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We would like to offer a warm welcome to Mrs Amanda Brough who will be with us for the coming year whilst she completes her apprenticeship to become a Teaching Assistant. She will be working across all four classes as well as leading Breakfast Club and After School Club Sessions. Next week former pupils Daniel Davies and Milena Dziecielska will be joining us for their work experience. We are looking forward to having them back.

Once again we have had a very exciting week with so many amazing activities and opportunities....

Vindolanda

On Wednesday Fox Class explored the Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda Fort on Hadrian's Wall. They did lots of different activities to learn about life in Roman times and what it was like to be a Roman.

Football, Netball, Bouldering and Quicksticks

It has been a very active week at Clifton and on Thursday the Bouldering team excelled themselves in representing school at the Eden Rock Bouldering Tournament. There were four routes in five zones that varied in difficulty and every single child really rose to the challenge. It not only put their physical skills to the test but also their resilience and stamina. We are eagerly awaiting to hear whether we have made it to the final in March.



The Year 4 hockey team also pulled out all the stops at Friday's tournament and their three wins and two draws got them through to the final in Kirkby Stephen.



On Monday Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a friendly football and netball festival with Beaconside and Hunter Hall. Not only did they enjoy the competition but they developed their awareness and understanding of the skills, strategies and gameplay involved.



WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!

Rheged Print Show

Fox and Deer classes finished off their week with a very creative and inspirational visit to Rheged's Great Print Show. They were fascinated by the range of art work on show in the exhibition and then had the opportunity to work with two of the artists making their own prints. David Lush showed the children the 'magical' technique of 'cyanotype' printing and Polly Marix Evans let the children experiment with some of her own lino cuts. The exhibition is on until Sunday 3 March and is free to visit so you may want to pop along before it finishes.



Library Visits

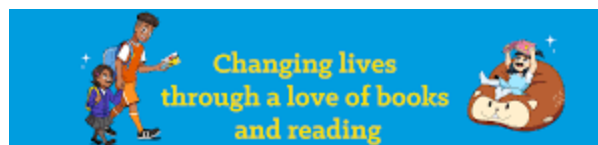
Squirrels and Hedgehogs enjoyed their visit to Penrith Library on Tuesday. As well as story time and book related crafts they also had the opportunity to choose their own books and 'borrow' them using their library card and scanning machine. We are hoping to take children to the Library on a more regular basis but please do not wait until then to return the books your child has brought home. Penrith Library opening hours are listed below but books can be returned to and borrowed from any Cumbrian library

Monday: 9.30am to 6pm	Tuesday: 9.30am to 6pm	Wednesday: 9.30am to 5pm
Thursday: 9.30am to 5pm	Friday: 9.30am to 5pm	Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm



World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. We will start the day together thinking about the wonderful world of books and then each class will explore a different book through a range of creative and imaginative activities. We will meet later on in the day to share our work with the rest of school. £1.00 World Book Day vouchers will be given to each child at the Scholastic Book Fair from 8th March onwards.



It is PTA non uniform day on this day and children can wear their own clothes in exchange for Easter hamper items. Please could children in Squirrel and Hedgehog classes wear 'tea party' clothes for a Tiger Who Came to Tea experience.

Internet Safety

On a few occasions this week, online gaming has been mentioned by the children and we would like to encourage you to regularly monitor your online security systems to keep them up to date. Please take a look at the information on this link which gives details of the potential (significant) dangers of online games and of how to ensure your children's online safety. [How to Ensure Your Children Stay Safe While Playing Online Games | NSPCC](#)

Scholastic Book Fair



We are very excited to tell you about the Book Fair we will be running in school between March 8th – 14th. There will be a wide range of books on sale from 3.30 - 4.00 and World Book Day vouchers can be spent on books priced £2.99 or more.

This year we are focussing on refreshing and replenishing the books we have in school and the more books that are bought at the fair, the more books school can buy with the commission. Follow this link to browse books available from the Fair. [Book Fair Parents Hub - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

Deer Class Library Form Reminder

Please return all library forms by Monday. They need to be forwarded to Penrith Library before our visit on Tuesday 5th March so they are ready for the children. The only children who do not need to fill one in are those who already have a Cumbrian Library card. Can Deer Class children please bring their library cards in on Tuesday 5th March and hand them to Miss Simpson.

Outdoor Learning

Please send in a complete set of warm winter clothing that is preferably waterproof and wellies, hat, gloves and scarf. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. Please be aware that shorts are not acceptable clothing for Outdoor Learning. The children are outside for a long period of time and the weather can be wet and cold. It can also be a health and safety risk when children are around fires and in nature with nettles/brambles etc.

Hedgehog Class – 6th March, 20th March

Deer Class – 13th March, 27th March

PE LESSONS this half term are as follows.....

Squirrel Class – Monday and Thursday

Fox Class – Monday and Friday

Deer Class – Wednesday and Friday

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please send PE kits in to keep on the pegs for Hedgehogs as changing time is a good opportunity to develop independence skills

Believe it or not, socks get people talking.....

On 21 March, choose some socks that are going to get noticed!
They might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!
The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome".



Packed Lunches

Please could we remind you that packed lunches should not contain any sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks or **anything containing nuts**. Follow this link for guidelines on healthy food ideas [Health Information - PhunkyFoods](#)

Fox Class U Dance

Our remaining practise sessions are on the following dates and **children can come into school in PE kit and trainers.**

Tuesday 27th February & Tuesday 12th March.

The U Dance Performance will be on Thursday 21 March at the Crown & Mitre in Carlisle. Tickets are priced at £9.00 and went on sale on Monday 19th February 2024. **You should have received a letter during half term with the link on which to buy tickets and you are advised to buy your tickets as soon as you can.**

<https://buytickets.at/udancefestivalcumbria/1157766> Apologies - this was the wrong link last week.

Cold to Cosy Homes at Cumbria Action for Sustainability

Attached is a flier about energy saving support you may be eligible for. Applications can be made via this link. <https://cafs.org.uk/cold-to-cosy-homes-cumbria/free-fuel-vouchers-appliances-draughtproofing/>

PTA News

The next event is the Easter Bingo on 22nd March and on March 8th there will be a Non Uniform Day in exchange for the Easter items on slips sent home earlier this week.

100 Club letters will be coming home very soon and this is the perfect way to support the school without any effortand you could be a lucky winner of one of three cash prizes. The more members the bigger the prize money.

Date for your diary - Car Treasure Hunt on Sunday 16th June – a perfect Father's Day treat!

NEXT MEETING – 18th April @ school @ 7pm

Thankyou so much for our AMAZING ipads!



Spring Term Clubs

Monday lunchtime – running club with Mrs Davies. For all children in Year 1 – Year 6. Children must bring in a PE kit and trainers that they can get muddy.



Tuesday lunchtime - Cheer Club with Jennie Davidson and Miss Hunter.



Sewing Club – Fridays **until 4.30** with Mrs Roberts & Mrs Brabant.

If your child would like to come please book it in Parent Pay under After School Club (1 hour).

Lunchtime Drama Club – Wednesdays

Miss Simpson will run a Homework Club for Year 6 children on Tuesdays

Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 5th March - Deer Class Library visit

Thursday 7th March – KS2 Dodgeball Tournament

Friday 8th March – PTA Non Uniform Day

Friday 8th March – World Book Day

8th March onwards – Scholastic Book Fair

13th March – Hedgehogs Stay & Play

14th March – Squirrel Class visit to Abbot Lodge Ice Cream Farm

Friday 15th March – Netball Final

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

19th/20th March – Parent's Evening Meetings

Thursday 21st March – Fox Class - U Dance Festival @ Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle (5.00 and 6.30pm)

Thursday 21st March – Downs Syndrome Day – wear socks to get you noticed

Friday 22nd March – PTA Easter Bingo 6pm for 6.30pm start

Tuesday 26th March – Fox Class Library Visit

Wednesday 27th March – Fox Class to Action Ants Ball Skills @ Culgaith

Thursday 28th March – End of Spring term

Monday 15th April – Start of the Summer Term



Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Spring term

Start -Thursday 4th January End - Thursday 28th March

Half Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Summer Term

Start - Monday 15th April End - Friday 19th July

Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Please remember there is a small change in term dates compared to those published on the Westmorland & Furness website.

Remember you can keep up to date with events and photos on our Friends of Clifton Primary School Facebook page so please join if you have not already.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team