



DEAN GIBSON
RC Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 14 July 2023



MATER CHRISTI TRUST
LOVING, LIVING, LEARNING TOGETHER

I have never known it quite so busy in school! It does feel like we are galloping towards the summer holidays.

I would like to express my thanks to Carly and Rebecca who have been volunteering to run our Dinky Deanies Toddler Group. They have been doing a fantastic job and we are thrilled with the amount of families who regularly attend.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers, who help us throughout the year on our school trips. Without your offer of support, these trips would not be possible.

Many thanks to Abi and Sonya who organised and ordered the Year 6 hoodies. We appreciate your help and time with ordering and sorting these. Also, thanks to our wonderful PTFA who made a contribution to the cost of these.

And finally, thank you to Abi & Sonya for arranging and sorting food for the Year 6 BBQ which is being held after the Leavers Assembly on Monday 19 July. We understand how much time organising these things take and we value all your help and support.

YEAR 2 LIBRARY VISIT

A brilliant morning at Kendal Library for Year 2 on Thursday. We got to see our printing artwork on display, explore the new children's section of the Library and even practise checking out some books. A huge thank you to Nicki the artist for arranging, Chris and Warrel the dog who represented the funders of the KWoA project and Robbie and Lottie from the Library for their time explaining how the library works, why they love working there and teaching us how to be librarians!



PTFA SUMMER FAIR/COLOUR DASH

I was really sorry to miss all the fun but it sounds as though a great time was had by all. A huge thank you to all who helped to organise and support us in raising over £2000.00.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE BREWERY ARTS CENTRE

Year 5 had a great time at the Brewery Arts Centre watching the Kirkbie Kendal School Production of 'We Will Rock You'. The children were genuinely fascinated by the musical. It was a joy to witness their enthusiasm and engagement.

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

HEALTHY STEPS ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Mrs Joyce for leading a whole school assembly yesterday giving us all tips about how to stay healthy.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AT KENDAL LIBRARY

The launch event for the reading challenge this year is at Kendal Library on 15th July at 1.30pm. Do the summer ready, set, read! reading challenge and you have a chance to win a Kindle e-reader.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

Thank you to Father Hugh for celebrating a lovely mass for our Year 6 leavers in school on Wednesday. All the children read beautifully and it was a really happy occasion. It was nice to welcome some parents, grandparents and governors in to school for the celebration also.

SCHOOL LUNCH COST INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER

We have held a price increase off for as long as possible, but several factors mean that reluctantly, we will have to increase the cost of a school dinner by around 50p to £3.25 from September. Cost of a nursery meals will increase to £3.03. An unexpected levy charged by Dolce and rising cost of meals to school have forced this increase.

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

[Parent Newsletter - Ten Ten Resources](#)

Well done to Year 6, whose (as yet unvalidated) SATs results were as follows:

	EXPECTED STANDARD AND ABOVE	GREATER DEPTH
Reading	96% - 73% national av	24%
Maths	91.2% - 73% national av	9.6%
Spag	91.2% - 72% national av	24%
Reading/writing/maths Combined	76.8% - 59% national av	
Writing	81.6%	9.6%
Science	100%	N/A

PIANO CONCERT

Big thanks to Mrs Hirst for preparing her pupils for their summer concert in school on Tuesday 4th July. It is great to hear the children playing for an audience.

OPERA/SINGING WORKSHOPS

The whole school had great sessions with our visitor, Joseph, singing and playing musical games.

DICK VINEY ATHLETICS COMPETITION 2023



On Tuesday evening, Stanley Troughton, Rosie Beaton, Alfie Hodgson, Elodie Haslett, Billy Garnett and Robyn Irving represented Dean Gibson at the Dick Viney athletics competition at Queen Katherine School. Everyone competed magnificently and it was great to see the children enjoying participating in a range of athletic disciplines.

In the Year 4 boys' event, Stanley won gold in the standing long jump competition, silver in the 80m sprint, silver in the chest push and bronze in the 400m- what a fabulous talent he is! In the Year 4 girls' event, Rosie finished third in the 80m sprint, while

over in the Year 6 boys' event, Billy finished third in the chest push. In the Year 5 competi-

tion, Alfie and Elodie recorded many solid performances, while Robyn stood in at the last minute and progressed through into the 80m sprint finals, just missing out on a medal finishing in fifth place. Thank you also to all the parent, grandparent and family support on what was a fabulous evening of athletics.



MINI VINNIES FUND RAISER

We were kindly donated lots of brand new children's leather shoes/trainers by an ex governor of Dean Gibson. We have already made sure that some children have benefitted from them, but the remainder the Mini Vinnies have sold off and raised £232.50 for the Youth Presence charity, a very worthy cause which is actually carrying out work at Dean Gibson and Holy Trinity parish for young people.

THANK YOU TO MRS WHENRAY DE PALMA

It was lovely to see Katy, our Chair of Governors, in school for mass on Wednesday. She is leaving our governors this summer and Mrs Duffy presented her with flowers and gift tokens as a small token of our appreciation for all the time and support she has given while a governor. We wish you a much quieter time in the next few months!

KS2

GOOD VALUES

Year 3: School Trip
Year 4: School Trip
Year 5: Anna
Year 6: Ellie

w/e 30 June 2023

Year 3: Mabel
Year 4: Tommy
Year 5: Everyone
Year 6: -

KS1

BEST WORKER

Reception: Thomas
Year 1: William
Year 2: Noah

w/e 30 June 2023

Reception: George
Year 1: Erin
Year 2: William

KS1

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Tessa
Year 1: Whitney
Year 2: Toby

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Reception: Seren
Year 1: Arabella
Year 2: Archie

KS2

MATHS

Year 3: School Trip
Year 4: School Trip
Year 5: Archie
Year 6: Jack

w/e 30 June 2023

Year 3: Isaac S
Year 4: Sadie
Year 5: Lewis
Year 6: -

KS2

ENGLISH

Year 3: School Trip
Year 4: School Trip
Year 5: Gabi
Year 6: Hattie

w/e 30 June 2023

Year 3: Isaac C
Year 4: Alicia
Year 5: April
Year 6: -

END OF TERM

I hope our whole school community enjoys sunshine and happy times over the summer holiday. School closes for summer on **Wednesday 19th July at 2pm** and opens for autumn term on **Thursday 7th September 2023**

DON'T FORGET OUR NEW SCHOOL DAY WILL START AT 08.50 AND FINISH AT 15.20.