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'Believe & Achieve'

Dear Parents & Carers,

Effort, determination and enjoyment.

These three words sum up the past few weeks. All of us in school are seeing the effort and hard work both in lessons and on the sports field.

It was lovely to share Sports Day with families and see the determination of athletes, the sportsmanship, teamwork and enjoyment of all the children. KS2 have had two fabulous trips out to the theatre and Tees Barrage both greatly enjoyed and their behaviour was exemplary. We would like to thank PFA for their fundraising and contributions paying for the theatre tickets and towards the cost of the coastal trip which Reception and KS1 are already looking forward to after half term.

The school diary is busy after half term so do keep a copy of our calendar or check the school website for events.

We hope you all enjoy a happy and safe half term holiday.

Mrs. Grundmann & Miss. Jeffries

Punctuality

Punctuality is important. The children begin their learning as soon as they enter class at the start of the day. Being 10 mins later every day leads to nearly an hour of lost learning in a week. At Carlton, children should arrive at the start time of the oldest child so they enter with their class.

Class 3 - 8.40am

Class 1 - 8.50am

Class 2 - 8.45am

Bilsdale – all pupils 8.40am

We will be monitoring punctuality after half term.

Online Safety

We know that during the holiday some children will keep in touch with their friends by phone and online. A reminder that apps do have recommended age limits:

The minimum age of use for WhatsApp is **16 years old**. It had previously dropped to 13 years old but in April 2018 returned to 16, as a response to data-protection legislation.

Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype.

More details can be found here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/age-restrictions-on-social-media-services>

Please ensure you have parental controls installed on devices and regularly check children's accounts and activity.

KS2

The first part of our topic 'Misty Mountain Winding River' has focussed on rivers. The children have created their own river poems comparing the river's movement and sounds to other objects and using personification. We are midway through writing a story based on the picture book 'Float'.

During their visit to Tees Barrage, the children demonstrated their understanding of rivers and canals and up in the control tower. We had a water safety session and found out the number one reason for falling into rivers and canals is people looking at their phones. We found out about the features & route of the River Tees – and how trade and use of boats has affected the river. We also completed a sandpit activity, creating a model of the Tees and then altering it as we talked about, and through trade. We had a site walk which explained how the barrage controls the river and the highlight of the day was a visit to the control room where we learnt how the Barrage works.

Our science work on 'states of matter' was also connected to water with the different processes linked to water changing state and different experiments based on thermal insulators and changing temperature of water. The children are skilled at using thermometers.

Although 'mountains' will be the focus after half term, the children have produced some beautiful landscape vista pictures showing hills and mountains. They have learnt some new sketching techniques and taken great care with water colours.



Ascension Day

KS1 and KS2 marked Ascension Day, the day Jesus ascended into Heaven, with their own journey walking to St Magdalene's Church. We had a prayer stop on route where we looked around at God's creation and Seth led us in prayer. Father Robert and Mr Sayer met us at church with Cameron ringing the church bell to welcome us. During the short service, Izzy and Evie read the Ascension Day prayer. We then tried to give the church a hug but there weren't quite enough of us to hold hands around the outside of the church.

Bilsdale had an Ascension Day worship outside in the school garden and planted sunflowers.

Lord Jesus, you became man and came to live among us.
For love of us, you suffered and died for us.
Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day.
Today you return to your Father and our Father,
But you promised to remain with us till the end of time,
And to send us the Holy Spirit.
We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, purify and transform us,
Kindle within us the fire of your love.
Amen.

EYFS

Our topic for this half term has been 'Sunshine and Sunflowers'. This seasonal project provides opportunities for outdoor learning and teaches children how to care for the plants and animals in their local environment and how to stay safe in the sun. We have planted seeds and watched them grow; learnt about insect lifecycles; and explored the environment through painting, maps, stories and investigation of the natural world.



We have caterpillars in the classroom which we have watched grow from tiny caterpillars to really big caterpillars. They are just starting to make cocoons.... what will happen next? We also have some tadpoles – they are growing quite big and we are wondering what will happen to them.

We have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and sequencing the story.



Alongside our topic children have been busy in our learning areas with an amazing array of learning through play. We used some donated pallets to build a story chair for OWLS, which the children love to access.

In Story Club Reception children have been really brave at having a go at independent writing. We really enjoyed working on 'Jack and the Jellybean Stalk.'

We have seen lots of creative and imaginative art work and role play.

Our topic after half term is 'On the Beach.' We have plans to create Carlton beach in the quad, so would welcome resources to make the seaside – buckets and spades, rocks, shells, seaweed, a paddling pool, deckchairs....

What are you reading?



After watching Billionaire Boy and reading Demon Dentist, many Y4 and Y5 children are keen to read another David Walliams book.

What will you read this half term?



Big congratulations to the children who turned their designs into a fabulous mosaic to commemorate the jubilee.

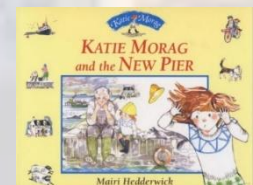
Olivia, Scarlett, Beatrice, Hugo, Sammy, Bonnie, Thomas, Honey, Kitty, Alice – amazing work!

Bilsdale art club have made mosaics for the village Jubilee Celebrations.

KS1

KS1 have had another hard-working start to this half term and are enjoying their new topic 'Coastline'.

In English, we have created wonderful stories based on 'Song of the Sea' as well as reading and sharing 'Katie Morag and the New Pier'.



In Maths, we have learnt about shape and we are now having fun measuring. The children have enjoyed a range of practical activities, using scales to weigh different items as well as measuring amounts of water using standard and non-standard units of measure and have shown great enthusiasm.

In PE, we have had great fun preparing for our wonderful Sports day.

The children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of traditional races and team activities representing their 'House Team'.



A big well done to all our pupils for a great sports day. It was lovely to see the whole school community having such a great time together.

Another fantastic half term!



Billionaire Boy, Sunderland Empire

My favourite scene was when Joe's Dad turned up in a helicopter. It was magical to be in the David Walliams World.

Kitty

The school trip was AMAZING!

Teddy

The show was AMAZING! I absolutely adored it!

Ben

Sunderland theatre was great.... Thank you PFA!

Evie

... it was one of my most favourite school trips I have ever been on. Thank you PFA for making this happen.

Cameron

...I was extremely excited to see Billionaire Boy and I was not disappointed.... Thank you to the PFA for getting tickets and the best seats in the house!

Izzy

I liked seeing the big, big, big theatre. It was so, so, so fun.

Lluna

I loved the feeling the music and acting made me feel, it was as if it was real life.....thank you to the PFA for buying the tickets because without them we wouldn't have been able to go.

Sophie

I enjoyed the theatre, it looked like a palace on the inside.

Felix

Overall, I was impressed and I would rate it a 10/10

Ryan

Sports Day

My favourite race was the egg and spoon race.... Thank you, Mrs Cawthra and the Governors that helped.

Charlie

Sports day was brilliant
Aiden

Sports day was terrific
Martha

I would like to say a big thank you to my team mates, because they cheered me on when I had no hope.

Teddy

...this is my last sports day, I will definitely remember it.

Thea

This was my last sports day. It was all I could imagine.... I want to say thank you to Mrs Cawthra and all the teachers.

Evie

.... although my shoe fell off it was a good laugh.

Rupert

Sports day was good because all the children joined in.

Alex