



Dear parents/carers,

Lots happening in the first week back after half term! It has been lovely seeing all of the children back.

In Nursery, they have started to read 'My World, Your World' and have been discussing what is special to us. In Maths, they have been exploring the number 2 and different ways of representing this.

In the Reception Class this week, the children were excited to find messages and clues. They found that these had been left for them by Sam the squirrel. Sam also bought a book along with him, The Leaf Thief which the children have enjoyed reading. In maths, the children have been singing number songs and learning has been focused on number five.

They've had a really exciting week in Year 1 with a visit from the Magical Toy Museum and also a missing hat mystery to solve! They have written questions and answers about missing hats in English, and in maths have been comparing things by length, height and mass. In Science, they have started to learn about the properties of different materials.

Year 2 have been looking for patterns in sets of numbers ($3+4 = 7$, $13+4 = 17$, $23+4 = 27$) in maths, focusing on adding the ones digits ($3 + 4$ always equals 7) as they know this number fact already. Swinging on the footrope in Forest school was so much fun- some of us really pushed ourselves out of our comfort zones. We even had toasted sandwiches warmed in the fire- yum yum! We love having our new carpet to sit on- thank you so much for all who donated and the wonderful four children who sold their toys to raise money. What stars!

Year 3 have had a great first week back! They have started their new writing unit on Cloud Tea Monkeys, using prepositions to add detail to our sentences and moved on to positioning 3-digit numbers on number lines in Maths. Their rehearsals for the Y3/4 musical have kicked off and the children have already wowed us with their brilliant, clear singing.

This week in Year 4, they kick-started their learning with a bang of poetry! In English, the children wrote about what freedom means to them. In Spanish, they created colourful poems about fireworks. In their first DT lesson of the year, they explored what soup is, comparing shop-bought varieties and discussing how healthy they are for us.

Year 5 have been reading the story of the Firebird, an old Russian folktale about a mythical creature; they have done some descriptive writing around this in preparation for writing their own version. In maths, they have explored negative numbers and the position of numbers in relation to zero. In PE, they had their first Gaelic football session and in science they learnt about the order of the planets in our solar system.

Year 6 have had a top first week back! They have jumped straight in with their animal conservation writing for English and working with numbers up to 10,000,000 in maths! The children excelled at their first Gaelic football session with a pro coach and the class really enjoyed learning about A-frame structures for their new DT unit.

Congratulations to the 12 children from year 6 who went to the Sportshall athletics competition on Tuesday at Loreto High School. They took part in sprint relays and four field events including long jump, javelin, speed bounce and chest push. They performed brilliantly, finishing 3rd overall! Thanks once again to the parents who helped support them at the event.

Have a great weekend

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 10 th November	Odd socks day
Tuesday 11 th November	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Wednesday 12 th November	Reception-Y6 flu vaccinations
Thursday 13 th November	Y3 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 14 th November	Community tea 9am
Tuesday 18 th November	Individual photographs
Friday 21 st November	Y5 class assembly, 9.15am
Wednesday 26 th November	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
Friday 28 th November	Y2 class assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y6 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y3 & Y4 performance, 6pm
Thursday 4 th December	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 5 th December	Community tea 9am
Tuesday 9 th December	Y3 museum trip
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity, St Clement's Church, 9.15am
Thursday 11 th December	Y6 Whitworth trip
Friday 12 th December	Whole school pantomime trip
Monday 15 th December	Reception & Y6 height and weight checks
Tuesday 16 th December	Nursery & Reception parent open mornings 8.45-9.30am
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner (children may wear a festive jumper, hat or headband)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas carol concert – St Clement's Church 6pm
Friday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays **2pm**

Office reminders

- When reporting your child's absence, please ensure you include details of their symptoms rather than just advising they are 'unwell'