



## Nether Kelleet Community Primary School

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## Events....

17th April Return to school  
20th April Cricket coaching  
21st April dance taster sessions for Oak and Chestnut.  
25th April Chestnut visit to Pizza Express.  
28th April orienteering workshop with Y1-6.  
28th April Streetdance club starts  
2nd May All other clubs start.

Next term, we start on week 3 of the old menu then move to the new lunch menu.

## Nether Kelleet News



### LONDON

The visit to London by Beech Class was a great success. Everything on the visit went according to plan, meaning we visited a massive list of sights and gave the children some incredible experiences of things that they might otherwise not have. We visited many places including: the Natural History Museum; Chinatown; Covent Garden; Westminster and the Houses of Parliament; Whitehall and Downing Street; Trafalgar Square and the National Gallery. The children enjoyed playing in St James' Park in the sunshine and even enjoyed the adventure play area near Buckingham Palace when the rain finally came in. We visited the Bomber Command memorial and many other sights as well as watching The Lion King. The children were immaculately behaved at all times and we were impressed on the train journeys by the way they entertained themselves with travel games, reading, puzzle books and art — all wholesome activities with not a device in sight! The children had many favourite "bits" including trying adventurous new foods in Chinatown; watching The Lion King; having a full cooked breakfast at the hostel; role-playing debates in the House of Commons and seeing some real-life politicians; travelling on the Tube; going up and down escalators; seeing the amazing array of exhibits in the museum and seeing first hand some artworks by famous artists that we have studied (as well as obviously having fun playing in the park!). It would be safe to say that everyone was exhausted by the end of our journey home but all were in good spirits having had an exciting 2 days enjoying so many new experiences. It was a pleasure taking the children as they were so enthusiastic and appreciative throughout and there was lots of awe and wonder at seeing many things that they had never seen before.

### Andy Tooze's Visit

Andy Tooze, the poet, was brilliantly inspirational to the children. He has visited before but a few years ago and it was great to have him back in. The children were all very inspired to write their own brilliant poems and many performed them in assembly. There are examples on our website too. We also found several choosing to stay in at lunch the next day to compose poems, including several of our football-mad Y5s and 6s!



Be inspired.....have belief and grow



## SPORTS

We continue to take part in exciting sports events.

3 teams of children from Beech Class took part in a korfbal tournament this week, designed to give them a taster of a new game similar to netball. We purposely gave opportunities to children who had not had the opportunity to represent our school in others sports events so far this year. They represented our school beautifully with excellent behaviour and willingness to learn new skills.

Our girls' football team played a match at OLOL last week and came back from 0-3 down to draw 3-3, showing great spirit with our star goal scorer, Cora contributing 2. Our football first team head to Barnsley for their second big final. We have been enjoying sports coaching in Oak and Chestnut as part of our sports cluster and once again we will be welcoming women's cricket coach in for coaching for all classes on 20th April.

## Competitions

Thank you to everyone who participated in our

Bake off and Upcycling competitions, it was great to have so much involvement from our parents and children and so many great entries. Thank you also for all the many donations of Easter eggs for our PTA raffle; we are drawing the winning tickets on Friday!

## Church Visits

All of the classes visited the church in Nether

Kellet as part of our RE focus this half term on Christianity and the Church. All of the children learned lots about both the church and the old school next door and the importance of the church in the life of the village.

**Streetdance club will start earlier than the other clubs, on Friday 28th April. We will be sending out a letter after the holidays. Other clubs will resume**

## Leighton Hall

Sycamore Class enjoyed a great day at Leighton Hall where

they learned lots of information about life in Victorian times; both as the wealthy family of the hall and their servants. Pouring rain prevented them from doing forest school activities too but they enjoyed producing Easter crafts instead in the warmth of the hall!



## Ofsted

I have contemplated writing about Ofsted for some time and have resisted because I am conscious of not entering into political comment in our newsletter. Recent events, which you will have undoubtedly heard about, have prompted much analysis of Ofsted. When speaking with friends who aren't teachers, I found that they were shocked at the way in which Ofsted seems to currently operate and the consequent constant pressure on school staff, leaders and governors and they suggested that parents who aren't in education may need to know. It is important to say that myself, my staff and governors are very happy to be held accountable for the learning, development and safeguarding of the children in our care. However, I know that many who have experienced Ofsted in the past 18 months have experienced a very damaging inspection process. Our experience is that we have to spend time and energy on things that will be judged, sometimes adversely impacting on the time and energy available for other things that really matter for our children. Many heads have taken the decision therefore, at the urging of Ruth Perry's family, to take Ofsted logos off letterheads and entrance hall displays. I have decided to follow suit so you will notice that that Ofsted logo no longer appears on our letters. We are hoping that a new, fairer system of inspection that really improves schools for our young people emerges following recent tragic events. I am happy to discuss any of this with parents and rest assured that our focus is always on doing our very best for all the children in our care.

*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 — Break up Fri 31st March 3:20pm Summer — Break up Friday 21st July 1:30pm  
Return - Monday 17th April  
Half term — Monday 29th May — Tuesday 6th June incl.