



Newsletter- Friday 10th May

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## Headteacher's Message



A couple of things this week, firstly, I would like to wish all of our Year 6's good luck for their SATs next week (they'll be over before you know it!) Hopefully, you can all get out in the sunshine over the weekend, rest and relax and be ready to go on Monday morning - You've got this!

As you will see below, we are always keen to share in and celebrate our children's achievements outside of school so, if any of our children would like to share in celebration assemblies, just let their class teacher know.

Have a lovely weekend everyone - fingers crossed for sunshine!

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## Weekly Awards



### **Hill Top Class**

Class Champion: Robbie

Headteacher: Hector

Reader: Jack

### **Dove Class**

Class Champions: Sadie

Headteacher: Parker

Reader: Georgia

### **Bluebird**

Class Champion: Charlie

Headteacher: Kaira

Reader: Edie

### **Wainwright**

Class Champion: Sophie

Headteacher: Jake, Kade, Harvey, Alfie

Reader: Diana

### **Special Mention**

We also gave Jake Airey a special mention in celebration assembly this week for all of his hard-work and determination in his motorcross racing. Jake has been competing all over the country and last weekend he came fifth in the Drysdale's Motorcycles, Scottish Motorcross Championship. A fantastic achievement! We are really proud of Jake and all that he has achieved so far. We're all looking forward to finding out how he gets on at the next event this weekend - good luck Jake!

## Weekly Round-up



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### Hilltop Class

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What a wonderful week!

Our 2-3s have been busy exploring different textures in the water area, mud kitchen and gloop tray! We have enjoyed singing Incy Wincy Spider and recreating the 3 Little Pigs outside in the willow tunnel.

Our 3-5s have enjoyed learning all about different animals you might spot in the rainforest and jungle. We have enjoyed reading our focus text Rumble in the Jungle and using our bodies to express different sounds and animals. We have created our own instruments based on the noises of the jungle. Miss Butler









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### Dove Class

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The weeks seem to be flying by this half term!! We're working our way through the History of castles and have started to learn about the different parts of a castle and the reason behind each design feature and why they're not just really big houses. Although, we did all like the idea of living in one!

The class have also been identifying primary colours, why they are primary colours and have just begun preparing their pieces of paper with masking tape ready to paint using these colours.

Finally, over the coming weeks we have a range of different things happening for our Year 1 and 2 children.

In Year 2, children will be sitting SATs papers the week beginning 20th June. There are 2 Maths Papers, 2 Reading Papers, a Spelling Paper and a Grammar Paper, which will be done over the course of the week. In the past, we've found children handle these really well and are not fazed or worried by them at all.

Phonics Screening Checks will take place 10th - 14th June for Year 1 pupils. The screening check consists of reading 40 words, some real words and some non-sense words to check their phonological decoding. Children need to read a certain number of words correctly to pass. If children do not pass in Year 1, they will then take the Screening Check again in Year 2. Again, children are completely unfazed by these as they do so much practice throughout the year and some even look forward to their turn!

I've attached below a link which will take you to a past Screening Check paper so you can see what it will look like and we will be talking it through with the children and practicing in class as part of our daily phonics lessons.

[Phonics Screening Check](#)

Thank you!

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### Bluebird Class

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This week, we travelled back to the Ancient Marketplace where we learnt all about how early civilisations traded goods. We played a fab game where everyone was a trader of some kind and the goal was to have something to eat and something to wear for winter. Unfortunately, there were a few disasters which caused the traders to think about the resources they needed to survive such as a new deadly disease or a particularly harsh winter. Bluebird class had a great time and everyone thought very logically about what they needed to solve a problem. Also, some of the children's bartering skills were inspiring to watch.

In Science, we have continued to learn about plants and the children have planned an investigation to answer the question "Does the number of seeds in a pot affect the growth of the plants?". We have planted some radish seeds and will observe and measure their growth over time. In Maths, the children have learnt about roman numerals on a clock as we start our new unit on 'Time'.

We have started to use Scratch in our computing lessons. The children learnt about events and movements and how we use those blocks to give instructions to the Sprites. It was great to see that the children already knew lots about Scratch!

Parent Information:

- The children all have spellings that they can continue to practice using their EdShed logins (in the front of homework books) or you can download the app for £2.99, which is much more user friendly and remembers their login details. Spelling Tests will be done on a Friday morning.
- A letter was sent via email regarding donations of materials for our Art and Design and Technology topics. Please, if you can, could you save any coloured plastic bottle tops, corrugated cardboard, 2 litre plastic bottles, coloured plastic netting (e.g. from orange or plum packaging), shiny coloured wrappers, old buttons, ribbons and any other interesting packaging or recycling that could be used for our wonderful artwork. There is a box in the classroom for the children to place the items into until our project. Thank you in advance for any donations you are able to make.
- The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is fast approaching! If your child is in Year 4, please encourage as much practise as possible. Edshed has a game which is extremely similar to the MTC, the link is here <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/mtc>. As always TTRS is fantastic for practise, just make sure to go on the Soundcheck sessions as this replicates the MTC.

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### Wainwright Class

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Although we are working really hard during the mornings , preparing for the Year 6 children's upcoming SATs, we have also been on a mission this week to 'SAVE THE BEES'!

We learnt that bees are our main pollinator of our fruits and vegetables so without them we would have relatively small amounts of the foods that we love. Due to declining numbers of bees, we learnt about

how some parts of the world have to artificially pollinate their produce so that they can grow crops. So we decided that there needs to be more done to help our 'fuzzy friends'.

On Tuesday afternoon, we dug out part of our allotment area and planted lots of wild flowers to help attract the bees for pollen. It was lovely to see the Wainwrights working as a team and sharing the different roles, tools and equipment with each other. This is an area that we would like to continue looking after as a class, so we all have roles to help water and tend to the space. We would also like to eventually bring in a bee hotel and add in some more 'bee friendly' plants.

## Friends of Flookburgh School



Congratulations to Hazel Smith, number 24, who won the Bonus Ball!

Please click on the link to like and follow our Facebook page and see regular updates and information of events, competitions and ways you can get involve and support:

[Friends of Flookburgh School](#)

## SATs Information and 'Helping your child relax during SATs week'

We understand the pressures of SATs week for children, but we are trying to minimise this as much as we can in school. Children are bound to feel nervous as this is a new and daunting experience for them, so here are a few tips to help them feel more relaxed and subsequently more confident before and during SATs week.

**1. Have a SATs 'reward week' breakfast or dinner (or both!)**

A simple way to give children something to look forward to during SATs week is to let them choose what they would like for dinner or breakfast. We will be offering a 'breakfast' for children each morning from 8:30am too.

## **2. Talk about their stress and listen to them**

SATs week is the time when stress could really ramp up for children, so make sure you listen to their worries. Parents can discuss with them how their day went at school. This is a very effective, yet simple way to lessen school exam pressure.

## **3. Find small things that will help them relax**

Whether it is playing with the family dog, kicking a football around outside, or watching their favourite episode of a cartoon series for the 1,000th time, finding the small things that help your child to relax is very important during SATs week.

These small patches of relaxation are crucial for children to recharge their batteries and be ready for whatever else is coming up in their week.

## **4. Encourage them to exercise**

Something that most people are guilty of is not making as much time for exercise as they should, and this is a very important thing to do for children during SATs week.

Taking 10 minutes to walk around the block, or half an hour to go swimming can really help stress hormones to disappear, and when paired with healthy eating and drinking plenty of water you can almost guarantee that a child will be ready to take on the tests!

We will be doing lots of fitness and PE activities in school during the afternoons of SATs week.

## **5. Remain positive whenever you are around your child**

To put things simply, if your child sees you being negative, this attitude will soon pass down to them.

Keep things as positive as possible around the house and the classroom, and a child will feel the same way and you'll see a reduction in the levels of SATs anxiety.

## **6. Ensure that siblings are nice throughout SATs week – they might have been there and done it already but they still need to show support!**

In the eternal battle of sibling vs sibling, it can be difficult to ensure that both are on the same page for anything.

However, during SATs week, as a parent, try to ensure that any siblings your child may have are supportive as opposed to disruptive, as difficult as that may be.....

### **7. No screens for half an hour before bed**

Again, this is something we should all be doing but rarely manage to, so during SATs week try to ensure that your child has 30 minutes of screen-free time before they go to bed to make sure that they get a good night's sleep. This also includes ensuring any siblings don't wake up other children or stay up late.

### **8. Make sure they are in school with plenty of time to spare – no rushing means no stress**

The school run is no easy thing, but give yourself an extra 10 minutes in the morning during SATs week to ensure that there is no rushing on the way to school.

By arriving early, it gives your child time to relax and prepare for the coming day, and this is much better than rushing through the gates at 8.44am for an 8.50am start!

We will be opening school from 8:30am for our Year 6 children during SATs week so that they can have some breakfast, see their friends and cram in some last minute revision!

### **9. Go through exam technique with them**

During SATs week it's likely to be too late to revise the subjects themselves without stressing a child out, but parents can revise exam technique with them.

Remind them to read every question carefully before they answer, to double check their answers before they move on, and to answer the questions they are comfortable with before attempting the others.

## Local News, Offerings and Information

### Outdoor Athletic Sessions

# ATHLETICS WANTS YOU



**THE QUEEN KATHERINE FIELD, KENDAL**

**TUESDAY EVENINGS 6PM TO 7PM, £2/session**

#### **Sessions include:**

Athletics based events for school years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(minimum age: 8 years old by August 2024)

Coaching in running, jumping and throwing events from qualified and DBS certified UK Athletics coaches.

Sessions throughout the summer term

#### **Are You Ready?**

**Contact Lisa Norton: 07929029088**

### **Piranha Swim School**

I would like to inform you of a local swim school venue now operating at HAVEN, LAKE LAND. We have been established for 11 years but a few years ago we lost our venue in the area meaning the children have not been having lessons locally. Haven have kindly closed their pool on a Monday to give us exclusive use to provide all the local children of the area with swimming lessons.

If you would like to know more or book please email: [enquiries@piranha-swim.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@piranha-swim.co.uk) or call 07791 394788.



## Grange United Football

For girls currently in Year 5 who will be moving up to Year 6 in September, training will be starting in a few weeks when the current season ends.

For more information please contact Tracy Hawthorn.

There is also a new team forming for children who will be moving into Year 2 next year, please see flyer below.

**GIRLS**

**FOOTBALL**



**YEAR 6**

**TO FORM A NEW U11 GIRLS TEAM**



**MONDAY NIGHTS  
5-6  
GRANGE PLAYING FIELD**

A vertical poster for Grange Junior FC U7 Football Team. At the top, there are two soccer balls on either side of a central crest. The crest is a shield with a black top section containing three white stars and the letters 'G.J.F.C', and a red bottom section containing a white soccer ball. Below the crest, the text 'GRANGE JUNIOR FC' and 'U7 FOOTBALL TEAM' is written in large, bold, white letters. The background is a green grass field. Below the grass, there is a blue diagonal band. On this band, there are several red rectangular boxes with white text: 'BOYS AND GIRLS', 'STARTING Y2 IN SEP 24', 'TASTER SESSIONS FOR NEW PLAYERS STARTING JUNE 5TH', and 'ALLITHWAITE PLAYING FIELDS WEDNESDAY'S 5.15PM'. Below the blue band, there is a white box with the text 'All Skill Levels Are Welcome' in a cursive font. At the bottom, there is a red box with white text: 'For more information contact Ian Dooley' and a phone icon followed by the number '07921525912'.

## Schools Orienteering

Just a reminder that the Schools orienteering series starts next Thursday. This is a great event which many pupils attend, (About 100 have already signed up!), and it is a great chance to put their orienteering skills to the test in a friendly atmosphere. The events are straight after school:

For further information and to sign up for sessions, please send an email to Chris [chrisabroad2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisabroad2003@yahoo.co.uk)

**SCHOOLS SERIES**  
LAKELAND ORIENTEERING CLUB

FOR YEAR 4 TO YEAR 6

THURSDAYS FROM 3:30PM

£2 ENTRY

Lakeland Orienteering

APRIL 25 ULVERSTON LEISURE CENTRE

MAY 2 FELL FOOT PARK

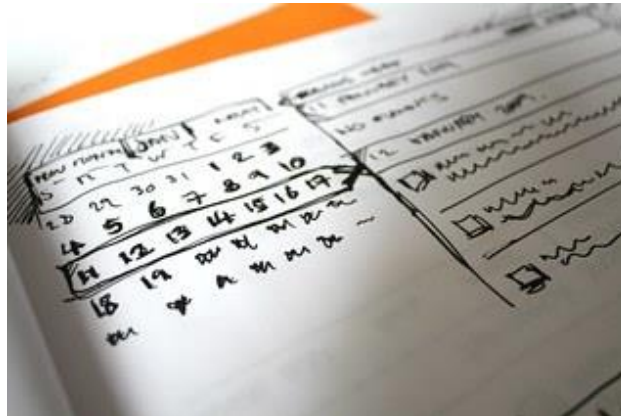
MAY 9 CARTMEL WOODS

TWO COURSES AT EACH EVENT

FAMILIES ALSO VERY WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND ENTER INDEPENDENTLY

All entries must be made by email at least 48 hours ahead of each event  
[chrisabroad2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisabroad2003@yahoo.co.uk)

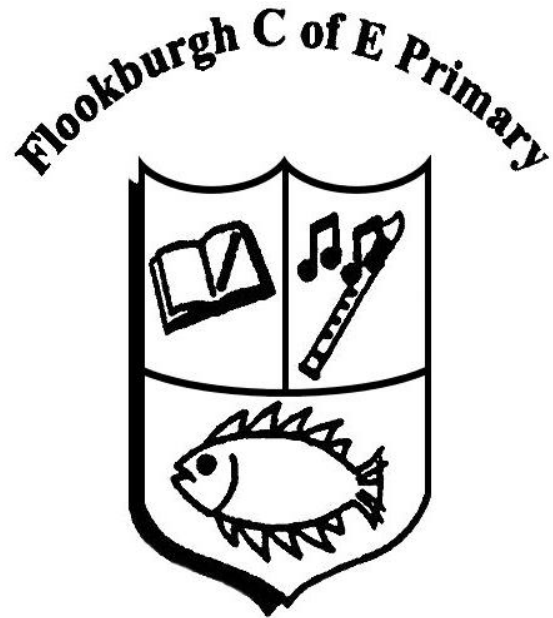
## Dates for the Diary



- Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May- Year 6 SATs Week
- Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th- Year 2 SATs Taking Place
- Friday 17th May 2 and 3-Year Old Class Open Day 8.45am to 11.45am
- Monday 20th May- School Photo Day
- Monday May 27th - Friday 31st May- Half Term
- Monday 3rd June- Barrow Raiders (In School)
- Monday 10th June- Friday 14th June- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Monday 10th June- Friday 14th June- Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Friday 14th June 2 and 3-Year Old Class Open Day 8.45am to 11.45am

- Wednesday 19th June- Year 5 & 6- Kwik Cricket at Cartmel Priory School
- Thursday 20th June- Wainwright Class to Cartmel Priory School for Science
- Monday 24th June- Barrow Raiders (In School)
- Tuesday 25th June- Heaves Farm Visit- Bluebird and Wainwright Class
- Monday 1st July- Barrow Raiders (In School)
- Tuesday 2nd July-
  - Wainwright Class Outdoor Swimming (1-5PM)
  - Year 6 'Chippy Tea'
- Wednesday 3rd July- KS2 Athletics Meet at Cartmel Priory School
- Thursday 4th July - Year 6 Transition Morning for all local schools (Times to be arranged)
- Friday 5th July 2 and 3-Year Old Class Open Day 8.45am to 11.45am
- Monday 8th July-
  - Wainwright Class to Waterpark
  - Barrow Raiders (In School)
- Wednesday 10th July- Sports Day (8:45-12)
- Thursday 11th July- Whole School Olympics Dance Day
- Monday 15th July- Barrow Raiders (In School)
- Wednesday 17th July- Year 6 Leavers Trip
- Friday 19th July- Last Day of Term- School Closes at 2PM

## Contact Us



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