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Dear Parents/carers,

Another year has flown by and it is time to say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6s. What a fantastic group of kind, talented and enthusiastic young people they are and how cute were they all not so very many years ago. Please keep in touch as we love to hear how you are getting on.



A very BIG farewell to the Threlkeld, Allen, Thompson, Smith, Ritchie, Hancox, and Blake families.

Move Up Day

On Thursday the whole school had a transition to the new classes so the Year Fours came to Deer class. In the morning we had to design a picture to represent us and the options were a shoe, jumper, football and a cap. Then we played dodge ball with the new year fives that meant we were the year sixes. **Harry & Josh**

We had Move Up Day and I was in Year 3. We did art all day and one bit we did was a normal side of your face and one bit was not normal and it was funny. **Charlie K**

They also made a time capsule that can be opened in a year's time

Clifton Talent Show

Our Clifton Talent Shows are full of surprises and fun – there is definitely a lot of unique talent shown in one small classroom. From hoola hooping to drumming, gymnastics, magic, singing, dancing, tennis, football and even poetry. All year groups have taken part from Reception to Year 6. It has been a lovely end to the school term. **Bella CB**

Check out our [Friends of Clifton Primary School | Facebook](#) to see the photos.

Adventure Week was a massive highlight of the last few weeks of term and who better to tell you all about it than the children.....

On the Wednesday Deer class went kayaking and canoeing on the lake. They all had so much fun. Some of them may have gotten wet but they still had a laugh. As they got more confident with it they travelled to an island. It had a lot of goose poo on it too! After all the excitement on Ullswater lake they had the option to jump in of the jetty. They walked down to a field where they had lunch. Foxes and Squirrels joined them and they all either got to play dodgeball or do some creative artwork of the scenery around them. Either way all of the children had an amazing time and the staff made sure everyone was safe and happy. **Olivia B**

DEER CLASS

On Wednesday 5th of July year 5 and 6 went canoeing/ kayaking on Ullswater lake . Everyone had an amazing time , a few people fell in but kept smiling the whole time! The staff made sure that no one felt unsafe. We travelled to a little island called Goose POO is-land!!!!!!After all that paddling , the children had a choice to jump of the jetty!!!
Matilda



On Monday the 10th of July Deer class went to Keswick Climbing Wall to run through the high ropes course. First, we did the practise course for our safety. Once everyone finished it we moved onto the real course and we went past the rope tunnel to go to the harder one. Slowly Deer class crept along the swinging obstacles and once we went up the ladder we went across four wires to get to a zipline. We had to wait for the instructor to tell us how to control the zipline and we had to pull down a lever to go to the floor. Once most people had done the zipline others went up the massive ladder to do an additional course if you wanted to do it. dear class went through it and to show our emotions. **Marcus**

On Tuesday morning Deer class took a trip to Setterah Farm near Lowther. Owned by the Lowther estate, the farm has changed to take an eco approach to farming. The children learned all about this change when they first arrived at the farm . From over 3,000 sheep to only 200 cows you can see how the farm has changed to help our precious environment .

The children were taught by Joe and Jim who work at the farm. They went to the pond and went pond dipping. The farm has been taking care of two beavers and deer class had a look at their habitat . They also said hello to Marmalade the pig and 4 storks . After lunch in the barn the children took a walk to the river where they found out how the farmers were trying to make it more natural once more. A fun day for everyone -the kids definitely learned lots as well . **Alana**



Common Fell

When we got to Common Fell our journey started . Everyone was a little nervous and anxious, it was wet and cold. There were fell sheep- herdicks, cheviots and swaledales. When we were walking there was sheep muck everywhere. We went through a forest of bracken (so high!). The rain felt like bullets, every time we went to a bump we thought that we were there - yet it was still so far. But all at once it was so close - we all summoned the stamina to run, on the left a little pool. Just a tiny bump on top a pile of rocks. We finally we got lunch. **Joshua**

On Wednesday we went to the canoeing and I dropped my paddle in the water. Izzy had to save my paddle and me and Idgie were shouting for more waves. **Hannah**

We had a race with other canoes just to have fun but we got to jump in the lake at the end. **Idgie**

At the end me, Hannah and Idgie jumped in together. We were all very scared and we did not want to jump in but when we did it was very fun. **Emily**

I enjoyed doing the canoeing but I felt like I might have fell in the water but it was very fun. **Chester**

SQUIRRELS AND FOXES



Friday was Setterah Farm and it was a nature farm. He had a deer antler on a table at the farm. **Klara**

On Friday I went to Setterah Farm and first we saw an orange pig called Marmalade, a very big bird that I forgot its name, a frog, a beetle and we heard a grasshopper. **Freddie**

Then we went to a farm but it wasn't any old farm it was a bug farm and my favourite animal was a pig called Marmalade. **Zak**

On Monday we went to Brockhole to go on Tree Top Nets and brave looking in the cave finding animals. My favourite was Brockhole because it was very fun going through the caves. It was amazing! **George**



On Tuesday we did a fell walk and it was tiring but it was nice when we ate lunch in the shade. Then we kept walking and we got compass to show north, south, east and west. **Rory**

On Tuesday we fell walked . It was so hard but I had a lovely time walking with Ruby. **April**

HEDGEHOGS AND OWLS

We went on a pirate boat and saw Captain Mc Grew and he said 'Ahoy mates' and there was a parrot that said squawk, squawk and it bit my nose off. **Bodhi**





We went in the cave and then we went to the park and then we went to Tree Top Nets. I jumped down the holes and I did a front flip on the bouncy bits.

Caileb

I jumped down and I slid down the other side but I was not meant to. I jumped and it was really fun. **Louis**



It was dark and there were pictures on the walls. First we saw if we could fit and then we went in the main cave. **Charlie M**



We built sandcastles and we picked up sea shells. We even went for a dip in the sea! Going for a little paddle was my favourite bit. **Mia**

Everyone skimmed rocks on the sea and I did 10. **Jamie**

A BIG thankyou to all who helped with Adventure Week

We could not have done it without you!

Penrith Show The weather might not have been up to standard for a summer agricultural show but the creative talents of the children were admired by many who visited?

It was really good to see all our writing, sock puppets and pine cones. There were loads of other ones too.

Olivia S

Well done to everyone and especially to Gabriella, Jack, Lewis and Nanzi on your successful entries.



Good news

Betty must have got wind of all the new babies due in the Autumn term at Clifton and decided to join in too.

This time she left her nest building until much later in the term so she now has 6 weeks during which she can hopefully raise her two new chicks in peace.

Visit by Tara Simpson Sullivan

When Tara came to visit us on Monday it was very interesting and inspiring. She was a really nice person – not like the head teacher in Matilda who also throws a hammer! It was amazing to hold the hammer which weighed 4 kgs but it was not as heavy as the men's hammer which weighs 7.2kg! Tara told us that she can usually do 4 or 5 turns of the hammer before letting the hammer go. It was interesting that if the hammer hits the net it would bounce back and the thrower has to jump out of the way.

Did you know that it is more likely to hit the audience and that there is a gap in the net to throw the hammer through?

Luke, Oliver N & Harvey



School Lunches

We are continuing to work hard to keep the price of our school lunches as low as possible, but with our costs still high, we are making a further small increase for September. School lunches will be £2:70 which we feel is still value for money compared to many other schools and for the quality of meals we are able to provide.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th September - Back to school

13th September – WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT to the Westmorland Show. We will need lots of extra adult helpers for this trip so if you fancy it please make a date in your diary.

Term Dates for Next Year

We wanted to make you aware of a small change in term dates compared to those published on the Westmorland & Furness website and was previously included on the weekly update.

Autumn term

Start - Wednesday 6th September End - Tuesday 19th December

Half term Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

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

**The Summer fair
raised an AMAZING
£715.62. Thankyou to
the PTA and all who
supported it.**

Thank you for everyone's kind words, gestures and good wishes over the last few days – we all very much appreciate them and the wonderful group of children we are privileged to work with every day. All that remains is for us to wish you all a very happy Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all for another exciting year of learning in September.

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team