



DEAN GIBSON
RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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MATER CHRISTI TRUST
LOVING, LIVING, LEARNING TOGETHER

It has been an absolute joy to be in school this week with so much going on! It was great to watch Year 2 learning how to bowl in a game of cricket on Wednesday. Sideways on, bowling arm straight – brilliant skills picked up so quickly! Thank you to Mr Ashburn for getting Adam in from Cumbria Cricket to give us some top flight coaching! Wonderful to see in the glorious sunshine! Happening every Wednesday this half term.

It was my pleasure to attend the Primary Engineering Challenge Award ceremony for the Cumbria Primary Engineers awards sponsored by Siemens at Kendal College yesterday. It was great to see the ideas of so many of our children on display, and well done to the winners and those highly commended.

KENDAL WINDOWS ON ART SMALL STEPS PROJECT

I was so sad to miss the celebration assembly at the end of last half term, but I have watched the video and it is amazing! It will be on our website soon, so please do take a look and get a flavour of the explosion of creativity your children generated.

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

I'm pleased to announce that we finished as joint winners in the Year 5/6 rounders festival, hosted by Vicarage Park on 25 May. In typical rounders weather, with beautiful sunshine and blue sky, this was a great opportunity for the children to apply their batting, bowling and fielding skills in a competitive environment. On the way to the final we beat Staveley 8-5.5, St Mark's 5.5-4.5 and Vicarage Park B 7-6. In a tense final we played Vicarage Park A, with nothing separating the two talented sides in a 7-7 draw.

All the children were a credit to the school and performed magnificently throughout.



Well done to Billy, Jack, Alfie M, Alfie W, Josh, Iona, Hattie, Lydia, Darcie, Ellie and Christopher who took part. A massive thank you also to the family support from Mrs Bird, Abi Garnett, Mrs Robinson and Hattie's grandad. Finally, a huge thanks to Vicarage Park School for hosting such a wonderful afternoon of rounders.

~ Mr Ashburn

PRIMARY ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Last term, we celebrated British Science Week by entering a competition run by STEM 'If you were an engineer what would you do?' We kicked this off with a visit from a real engineer, Adam Thicket, from Siemens Energy who came to speak to us about what things he has created, what inspires him and why he became an engineer. We even had the opportunity to interview him, asking our own questions about his job.

Then, in our classes we thought about all the different problems there are in the world both big and small that we would like to find a solution. This is where we became engineers, as we worked hard brainstorming and developing designs that could be created and solve the issue. As part of the competition, we wrote rationales explaining what our idea is/does and why we have designed it.

Each child has worked extremely hard and there have been some fantastic entries. These were sent away to be graded, and amazingly we have quite a few entries who received a 'Distinction Shortlisted' grade which meant they went to the next stage to be judged for winning the competition.

A huge well done to these children for reaching the final stage:

Year 1- Grace, Jack A-J.

Year 2- Freddie, Milo, Noah, Rinabelle, Sam, William.

Year 3- Emily, Kamilla, Mabel, Max.

Year 4- Alphons, Cora, Elijah, Evie, Hannah, Holly, Noah, Paige, Sadie, Sarah, Tristan.

Year 5- Alexis, April, Zairah.

Finally, a special mention to Noah Jones, who won in his age category with his idea of a house mover. This is really impressive out of all the number of entries. Amazing job! Big well done to him!

~ Mrs Burrow

EARLY YEARS SUITE

This week in the early years we have been watching our caterpillars with anticipation and noting the changes we can see. We also learned about the problems in our oceans on World Ocean Day the children listened carefully to the problems of pollution and we made posters to remind people to recycle their plastic bottles.



~ Mrs Ritchie

PTFA NEWS

Upcoming Dates and News:

23rd June - mufti day (this will be to collect items for our tombola at the summer fair)

7th July - colour run and summer fair

We're looking for volunteers for the summer fair - we have had a lovely response so far but if anyone else would like to get involved, please email dean-gibsonptfa@gmail.com

Many thanks

Sam

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE

Congratulations to all those who made their first Holy Communion last Sunday. They all read beautifully at the mass. Please keep them all in your prayers that the nourishment of the Lord will continue to be a support for them throughout their lives.

Dates for your diary:

14 June: Nursery Sports Day
20 June: Year 5 QKS Experience Day
22 June: Year 1 & 2 School Trip
29-30 June: Year 6 Residential
3 July: Year 6 Moving Up Day (KKS & QKS)
12 July: Year 5 School Trip
14 July: Year 3 & Year 4 School Trip
17 July: Year 6 Leavers Presentation & BBQ
19 July: Last day of Summer Term

Please follow the link below to learn about some of our RE focus this month:

[Parent Newsletter - Ten Ten Resources](#)

Attendance

Reception: 91%
Year 1: 88%
Year 2: 95%
Year 3: 98%
Year 4: 99%
Year 5: 94%
Year 6: 98%

KS1 STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Lea
Year 1: Jack A-J
Year 2: Agnes

KS1 BEST WORKER

Reception: Daniel D
Year 1: Grace
Year 2: William

KS2 MATHS

Year 3: Max
Year 4: Cora
Year 5: Alfie
Year 6: Jack

KS2 ENGLISH

Year 3: Molly
Year 4: Ethan
Year 5: Abi
Year 6: Lucie

KS2 GOOD VALUES

Year 3: Isaac C
Year 4: Paige
Year 5: Dylan
Year 6: Willow S

KS2 BEHAVIOUR

Year 3: Charlotte
Year 4: Ariel
Year 5: Lewis
Year 6: Iona

END OF TERM

School closes for the summer on **Wednesday 19th July at 2pm** and opens for autumn term on **Thursday 7th September**.