



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024

Dear Families,

And so, we find ourselves at the end of what has been an exciting, fun-packed Spring Term. I can't believe we are already two thirds of the way through the year! As I look back over the last few newsletters, it is a joy to see the amazing opportunities and successes we have seen in school and how much our children have loved every minute.

This week has been all about Easter. Our Easter carousel day on Wednesday was a huge success where the children recreated many of the important events that took place during Holy Week. They had their feet washed by the teachers, made palm leaves to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem (Hosanna!) and also took a Holy Communion of bread and 'wine' to consider Jesus' sacrifice for us all. Mrs. Hart also led the annual tradition of 'egg jarping'. The rule of the game is simple: one holds a hard-boiled egg and taps the egg of another participant with one's own egg intending to break the other's, without breaking one's own. Simple, but so much fun! And so lovely to see our youngest and oldest children playing together.

We finished our Easter week with our Easter service where it was so lovely to welcome so many of you to church. The children sang and spoke beautifully. I would like to say a huge thank you to our worship leaders for sharing their thoughtful words and leading us all in prayer during this special time. I would also like to thank the choir for treating us to two songs at the end of the service and Mr. Hart for stepping in to provide a guitar accompaniment!

I hope you all have a restful holiday – hopefully with an improvement to the weather – and enjoy some family time together.

Have a wonderful Easter break, everyone!

Have a lovely weekend!

S Hart & N Burton
Executive Head Teacher
Deputy Head Teacher



Attendance this week:

We are aiming for 97% across the whole school: 96.9%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 3 99%	Reception & Yr 2 98%	Year 1 97%



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Forest School News

Throughout this Spring Term, Reception and Class 2 have been enjoying weekly sessions in the woods.

Reception Class: Back in January we celebrated Winnie the Pooh Day by toasting pancakes over the fire and eating them with Pooh's favourite food - honey! We made pine cone bird feeders to hang in the woods, and coloured in pictures of robins for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. In National Storytelling Week I told the story of The Three Little Pigs, with the children joining in with all the huffing and puffing. This led on to us using some props to make up and tell our own story which was very funny; we have some very creative storytellers in Reception! We have enjoyed going on a matchbox scavenger hunt to see how many different natural objects we could fit into a matchbox. After listening to the story of Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, we made our own pet dogs out of logs. We took our log dogs for a walk after learning how to tie a lark's head knot to attach a string lead onto them. We have played lots of games this term, including Foxy, Foxy, Can We Cross Your Field, Cuckoo Where Are You, Scatter, Spot and Sleeping Bear. One very cold day we used our kelly kettle to boil water and we enjoyed a warming hot chocolate with a biscuit for dunking. We read the book In My Nest which led us on to making our own nests for my needle felted Little Robin. We have also read Stick Man, after which we made some fantastic stick people of our own. Recently we have walked around the school grounds hunting for signs of Spring, and despite so much poor weather, we definitely found lots of signs that the seasons are changing! We ended the term with a mini chocolate Easter Egg hunt in the woods, and made some excellent magic wands, using the vegetable peelers to peel willow sticks.

Class 2: Mrs Gane showed excellent timing by joining Broomhaugh just in time for Class 2's term of Forest School! The children have been delighted with Mrs Gane's den building kits, and we have certainly seen lots of dens made this term. We have made a giant winter web, using rope and string, and have played the children's favourite games of Spot, Scatter and Foxy, Foxy Can We Cross Your Field (the latter of which is now frequently played independently by the children during playtimes). For the Big Garden Bird Watch we made different types of bird feeders to hang in the woods, made bird masks and a giant nest, and used the binoculars to do some bird watching. On Winnie the Pooh Day, we listened to a Pooh story, made a house for Eeyore, and some of us made damper bread which was cooked over the fire and eaten with honey. We have enjoyed a treasure hunt, using a map to find the treasure (biscuits!), then some of us made our own treasure maps. We have made little clay creatures, and also had great fun making conker comets and launching them on the yard. During STEM fortnight, to link to the class Harry Potter theme, we made broomsticks and had an excellent, messy time making magic potions out of Yeti Snow, Unicorn Tears and Troll Snot! We have also used the bow saw this term to cut slices of a dead branch (wood cookies), found signs of Spring in the woods, and had a chocolate bunny hunt. The children got to grips with the fire steel and learned how to build and light their own small 'fairy fire' on which they toasted a mini marshmallow, before learning how to extinguish the fire safely.

Next term we are crossing our fingers for some warmer weather for Reception's weekly sessions and are looking forward to an off-site session with Class 2. As always, do have a look at the school website Forest School page to see all of our activities. Enjoy the Easter holidays!

Sarah Curtis (Forest School Leader)

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Notes
April 2024		
Monday 15	School re-opens Music Tuition commences this week for pupils signed up	
Thursday 18	Year 4 Residential Meeting 3:15 – 4:00	Information sent out
Monday 22	After School Clubs commence this week	Parentmail sent out
May 2024		
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 7 May	Year 4 Residential Dukeshouse Wood	Information sent out
Thursday 16	KS1 Rounders Festival @ BFS	More Information to follow
Monday 20	Years 1 & 2 visit Newcastle Central Mosque	More Information to follow
Friday 24	School Closes for half term 3:15	
Tuesday 30	Reception Class Vision Screening	Information sent out
June 2024		
Monday 3	School re-opens	
Wednesday 12	Year 3 & 4 Visit to Beamish Museum	More Information to follow
Tuesday 18	KS1 & KS2 Cricket Festival @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More Information to follow
Thursday 20	Textile Art Exhibition 9:30 – 9pm Year 4 Leavers Service	St Andrews Church, Corbridge Newcastle Cathedral
Friday 21	Textile Art Exhibition 9:30 – 4pm	St Andrews Church, Corbridge
Monday 24	Paralympian Swimmer Lyndon Longhorne visits BFS	Morning sessions
July 2024		
Sunday 7 th	PTA Summer Fete	More Information to follow
Wednesday 17 th	Leavers Lunch	
Friday 19 th	School Closes for Summer holidays	
September 2024		
Wednesday 4	School Re-opens 2024	Please note change to date children return to school



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