! They could not believe what had been achieved in a year in amongst everything else that happens in school.

Town crier calls in!

Miss Lauder's and Miss Blackburn's classes have been learning about communication and the changes to the way news has been reported over the years. After my rather rubbish impersonation of a town crier, they decided to ask the real Barnard Castle Town Crier, in all his finery, to come to school to give them a talk about the role in the past. Thank you to Mr Kirkbride for agreeing to do this.

Yesterday, they also listened to and questioned Mr Paul from The Teesdale Mercury who talked to the children about journalism and produced newspapers. I am delighted with the number of visitors we have in school to enhance our curriculum. Thank you to Miss Blackburn and Mr Blissett for their help organising this.

1940s weekend June 22nd- June 24th

Unfortunately, local schools will not be able to put on any activities in the castle grounds due to health and safety legislation. Therefore, Mr Blissett and I believe it would be best this year for families to visit the activities during this weekend themselves and not with school should they so wish. School will not be taking a group this year. There will still be lots of activities to see and do and I hope that the event continues to be a success.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Summer Performance

As we approach the end of term, work in and around the school hall will accelerate. Just in case we are disrupted, we thought we should organise the Summer Performance out of school and have booked Glaxo Sports and Social Club. The first performance will be on Tuesday July 17th, starting at 1.30pm and the second performance will be on Wednesday July 18th with a 6pm start.

Sports Day

Due to the field being cordoned off, we are going to have our Sports Day this year at Barnard Castle Cricket Club. We plan to start at 1.30pm on July 10th and we would love to see you there. We are very grateful to the Cricket Club and are looking forward to the afternoon.

Uniform Orders

The date has passed to have new uniform sent to school. You can still order from the suppliers directly and it can be sent to your home in time for September.

To order for nursery follow this link <https://studentuniform.co.uk/mon074> and to order for Reception – Y6 follow this link <https://studentuniform.co.uk/mops072>

Attendance for w.b. 18.6.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	99.4%
Miss Lauder's Class	99.3%
Miss Blackburn's Class	96.1%
Dr Greenwell's Class	99.2%
Miss Richardson's Class	99.4%
School total	98.6%

Dates for the diary

June 25 th	Football tournament at Woodland Primary School
June 27 th	Poet in school
June 28 th and July 5 th	New Reception starter transition sessions
July 2 nd	Class 3 Pond dipping at The Hub
July 3 rd	Clarinetists to Teesdale
July 4 th	Year 4 and 5 to Teesdale 9 am -12 (details to follow)
July 5 th	Selected Y5/6 to Cricket at Barnard Castle Cricket Club
July 9 th	End of Year Reports sent out
July 10 th	Sports Day 1.30pm at Barnard Castle Cricket Club
July 12 th	Miss Blackburn's Class Assembly
July 13 th	Nursery Sports Day (a.m)
July 13 th	Moving Up Day
July 17 th	Y4/5/6 Summer Performance 1.30-3pm Glaxo Sports and Social Club
July 18 th	Y4/5/6 Summer Performance 6pm-7.30pm Glaxo Sports and Social Club
July 20 th	Leaver's Assembly

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. 10 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.