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SPORTS DAY

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of sport, teamwork and friendship on Tuesday when we were fortunate enough to have a beautiful afternoon for our annual Sport's Day. Well done to all of the children for their great efforts and the fantastic support they provide for each other. An extra special congratulations to the winning team – **Blencathra!**

Thanks to all the family members who came to cheer the children on and to the PTA for helping with refreshments.



Infant Sleepover

We could not have wished for better weather for the Infant Sleepover this year. The children were able to play outside before enjoying songs, marshmallows and hot chocolate around the campfire. All the children were asleep before 11pm and the boys room slept in until 7.00am – that is a record. We won't mention the girl's room!!

The Nursery children joined us on Friday and the children all did remarkably well on their walk around the woods at Penrith Beacon enjoying the trees, fresh air and bird song. A screening of the new Lilo and Stitch movie at Rheged was the perfect ending to their mini residential experience. A very BIG thankyou to all the adults who worked so hard to make this fantastic experience possible for the youngest children at our school.



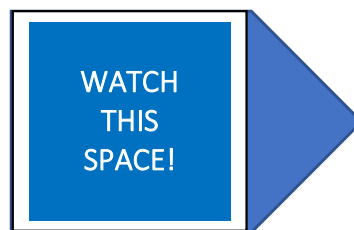
Swimming Gala



On Wednesday morning, the Clifton swim team competed in the Penrith Leisure Centre gala. Our 16 children did an amazing job, not just of swimming, but also of supporting one another and cheering all competitors over the finish line.

Sponsored Walk

June 3rd is the date of our annual Sponsored Walk and this year we hope to make it an even bigger success as we aim to raise funds towards our new outdoor classroom. We were lucky enough to time our purchase to make the most of some fairly good discounts so it will not cost nearly as much as the £10,000 we had initially anticipated. Attached is a sponsored walk letter and sponsor form- please share it far and wide so we can raise a significant amount towards the cost of our exciting new learning space. Yesterday SKANSKA staff started preparing the area for the new building which will be arriving in early June.



Adventure Week

We have just had confirmation of the Year 5/6 activities so will send home more information very soon. Thank you for the few offers of help we have had so far. As you will know we greatly rely on the support of

parents and grandparents to accompany us on these exciting days out. Please do get in touch if you can help especially with the Hedgehog Class trips, Year 2 activities and the fell walks.

The coloured activities below are the days we will need help for each class / year group but please feel free to offer for others that may take your fancy.

Hedgehog Class – Wed 2nd July (seaside trip), Fri 4th July (Acorn Bank), Mon 7th July (Pirate Adventure on Ullswater steamer), Tues 8th July (Lowther Castle).

Year 5/6 Fell Walk – Thurs 12th June

Year 2,3 & 4 Fell Walk – Thurs 26th June

Year 2 – Wed 9th July (Mini Tree Trek) & Thurs 10th July (ghyll scrambling & canoe treasure hunt)

Year 5/6 – Kayaking and lakeside activities (8th July) Raft building and tree top activities (14th July)

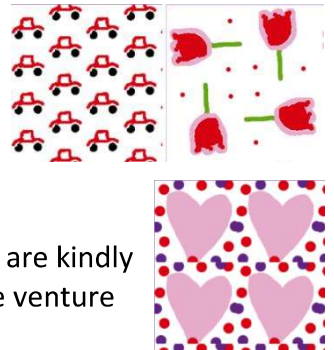
Year 3/4 – Residential Sleepover 9-10 July (no additional helpers needed)

Bright Stars



The wrapping paper/gift tags are selling well and Fox Class will continue to sell it the week after half term to raise money for Down Right Worthy (Down Syndrome charity) and playground equipment that the children will decide upon themselves.

Penrith Building Society and The George & Dragon are kindly selling the wrapping paper to support this valuable venture



Decider Skills.

Next half term Miss Coutts will do the final Decider Skills assembly with the children. Up to now the children have learned about STOPP, It Will Pass, 'Right Now,' Name the Emotion, Opposite Action, 'Fact or Opinion,' Self Care, Values, Listen, Respect and Crystal Clear

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.



PTA NEWS

BAG 2 SCHOOLS collection – clothes, shoes, bags, belts and accessories. THIS HAS NOW CHANGED TO 25th JUNE

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY 29th JUNE – PTA SUMMER EVENT

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

Hedgehog Class – Monday and Thursday (please come in PE kit for gymnastics on Thursday)

Fox Class – Thursday & Friday

Deer Class – Thursday & Fridays (swimming on Wed 4th June and Fri 13th June)

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

Outdoor Learning

The children in Deer Class planned and prepared a Tree Party for Hedgehog class that they all enjoyed celebrating on Wednesday. They had organised a range of trees focussed on the towering ash tree in the Secret Garden and shared drinks and biscuits together. These activities are all organised by Mrs Davies to work towards the Woodland Trust platinum award.



Next half term Outdoor Learning on Wednesday afternoons will be as follows:

Wednesday 4th June – Deer Class

Wednesday 11th June – Fox Class

Wednesday 18th June- Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 25th June – Fox Class

Wednesday 2nd July – Fox Class

Wednesday 9th June- Hedgehog Class

Please send a complete set of suitable clothing including **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

Girls Football/Netball Club (one on alternate weeks: football on 6th June) – Years 2-6 on Fridays (3.30-4.30) with Alistair Tallentire and Miss Simpson.

Miss Wilson & Mrs Chalmers will be running a Baking Club on 3.30-4.30 Tuesdays after Half Term (not the 8th July) Numbers are strictly limited so please email c.wilson@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk to book a place.

Mrs Davies is running a Nature Club on Thursday lunchtimes.



Dates for the Diary

2nd June – Back to school

3rd June – Sponsored Walk

4th June – Hedgehog visit to North West Sheep Show

6th June – Class Photographs

10th June – Dodgeball Final

17th June – Sponsored Walk Reserve

18th June – KS1 Multi Sports

18th June – Fox Class visit to Carlisle Roman Dig

19th June – Aquathlon for Year 6 @ Lazonby Pool

SUNDAY 29th June – PTA Summer Event SAVE THE DATE

25th June – PTA Bag to School collection (new date)

2nd July – Deer Class Summer Play

Thursday 3rd July – Move Up Day

4-10 July – Adventure Week

8th July – Y3/4 Cricket

9-10th July – Year 3/4 Camp

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Leaver’s Celebration

Friday 18th July – Talent Show & end of term

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

School term and half term dates for 2024/2025

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Summer	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025	Friday 18 July 2025

School term and half term dates for 2025/2026

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring	Wednesday 7 January 2026	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026	Friday 17 July 2026

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