



Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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Events....

30th June—PTA Disco until 5pm
1st July—Tesco grant voting starts
6th July—Whole school trip to the Lakes
7th July—Clubs finish
11th-13th July—Storey Institute art display
13th July—School Council summer themed dress-up day and Sponge the Councillor
14th July—Summer fair after school until 5:30
17th July - Y6 parents and staff v Y6 rounders
18th July—Water fight pm
20th July—Leavers' assembly 9:30am
21st July—Break up at 1:30pm

Nether Kellet News

THIS TERM

Well, time flies and we are already nearing the end of the summer term. As always, it is a very busy term in school with trips, summer events, assessments, reports and visitors in school. The children have been enjoying learning about our theme through all subjects and have cooked and sampled foods as well as exploring food through art, DT, science, French, history and geography. They had a great time learning first aid skills and gained some important skills and knowledge for dealing with medical emergencies.

After working at our school for 24 years as a welfare assistant, Marlene Byram is retiring. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please let Helen know.

Sports

Once again, we have had a busy term with sports aside from our PE lessons and all the sports activities at playtimes and lunchtimes. A team of Y3 and 4 children competed in an athletics competition this week and did really well, coming 3rd overall. We have also had Tim Fletcher working with Y3/4 on athletics and Y5/6 on handball and both classes have really enjoyed the sessions and learned many new skills and tactics. Mark Gunn did PE taster sessions ahead of running his summer sports clubs and the children loved those sessions too. Our cricket team are taking part in a tournament next week against local schools, we wish them luck in that.

It was lovely to see so many of you at sports day and we were really happy to see how much enjoyment and excellent sportsmanship was on show that afternoon. All the work we do on resilience, perseverance and taking a risk was evident in the children's positive attitudes to the events, even those that they found really tricky. It was clear to see that some children have really practised their skipping and did brilliantly and we were very impressed with those children who were bringing up the rear in any race and not giving up! It was lovely to see so many parents in the adults' races too (though slightly alarming to be on the finish line for the dads' race!)



The School Council are organising a summer-themed dress-up day on Thursday 13th July. Most, if not all, of the school councillors are also keen to have wet sponges thrown at them to raise money for school! £1 per child for dressing up and "Sponging the Councillor". We will be holding our annual water fight for everyone in school on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th July.

We will also be having a staff and Y6 parents v Y6 children rounders match after school on Monday 17th July—if you are a Y6 parent and wish to take part, please let Vicky Perry know. All of the children are welcome to take part.

Be inspired.....have belief and grow



Parking etc.

Please continue to avoid parking at the school end of Bridge Road to keep that area safe for parents and children arriving and leaving school. I also need to mention that we have had a couple of complaints recently from local residents on the curvy part of Bridge Road. They have contacted school to say that they have had issues with one or two parents parking in inconsiderate ways meaning that the road and/or pavement is too narrow for people to get past. It seems that the problem is caused when cars are double-parked and cars then use the pavement for parking meaning disabled people and people with push-chairs cannot get past (and emergency vehicles wouldn't be able to drive through). Please be considerate in your parking and park in ways that mean that the pavement and road are passable by all road and pavement users. As we always say, parking up by the green is a good option and reduces pollution and traffic chaos on Bridge Road. Thank you.

PTA

Our PTA have been doing a great job this year of being very focused, organised and pro-active and we are very grateful for all of their efforts in providing fun activities for our children and raising money for extras for school. They have been able to fund 5 new i-pads and an i-pad safe recently and are looking to raise further money for more i-pads. Events coming up include:

Fri 30th June –outdoor or indoor disco

Fri 14th July—summer fair

Friday tuckshops

They have also been successful in their bid for our school being one of the Community Grants Scheme in Tesco. This means that we need as many votes for our PTA as possible when you shop in Tesco.

Participating stores are: Carnforth, Lancaster Tesco Express, Heysham Village Tesco Express and Heysham Westend Tesco Express. It starts from 1st July and continues until the end of September so please vote for our school PTA when you do your Tesco shop!

Multiplication Check

Well done to all the Year 4s. It was very obvious that they have worked hard on learning their tables facts and they all did as well as they could on the test itself when under pressure! It is one test that we don't object to because it is really important for all of our children to know all their tables facts by the end of Year 4 as they are so important for so much of their maths. Keep practising Maths Learning Journey steps with your children a little bit each day, it makes a big difference!

Relationships Education

As part of our PSHE and

Relationships Education, we have had Beth from Safenet working with Y5/6 and Y3/4 on relationships, dealing with conflict and gender stereotypes.

We will also be doing our puberty education sessions with Y5/6 during the next couple of weeks. This focuses upon physical and emotional changes that they will experience. If Y5/6 parents want any more information on this, please do get in touch with myself or Rebecca Starr.

Art Competition

As part of the Bay Health Festival, we were invited to complete a collage of Lancaster Quay. Our art club completed the collage and, along with all the other entries, it will be on display from 11th to 13th July at the Storey Gallery. The winning entry will be chosen based on public votes. If you get chance, do go along and vote for our entry!

Best wishes, Nicki Bradbury

Term Dates: Please try to avoid holidays in term time as they can't be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.
Summer — Break up Friday 21st July 1:30pm
Back to school— Mon 4th Sept
Half-term— Monday 23rd —Friday 27th Oct incl.
Christmas—Break up Friday 22nd Dec
Back to school— Monday 8th January