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Events....

PTA Disco and mufti day
— Friday 22nd April
3:20-5pm

Nether Kellet News

THEME DAY

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Visits

It's lovely to be back out on educational visits regularly once again. Recently, Sycamore Class spent a lovely day at Leighton Moss and learned an enormous amount about birds and nature in general. As always they were a credit to our school in their behaviour and enthusiasm and the staff at the reserve were very impressed by their knowledge acquired through this term's science that they applied to the tasks when there. Beech Class meanwhile spent a fabulous day exploring Morecambe to compare it with the historic seaside resort they had been learning about. They also enriched their RE learning about Lent and other aspects of Christianity during a church visit. After that, they went to the Lancaster Maritime Museum to learn more about local history and links to the sea including Lancaster as a port and the slave trade. They returned to school with a really good idea of what Lancaster and Morecambe were like in the past and how important the sea and beaches were.

Sports Activities

Once again, we have been busy with sports activities. Our Y4 and 5 children took part in a cross country competition at Warton school which they really enjoyed. Also, a team of Year 5 children won an interschool dodgeball competition and returned to school with medals and another trophy — well done Henry W, Brooke G., Emily L., Ruby, Seb, Ben and Zak. Meanwhile, a group of Y4,5 and 6 children have been taking part in a Confidence Club linked to sporting activities with Scott Wilcock which they gained a lot from and really enjoyed. The Y6 children from that club get to join children from other local schools in going on an adventure day in the Yorkshire Dales too which is very exciting. Our Year 5/6 and Y1/2 children enjoyed a cricket coaching taster last week too which might inspire some of them to join a local cricket club perhaps.

'Be inspired....achieve your potential'



KIDSAFE

The children in Sycamore Class have now completed their Kidsafe programme with Mrs Perry. Chestnut completed it earlier in the term and Beech Class will be doing theirs in the summer term. The programme is an excellent way of helping children to stay safe and to understand what to do in situations where they have uncomfortable feelings. It helps them to set boundaries and to know what is and isn't acceptable for other people or themselves to do. If your children ask you anything relating to this and you are unsure about how to respond or exactly what has been discussed in school, then please do get in touch. This programme forms part of our safeguarding approach and also links to Sex and Relationships Education in an entirely age-appropriate way.

Arran Residential

For all of the parents of Beech Class

children, please could you pay the next £100 by the end of April. As mentioned previously, there is no specific technical gear needed only outdoorsy/ playing clothing so please don't buy anything specially as all waterproofs, boots, wetsuits and rucksacks, flasks are borrowed from the Centre for all children. A letter with more detail will be sent out nearer the time.

Name Change!

I wanted to let you all know that I have recently changed my name (after sadly getting divorced a while ago). I have changed it to my grandparents' name of Bradbury. From now on, I'll be Miss Bradbury to the children - I appreciate this will take some getting used to, I'm not sure if it's easier or harder being another name beginning with "Br"!

Statutory Assessments

This year, we will see a return to statutory assessments after two years without due to Covid. We try to make these as ordinary and integrated as we possibly can and don't build them up into major events with the children but I just wanted to take this opportunity to explain what is involved. Year 6 children will sit their Y6 SATs during the week beginning 9th May. They will be invited to come in from 8:30 that week to have breakfast at school (the children generally love this week as they have lots of toast and a fun, social breakfast!) The tests will take place in the hall for most of the children but one or two will do them in the library with me if they require rest breaks within the test. There is nothing for the children to worry about. We are doing a few practice papers so that they know what to expect and they will just do their best on the day. Year 2 children also do SATs but these are done in small groups as they can be administered at any time in May. These are always done in a low-key way and we refer to them as quizzes with the children. They generally enjoy doing them! Year 4 children will do the multiplication screening test. This tests their quickfire tables knowledge and is done via an online program. This will take place at some point in June. Please ensure that your children are practising their tables and other mental maths daily (whatever year group they are in) as this is so important for their maths generally not just for this test! Year 1 children will do the phonics screening. This takes place just after half term in June. This is done 1:1 with the children reading a series of words. They are all familiar with what this looks like as they have done some practice. It assesses how well they can use their phonics understanding and blend to read words and nonsense words. Year R children are assessed using the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile at the end of the year and these results are reported. We assess all of the children using our own teacher judgements all of the time and end of year assessments are shared on reports to parents in July. If you have any questions about any of these assessments, please do ask.

Best wishes, Nicki Bradbury

Term Dates: Please try to avoid holidays in term time as they can't be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.
Easter — Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April
Half term — Monday 30th May to 8th June incl.
Summer— Break up Friday 22nd July 1:30pm

Return—Friday 2nd September

Our holiday dates for next year are on our website.