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"Inspired by Cumbria, Ready for the World"

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Dear Parent(s) and Carers,

As the warmth of the sun embraces us this week, it seems like nature herself is rejoicing in the vibrant happenings across our school grounds. With the change in weather, our school has witnessed a blossoming of activity and enthusiasm, mirroring the newfound energy that comes with the arrival of spring/summer. From bustling classrooms to lively playgrounds, our pupils and staff have been immersed in a whirlwind of learning, creativity, and collaboration. As Headteacher, I am delighted to share with you the highlights of the week, reflecting the radiant spirit that the sun has brought to our school community.

EYFS chicks

It brings me immense joy to announce that the eggs lovingly delivered to our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) last week have all successfully hatched, marking the beginning of an enchanting journey for our youngest learners. Throughout their first week in our care, the chicks have been nurtured with tender affection by our dedicated EYFS staff and children, creating a heart-warming atmosphere of learning and wonder. Their presence has not only brought smiles to the faces of our little ones but has also captivated the attention of our entire school community. During this week's Parents' Evening, the chicks became the stars of the show, drawing children from across the school to marvel at their fluffy cuteness. Moreover, parents and carers, even those whose children are not in EYFS, were enchanted by the sweet chirps and gentle movements of our new arrivals. A special thank you goes to Les, our school's IT Support, whose expertise and kindness made it possible for our school community to witness the miracle of life through a live stream of the chicks' hatching. Les' dedication truly embodies the spirit of collaboration and support that defines our school community.

Parents' Evening

Our recent Parents' Evening was a resounding success, filled with moments of pride, connection, and celebration as teachers showcased the remarkable progress and achievements of our children to their proud parents and carers. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and admiration as parents and carers engaged in meaningful conversations with teachers, gaining insights into their child's learning journey and expressing their heartfelt appreciation for the dedication and support provided by our school community. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the parents and carers who took the time to visit our teachers during Parents' Evening. Your active involvement and unwavering support



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are invaluable to the success and growth of our pupils, and we are truly grateful for your partnership in nurturing their potential. Together, we continue to foster a culture of excellence and collaboration that enriches the educational experience for all.

Gymnastics competition

Yesterday marked an exhilarating day for our Key Stage gymnasts as they proudly represented Cumwhinton School at the Carlisle City Schools Gymnastic competition, held at the Sands Centre. With grace, determination, and boundless energy, our talented gymnasts showcased their skills in two thrilling events: the vault and floor exercises. Their performances were nothing short of spectacular, leaving spectators in awe of their agility and precision. The children's exceptional sportsmanship and commitment to excellence were evident throughout the competition, and they truly embodied the spirit of our school's DRIVERS (Humanity, Innovation and The World). We couldn't be prouder of our gymnasts, who not only demonstrated their athletic prowess but also exemplified the values of teamwork, resilience, and dedication. Today, as we gather for our weekly Celebration Assembly, we eagerly anticipate celebrating our gymnasts with the medals they so rightfully deserve. A heartfelt thank you goes to Kim, our dedicated Gymnastic Coach, Kelly, our invaluable Parent helper, and Mrs. Batey for their unwavering support and encouragement. Without their guidance and dedication, the children's success would not have been possible. Let us all join together in celebrating this triumph and applauding the remarkable achievements of our Key Stage gymnasts!

Claire's Cool Creatures

Yesterday, our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) was transformed into a vibrant oasis of adventure and discovery as Claire's Cool Creatures embarked on a captivating journey with our young learners. With a menagerie of fascinating wildlife in tow, Claire ignited the imaginations of our EYFS children, introducing them to an enchanting world teeming with diverse creatures. As the Headteacher, stationed just next door to the EYFS, I couldn't help but be drawn into the immersive experience unfolding in the corridor and classroom. The air was alive with a symphony of sounds: the rustle of leaves, the chirping of geckos, and the excited chatter of our little explorers as they encountered each new creature with wide-eyed wonder. Amidst the chorus of wildlife sounds and gasps of amazement from both children and teachers alike, it was evident that Claire's visit had sparked a deep sense of awe and connection to the natural world. It's moments like these that remind us of the boundless magic and adventure that await us when we open our hearts and minds to the wonders of nature.

Brampton Food Bank

Yesterday, Year 5 embarked on a journey of compassion and community spirit as they welcomed representatives from the Brampton Food Bank into their classroom. As part of their ongoing collaboration with Bright Stars, the children have been diligently working on an inspiring enterprise project aimed at making a difference in the lives of those in need. The visit from the Brampton Food Bank served as a poignant reminder of the profound impact that acts of kindness and generosity can have on our local community. Through thoughtful discussions and hands-on activities, the children gained valuable insights into the importance of empathy, teamwork, and social responsibility. Inspired by their newfound understanding, Year 5 is now more determined than ever to channel their creativity and passion into creating meaningful initiatives that will benefit the Brampton Food Bank and those it serves. As educators, we couldn't be prouder of our pupils' commitment to making a positive difference in the world, and we eagerly anticipate the incredible contributions they will make as they continue to shine brightly as Bright Stars in our school community.



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Jewellery – School Uniform

As we strive to maintain a standard of uniformity and safety within our school community, I would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind you of our school's Uniform Policy. It has been brought to my attention that there has been an increase in the number of Key Stage 2 girls wearing jewellery to school, contrary to our uniform policy.

I must emphasize that children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school, including necklaces, bracelets, or rings. I kindly request that all pupils adhere to this policy. The only exception to this rule is stud earrings.

Our school's Uniform Policy not only fosters a sense of unity but also helps maintain a safe learning environment for all our pupils. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

*As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend, I would like to extend warm wishes for a relaxing and joyous time spent with your friends and families. May this break be filled with laughter, cherished moments, and rejuvenation. We eagerly anticipate welcoming all our pupils back to school on **Tuesday 7th May at 8:45 am**. Until then, enjoy your well-deserved time off.*

Yours sincerely,



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