The Acorn

Carlton Colville Primary School

'Be the best you can be'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well incredibly we are already half-way through the Spring Term and the school has been buzzing with lots of exciting learning happening.

Year 5, along with Astronomer David Gwynn who has been working with the Year 5 children and has a long-time association with our school, put on a magnificent Science Fair for parents and carers last week. Some of the Yr 5 and 6 children who have been learning with David outside of school helped to host it and did a brilliant job.

Last Friday was our special day focusing on Mental Health as part of Children's Mental Health Week- the children took part in lots of interesting and thought-provoking activities throughout the day.

On Tuesday this week was Safer Internet Day- this is such an important area and ever-increasingly so. It's vital to keep educating our whole school community about internet safety.

Mr Sparks, our new Headteacher who is starting after Easter, has been on several visits already and will continue to visit regularly throughout the term- this is fantastic as he is starting to get to know the children and staff ahead of his official start. It also gives me the chance to talk about a whole range of areas with him which is very helpful in this transition process.

I hope that you all have a lovely half-term week and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Mr Rose
Interim Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY

17th – 21st – Half Term
25th – Y4 trip to Norwich Castle
27th – Y3 Roman Soldier Day

MARCH

5th – Reception Flamingos Parents Evening
6th – World Book Day
7th – KS2 Science Pupil Workshop
10th-14th – Science Week
11th -Reception & Y1 Flamingos Parents evening
12th – Parents Evening
13th – Parents Evening
12th – 19th – Book Fair
25th – Rock Steady Consent for pupils
27th – Rock Steady Concert for parents
28th – Y6 Learning Diamonds

APRIL

1st – Y6 CSI Pupil Workshop

Class Weekly Attendance Award-w/e 14th February 2025

1st Place: - Dolphins 99.3%
2nd Place: - Ladybirds 99.1%
3rd Place: - Bees 98.6%

Whole School Attendance w/e 14th February 2025 – 95.3%

Reception

The Reception children have had an exciting week so far when learning about people who help us in our community.

On Tuesday we walked to the local postbox to post a letter to receive at home. All the children walked so sensibly and really enjoyed the activity. Willow, our school dog, even joined one of the groups for a little walk down the road.

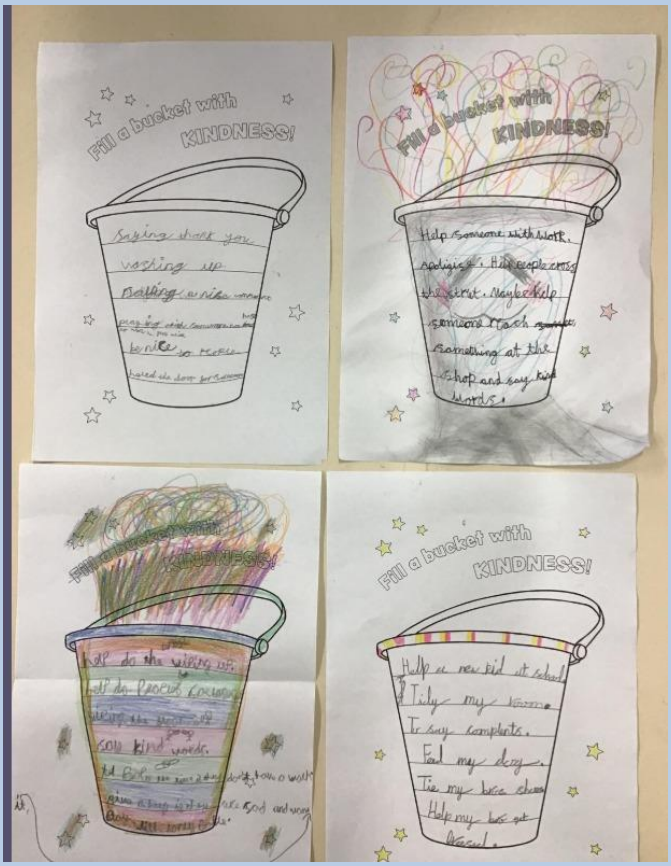
On Wednesday we had a special visit from some local farmers. They showed us one of their tractors and spoke about things that they grow on their farm. We loved watching the tractor move and enjoyed sitting inside the tractor. A huge thank you to the lovely local farmers that came to see us!

Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about a famous artist called L.S Lowry. We had a big discussion to gather facts about L.S Lowry and looked at some of the paintings he created. We then had a go at trying to paint like L.S Lowry did. Our task was to use the limited colours L.S Lowry would have used. They turned out brilliantly!

Mr Graham and Miss Fretter have been teaching the children how to code a Beebot and record the code. We have had so much fun teaching this unit with the children and we even managed to turn some willing volunteers into human robots. Some fantastic teamwork from the children who have all tackled this project with such enthusiasm. A joy to teach!

Children's Mental Health Week



Otters class had a great day celebrating Children's Mental Health Week.
We thought about what makes us us by designing our own personality islands, as inspired by the film 'Inside Out'. We read a story about kindness being a super power and discussed how we can be kind and how it makes us feel when we are kind to someone and when someone is kind to us. We thought of ways we can be kind during the rest of the year and wrote them down in our own kindness buckets. Then, the highlight of the day was writing anonymous kind notes to each other, placing them in a bucket and sharing them with each other-such lovely things were written and it was a real pleasure to read them.

Year 4

Year 4 created some fantastic interviews on Alfred the Great. There was some fabulous acting! And accurate historical questions and answers obviously!

Year 5

Thank you to everyone for attending the astronomy workshop this afternoon. Everyone really enjoyed all the activities with DASH Astronomy to celebrate National Astronomy Week. A special mention to our 3 year 6 (Quinn, Alfred and Eloise) and year 5 (Tess) experts who were sharing their expert knowledge with other children and their parents.

Please remember to advise us if you change your address or telephone number by emailing
update@carltoncolvilleprimary.co.uk
If you are unsure if you have advised us, please ring the School Office.
Thank you.

Bowling

On Friday 31st January, Mrs Carruthers and Mrs Aggreh took 4 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to a schools bowling competition at Richardson's Family Bowl. The children performed amazingly demonstrating teamwork, perseverance and confidence throughout. They made friends with children from other schools and their behaviour was exemplary, we all had a great morning!

Lowestoft FISH – Food in School Holiday

This may be of interest to some of our families over Half Term
https://www.facebook.com/lowestoftfish

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM					MENU	
DATE	MEAL	TIME	VENUE	VENUE ADDRESS	MAIN	DESSERT
Monday 17th February	Breakfast	9.30 am Sit in	St Margaret's Church	The Church Hall, 147 Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft. NR32 4BW	Selection of Cereals, Toast with Various Spreads, Croissants, Egg, Sausage, Bacon Butties. Fruit juice / Tea / Coffee	
Monday 17th February	Lunch	12 noon Sit in	Christ Church	Whapload Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1XD	Sausage Plait, Potatoes and Vegetables	Cheesecake and Icecream
Tuesday 18th February	Lunch	12 noon Sit in and Takeaway (Collection Time will be advised when booking)	St Lukes Church	62 Homefield Avenue, Lowestoft. NR33 9BX	Jacket Potatoes with choice of TWO fillings of Cheese, Beans or Tuna (Please advise choice when booking and if choice is for a child or adult)	Sponge and Custard
Thursday 20th February	Breakfast	9.30 am sit in	Whitton Life	4 The Green, Whitton, Lowestoft. NR33 9AZ	Bacon Rolls, Cereals, Toast and Pastries	
Thursday 20th February	Lunch	Takeaway (Collection Time will be advised when booking)	Pakefield Church	Pakefield Church Hall, Sunningdale Avenue, Pakefield, NR33 7DB	Chicken Pasta Bake	Flapjack
Friday 21st February	Lunch	12 noon Sit in	Salvation Army	9 Carlton Road, Lowestoft. NR33 0RU	Cottage Pie and Vegtables	Cheesecake and Squirty Cream

Rewards and Achievements

Each week 2 children from each class are chosen to be 'Learning Superstars' as they have demonstrated exceptional learning behaviour.

The Superstars w/e 7TH February 2025 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Everleigh G	Tristan S
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Ruby C Olivia B	Lukas M Theo H
Year 2	Dolphins	Hedgehogs
	Havana S Eva J	Richie M Theo S
Year 3	Foxes	Otters
	Robyn T Elaina G	Oscar S Milo B
Year 4	Bees	Meerkats
	Woody H Alexa P	Danny M Louis C
Year 5	Owls	Tigers
	Lily E-G Grace-Eve E	Korben L Tess T
Year 6	Narwhals	Giraffes
	Alyssia H Tate M	Bella K-A Ronnie C

The Superstars w/e 14th February 2025 are:

Reception	Bears	
	Arabella H	Noah S
Year 1	Flamingos	Ladybirds
	Noah H Isabella E	David A Jasper T
Year 2	Dolphins	Hedgehogs
	Zarghona M Xyla-Mae M	Lily K Esme G
Year 3	Foxes	Otters
	Erin F Phoebe A	Liam R Hayley S
Year 4	Bees	Meerkats
	Luke W-K Abigail O'D	Frankie S Henry W
Year 5	Owls	Tigers
	Jude C William H	Alfie L Olivia D
Year 6	Narwhals	Giraffes
	Finley G Willow P	Mia M Emily H