



The Caton Chronicle



Wonderful worker

Class 1: Innes
Class 2: Rosie
Class 3: Isla C

Super citizen

Class 1: Shifra
Class 2: George T
Class 3: Anwen

Golden pen

Class 1: Thomas
Class 2: Izzy
Class 3: Alice

Presentation Prize

Class 1: Charlie H
Class 2: Ezri
Class 3: Max

Times Tables Stars

Year 2 - Elamai
Year 3 - Hollie
Year 4 - Isla H
Year 5 - Alice
Year 6 - Ezekiel

Team points

1st place - Red (108)
2nd place - Yellow (98)
3rd place - Blue (96)
4th place - Green (72)

Welfare Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a welfare assistant to work five lunchtimes from the week after February half term. Please contact Mrs Howarth in the office for more information.

Value of the month: Aspiration
Artist of the month: Yayoi Kusama
Author of the month: Kate Pankhurst
Musical artist of the month: Mozart

Lune Valley Key Stage 1 Athletics Tournament Success

On Monday, we hosted the Lune Valley Key Stage 1 athletics tournament in our sports hall with 9 schools attending. Huge congratulations to our team who came 3rd!



KEEP ON READING!

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading! Please make sure that your child reads DAILY for **at least 20 minutes**.

We know how pressed for time everyone seems to be but research has proven that children who read for pleasure daily are likely to perform significantly better at school than their peers.

Remember that your child is never too old to be read to! Spending time sharing a book with your child is one of the best things you can do. Did you know that reading to your child for 20 minutes a day can increase their lifetime earnings by £280,000?

Here are some more interesting facts about the power of reading:

- Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background.



ASC Phone number

We have a new mobile phone for After School Club. If you need to contact the member of staff running ASC while it is running you can call us on **07719 488 877**

Holiday Club

There will be a half term holiday playscheme running from 14th to 18th February @ Scotforth St Paul's School, Lancaster, LA1 4SE

Open 8.00am - 6.00pm, providing Full & Half Day Care

Themed activity days Include:

- Mon 14th – Hearts & Kindness- Sweet Making & Crafts
- Tues 15th - British Garden Birds
- Wed 16th- Winter Flowers & Signs of Spring
- Thu 17th - Kid Fit , Yoga, Dance & Smoothies
- Fri 18th - Winter Sports & Games, Film with Treats

Bookings are now being taken visit our website to register & book, www.scotforthplayschemes.co.uk

Call 07796569719 or

email: admin@scotforthplayschemes.co.uk

- Children who read books often at age 10 gain **higher results** in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.
- Having **books in the home** is associated with both reading enjoyment and confidence.
- Reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a **significant positive effect** on their reading skills and cognitive skills (i.e., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) **later in life**.
 - Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading skills at age 4-5 as being 6 months older.
 - Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.
- Studies have found that reading for pleasure enhances **empathy**, understanding of the self, and the ability to understand one's own and others' identities.
- Studies have shown that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of **self-esteem** and a greater ability to cope with difficult situations. Reading for pleasure is also associated with **better sleeping patterns**.

The Love Reading website is well worth a visit. It has book recommendations by age and news of all the latest releases.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

STEM workshops

Class 2 and 3 have been lucky enough to participate in two of Lancaster University's STEM workshops over the past week.

Class 3 took part in the 'Engineering Olympics'



and were given 3 challenges. In teams, they were challenged with designing and constructing the tallest tower, the fastest zipline carriage, and the vehicle that could travel the furthest.

Class 2 explored the world of STEM through fairy tales. We had a great time and the class were fantastic





Class 1 News

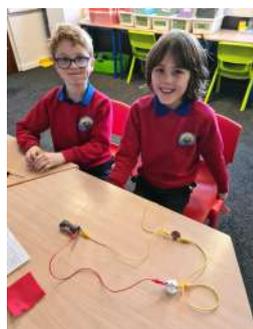
This week, Reception have started their exciting topic all about dragons. The children have created their own dragons and written some fantastic sentences to describe them. They have also learnt all about real life dragons, however, they were disappointed they couldn't breathe fire or fly!

Year 1 and 2 have been busy developing their reading comprehension skills through the Tales of Beatrix Potter and they have enjoyed learning all about how and why Muslims pray.

Class 2 News

Another fantastically busy week in Class 2.

In English, we have planned, written and edited our innovated version of 'The Goose that laid the Golden Eggs'. Our focus was around greed and we came up with morals that taught about the dangers of being too greedy.



In science, we have continued to learn about electricity and we moved on to learn about insulators and conductors. We conducted an investigation into which materials are conductors and insulators and why we might use certain materials to cover electrical components.

In music, we have begun to learn the song 'Three Little Birds' and have explored the pulse and rhythm of the tune. We are excited to use the glockenspiels in our next lesson to help us play along.

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Class 3 News

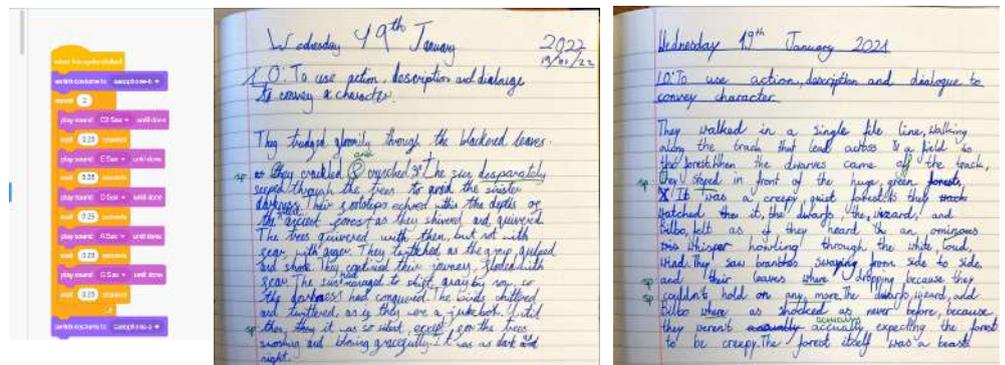
This week, we have been busy writing a character description of Gollum using speech, action and description to convey character. We then moved on to planning and writing our own section about an additional problem in Bilbo's journey that we could slot straight into *The Hobbit*. The descriptive and figurative language used by the children has been really impressive!

In maths, we have been learning about percentages and how fractions, decimals and percentages are linked.

We have started our Computing unit, where we will be programming music through Scratch. This week, we 'tinkered' and were all able to create our own little tune through programming!

In RE, we looked at the story of Jesus' crucifixion, identified the suffering that took place, and thought about the messages that Christians might take from this story.

We have been continuing to understand what Lancaster was like 250 years ago in our history lessons. This week, we looked at a variety of maps and identified the changes in land use and in the human and physical features of the city. We then considered the main trades in Lancaster at the time and used our geographical knowledge of Lancaster to predict which trades might have been prominent.



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DIARY OF EVENTS - 2021/2022

Date	Event	Action	Who
27/1/22	PTA meeting - 8pm at The Station Hotel	Come along - everyone welcome	All
1/2/22	KS2 Lune Valley football tournament at Arkholme	Please return permission slips	Selected KS2
10/2/22	Class 2 Hindu temple trip	Further information to follow	Class 2
11/2/22	Break up for half term		
21/2/22	School reopens		
24/2/22	Class 3 trip to the slavery museum in Liverpool	Further information to follow	Class 3
3/3/22	World Book Day	Details to follow	
15/3/22	Online Safety Training for Parents Free training to help you and your children stay safe online. Held via zoom at 7.30pm	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85122405811?pwd=dG1aU0hFNnAzTDExbHd4OVJlNGRTQT09 Meeting ID: 851 2240 5811 Passcode: 834802	All
1/4/22	Break up for Easter		
19/4/22	School reopens		
19-20/4/22	Year 3/4 outdoor activity residential at Borwick Hall	Further details to follow	
w/c 9/5/22	KS2 SATs week		
16-20/5/22	Year 5 & 6 trip to France	Please ensure that deposits have been paid	
24-25/5/22	Year 5 and 6 Bikeability	Each child will need a bicycle in good working order and a helmet	Y5/6
27/5/22	Break up for half term		
6/6/22	Platinum jubilee day	School closed	
7/6/22	INSET day	School closed to pupils	
8/6/22	School reopens		
13/6/22	Sports day	Save the date	
14/7/22	Key Stage 2 production - 1:30pm and 6:30pm	Save the date	
20/7/22	Year 6 leavers' assembly	Save the date	
20/7/22	School closes for the summer		

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