



DEAN GIBSON
RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17 November

2023



We have had such a busy and fun time in school over the last couple of weeks. Thank you to our EYFS team for leading the session on our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle, and to so many of you from home coming in to get to know the scheme better and to learn some different ways of supporting your child at home.

VISIT TO THE KENDAL MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

Today our Year 5 and Year 6 classes have attended the Mountain Festival. Please check our Facebook for pictures. Further details to follow in our next newsletter.

South Lakes British Dodgeball Competition

On Monday 6th November, a group of ten Year 6 children competed in a South Lakes British Dodgeball competition, hosted by Queen Katherine School. All the children had a wonderful time, jammed packed full of enjoyment for competitive sport. Importantly, the children learnt some new dodgeball skills and developed their tactical awareness of the game. In the end, the team managed to win one game, finishing fifth in their group. Well done to: Abi, Alfie, Iris, George, Ed, Seb, Lewis, Gabriela, Poppy and Archie for being superb ambassadors for the school. Thank you also to Mrs Dustan who helped on the day and to QKS for hosting.



LEARNING LARKS

From next week children being awarded their badges for their curriculum learning will be known as *Learning Larks* for the week, as they have soared in their learning. They will have a discussion in their class about why they have been awarded the badge, for showing curiosity, caring or resilience.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Please do sign up for one of these, either Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th November. We are keen to share with you the progress the children are making and touch base with you about how they are settling in class.

SCHOOL MORNING DROP OFF

Please can I ask that children do not play on the tennis courts before school as there is no supervision at this time and also not to bring in their own balls to play with.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we listen, learn and care.

**** NEXT WEEK** SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

This will be held on Monday 20th November - Thursday 24th November each afternoon at 3.30pm in the School Hall.

There will be a parents shopping event from 2.45pm on Tuesday 21st November, where you can shop without little eyes spying!

PTFA News

PTFA will be selling Christmas family quiz sheets, please bring £1 to school to buy from stall in play-ground after school on Monday. If anyone would like any quiz sheets to sell to their friends and family please let the PTFA know, deangibsonptfa@gmail.com.

BAGS2SCHOOL THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

Having a clear out? Bring your bags to school to support our Year 6 fundraiser. The more we weigh the more money they pay!

Collection bags will be sent home after half term but all types of bags are accepted.

ANY CONCERNS

Don't forget our teachers and Mrs Tansey are always available for a quick word in the mornings on the yard, or by appointment, if there is an issue you would like to discuss. Quicker than an email, and we would much rather see you in person if it's possible!

TENTEN PARENT LINK

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Message from the Office for Health and Disparities

Your child's school has been sampled to take part in this year's National Dental Survey. Information sheets and consent letters will be coming home to the individual children that have been selected for this in the upcoming week, so please keep an eye open for them. It is important that the consent letter is returned to the school office prior to our visit. Many thanks for your help
The Dental Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27 November: Parent Conferences
Tuesday 28 November: Parent Conferences
Friday 1 December: Mufti day (donations for Xmas hampers)
Thursday 7 December: Christmas disco
Monday 11 December pm: KS1 Xmas Show
Tuesday 12 December am: KS2 Xmas Show
Wednesday 13 December am: KS1 Xmas Show
Thursday 14 December pm: KS2 Xmas Show
Monday 18 December: Christmas fair in school
Tuesday 19 December: Elf Run & Xmas Lunch

Week ending 10 November	Finches (Y3 pupils)	Swifts (Year 4)	Kingfishers (Y5)	Eagles (Y6)
Caring	Eve	Isaac C	Kayla	Dylan
Curious	Rinabelle	Kamilla	Ethan	Anna
Resilient	Macey	Hayden	Evie G	Archie
Good Values		Lyra	Chiyo	Gabriella

Week ending 10 November	Nursery	Robins (Reception)	Sparrows (Y1)	Finches (Y2)
Star of the Week	Harry	Alice	George	Jack N
Best Worker		Isabelle	Daniel D	Erin

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END OF TERM

School closes for Christmas at **14.00 on Wednesday 20th December** and reopens for the spring term on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**