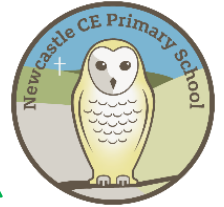




Blue Hills
Federation

NEWCASTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 26th April

Whole School News

It's great to see the weather warming up and we are making the most of the opportunity. This week, on Tuesday, all the children had a joint PE session, and Mr Jones has started to work with the older children on leadership skills that they can use with the younger children.

It has been great to see some different farm animals coming into school this week and last. There are some photographs on the reverse.

Goblin Car club has been going really well and the car is nearly complete. Last week, we had a test run and we look forward to a couple of events before the end of term.

Swimming was off to a great start last week, and we were so impressed by how well many children can swim and their confidence in the water. The specialist swimming teacher has been working with the less confident children. With the cost, the school are funding the lessons and venue and we ask parents to help with the transport costs. This is the same across the Federation with a charge of £2.50 per week.

Later in May, we are going to do a local walk across the hills and have a picnic lunch. This will likely be WC 20th May and will have a geography and art focus. The actual day will be determined by the weather, but I will write to parents nearer the time. As we don't need transport, we do have some flexibility.

Next week we say goodbye to the Year 4s for three days as they head off for their mini-residential trip. Mrs T and Mr Jones will be covering Oak Class as I am also joining the Year 4s and really looking forward to it. Photos and a brief commentary will be available on the school website on the two evenings we are there.

You may have seen that there has been a push in advertising the school on Facebook. We have had some interest over the last few weeks, including school visits. Hopefully these visits will now convert into parents enrolling their children into our school from September.

Acorn Class News and Learning



Acorns Class are immersed in their work about Kenya. Handa and her friend Akeyo, who live in a village there, are characters in our story, Handa's Hen. We have had great fun interpreting it through dance. The clucking hens were something to see! The story ends with everyone having a late breakfast. We all enjoyed our own version on Friday.

In Maths we have worked on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in Y1, measuring capacity in Y2 and fractions in Y3. In our topic work we found out about all the wild animals that live in Kenya. Ask your child what they can remember. Our art lesson continued our focus on Kenya. The children looked at African patterns and decorated stones with these. You will see how beautiful they are! It's been another lovely week.

Oak Class News and Learning



In Oak Class, we have been learning more about Earnest Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole and Antarctica. The children have been thinking about what to include in the expedition and justifying their answers with connectives. The children have also been writing a diary entry, imagining they were on the expedition. In science we have been learning about light sources and the children will be making a periscope over the coming weeks. In maths we have been learning about area, perimeter and volume and have been developing knowledge around shape, space and data handling.

Dates and Reminders



Mondays: Forest School (Oak)

Tuesdays: PE

Wednesdays: Forest School (Acorn)

Fridays: Swimming and Celebration Collective Worship (9am)

WC 13th May: Year 6 SATs week.

23rd May: Music Workshop followed by performance to parents (details to follow)



Radio Controlled Car Club started last week.



Annie's Lamb



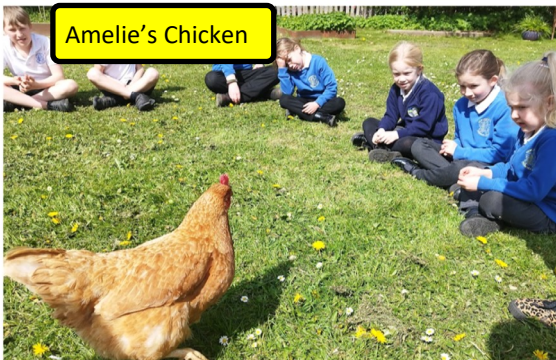
Goblin Car Club



A visit from George



Sam's Calf



Amelie's Chicken

SUZUKI PIANO LESSONS

Clunbury, Shropshire

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Individual piano lessons for children beginning at age 3-6yrs. Learning includes frequent small group opportunities, bringing students together for performance and musicianship activities.

The Suzuki Method teaches instrumental playing through attentive listening to playful demonstration. Through the primary focus on music-listening, children are encouraged to develop musical sensitivity and to play with beautiful tone from the very beginning. Music reading and theory are added to children's learning at a later stage. This mirrors how children develop language skills and allows them to begin learning from a young age.

Suzuki teachers believe that every child has musical ability, and seek to develop this within a partnership between the child, the teacher and a parent. In nurturing musical ability in their child, families enrich the whole of their lives.

For further information:
www.britishsuzuki.org.uk



Birthdays and Celebrations

Over the next couple of weeks we will be celebrating Thomas and Amelie's birthdays

WELL DONE !!

Values Stars of the Week!

<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Acorn Class</p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 0.9em;">Last week we celebrated Phoebe and today we celebrated Chloe.</p>	<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Oak Class</p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 0.9em;">Last week we celebrated Amelie and today we celebrated Owen.</p>
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WELL DONE !!

Our School and Federation Vision

‘Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.’
Proverbs 22:6 The Good News Bible

Our Values

Trust & Truth, Love & Respect, Thankfulness, Friendship & Family, Perseverance and Resilience