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### Young Voices



After our first ever visit to Young Voices last week Charlie and Rory in Year 4 wanted to compose a poem. Mrs Brabant thinks it captures the experience better than any words we could have written.



### Young Voices

Singing was amazing, we sang our hearts out.

The feeling of being in the world's biggest children's choir.

Being with our friends having the best time of our lives.

Charlie K & Rory



### Dodgeball

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, seventeen children from Year 5 & 6 participated in a Dodgeball tournament at Kirkby Grammar School.

Both teams took part in some nail-biting games and displayed some outstanding sportsmanship. They thoroughly enjoyed it and are looking forward to the British dodgeball competition in March.



### **Lunches**

We've all been very pleased to welcome Joanna back this week, she's been sorely missed. She's been busy preparing the kitchen for reopening after half term.

Can we take this opportunity to thank Beaconside staff for their support over these last few months, providing the meals and thanks to you all and the children for being so understanding and flexible.

Menus are now available to book children's meal choices for the first week back at school, please ensure this is done before Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Then menus are attached.

### **After School Club Pick-Up - A Quick Update from Mr Page**

To help us ensure a smooth and safe end to After-School Club, we kindly ask that families collect their children at the door rather than coming into the school building. This helps us to make sure the children leave safely and enables our staff to keep focused on supervising the children. We hope you understand this small change and thank you for your support in making pick-up quick and safe for everyone.

### **Trips and Visits**

As we look forward to the Spring and some ( hopefully) better weather we are busy planning for a range of trips and visits to enhance the children's learning – including Adventure Week.

Our first visits will be during Science Week. Hedgehog Class will visit Walby Farm Park on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to support their learning about farming and Deer and Fox Classes will visit the Life Centre in Newcastle on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The trips will be subsidised by school but contributions of £12.50 (Walby) and £17.50 ( Life Centre) will be added to Parent Pay.

### **Year 6 Homework Club**

In the build up to SATs week in May Miss Simpson and Mrs Davies are holding a Homework Club on Thursdays after half term They will run until 4.30 and are a great way for children to prepare for their assessments. Please speak to Miss Simpson if you have any questions.



### **Advance Notice of Road Closure**

Please be aware of the following road closure, after half term, that will add extra time to journeys made to and from Penrith direction.

The A6 between Eamont Bridge and Clifton is to close for up to 4 days from 8am on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> February through to 5pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February for Westmorland and Furness Highways to carry out Pre Surface Dressing, Patching and Civil Works from A6 Clifton North 30mph signs to the Mini roundabout at the junction of the A6 with the B5320 at Eamont Bridge.

Traffic diversions will see vehicles diverted 22miles adding up to 30 minutes to drivers journey via Shap and the M6.

The alternative route for vehicles will be signed and available via the unrestricted sections of the A6, B6261, M6 and the A66.

## Decider Skills

This week Miss Coutts introduced the children to the 'Fact or Opinion' Decider Skill.

Up to now they have learned about STOPP, It Will Pass, 'Right Now,' Name the Emotion and Opposite Action.

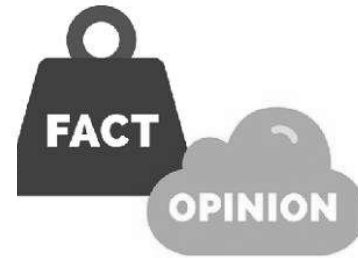
When we are feeling THE FIZZ, our strong emotions power our opinions. The strong opinions then reinforce our emotions and this makes us fizz even more! It is a vicious cycle that feels very powerful. It can lead us to act on impulse with unhelpful results.

For example, if a friend walks past us without saying hello, we might think "she ignored me", "she doesn't want to be my friend anymore", or "she didn't see me". Our opinion will then affect our emotion.

The only fact is that the person walked past and didn't acknowledge you; anything else is an opinion, our own way of making sense of the situation. The reality or fact may be something very different.

So we need to ask ourselves: is this FACT or OPINION?

FACT	OPINION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence to support its truth</li> <li>No argument</li> <li>Driven by rational thought (head)</li> <li>Would stand up in a court of law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based upon our own beliefs</li> <li>It could change</li> <li>Driven by emotion (heart)</li> </ul>

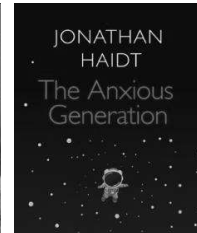
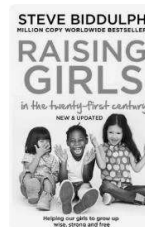


Remember they might also mention 'feeling the fizz' which is a way of recognising that our emotions are having a physical effect on our bodies. The Decider Skills help us develop strategies to use when we feel the fizz.

We will hold a meeting for parents later in the term so we can share the skills with you in more detail.



We have added some more books to the selection on display in the entrance hall. Please feel free to borrow them.



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

**Hedgehog Class – Monday and Friday**

**Fox Class – TBC & Friday**

**Deer Class – Tuesday & Friday**

**The children in Deer Class will be having**

**gymnastics at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday afternoons for the next half term.**

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

PLEASE ENSURE ALL HEDGEHOG CHILDREN HAVE THEIR PE KITS IN SCHOOL FOR USE ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

## Outdoor Learning

Next half term it will be Fox Class and Hedgehog Class who do Outdoor Learning on Wednesday afternoons.

26<sup>th</sup> February - Hedgehog Class

5<sup>th</sup> March - Fox Class

12<sup>th</sup> March - Hedgehog Class  
19<sup>th</sup> March - Fox Class  
26<sup>th</sup> March - Hedgehog Class  
w/b 31 March (date tbc) - Fox Class

Please send a complete set of suitable clothing and, now the wetter weather is here, **wellies** and 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.

### Spring Term Clubs



Miss Wilson will be lead Choir club on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Sewing Club with Mrs Roberts on Fridays – there is a £4 charge to cover costs. It is open to children from Year 2-6.

Art Club – there will be a lunchtime art club lead by Mrs Brabant and Harvey (children who wish to attend have expressed an interest)

Running Club ( for all age groups) is on Thursday. Children will need a spare pair of trainers that can get muddy.



### Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Girls Football @ QEGS

**W/B 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Hedgehogs visit to Walby Farm Park**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Y2-6 Life Centre visit**

**18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's Evenings**

**27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5/6 Orienteering**

27<sup>th</sup> March – PTA meeting

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – End of term Spring Celebration in church @ 2.00pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – PTA Easter Bingo @ 6.00pm**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – End of Spring Term**

### Looking Ahead

w/b 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day @ 1.00pm

Thursday 22 May – Sleepover for Rec, Y1 & Y2

Friday 23 May – Beacon walk and cinema for Rec, Y1 & 2

2-9 July – Adventure Week

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leaver's Celebration

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Talent Show & end of term

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

### Job Vacancies

We are currently looking for a Clerk to Governors to join our school team (1.5hrs per week).

If interested, you can find further information about the role on our school website or please feel free to pop in the school office to discuss the role further.

Clifton Primary School & Hedgehogs Nursery - Vacancies

### **TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

School term and half term dates for 2024/2025

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start of term</b>	<b>Half term</b>	<b>End of term</b>
Spring	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025	Friday 18 July 2025

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