



GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 18th July 2022

Dear Parents and children

I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of another school year! We have had a busy few weeks with lots of amazing learning and I would like to share some of these moments with you.



Literacy Week

We started this half term with the CSP Literacy Week with children dressing up as their favourite superhero. We had visits from authors and poets and attended workshops with other schools.

Year 5 Taster Day

Our Year 5 children attended Caldew School for a taster day, taking part in Spanish and Science lessons.

KS2 Outdoor Educational Trip

All of the children in class 2 attended the overnight visit to Whithaugh Park. We had a non-stop timetable of activities, including abseiling, raft building, high ropes, zip wire and crate stack. They all had a fabulous time but were very tired by the time we returned home.



Transition Day

Our year 6 pupil attended Caldew School for the Day and we welcomed our new reception starters for the morning. The year 2 children spent the day in Class 2, getting to know their new teacher – Mr Walker.



KS1 Trip

The children in class 1 visited The Lake District Wildlife Park. The weather was glorious! The children got to see lots animal, including meerkats, tortoises and even got to stroke a snake!



Sports Week

All children took part in the many activities on offer this week. Including opportunities to develop their mindfulness, positivity and calming strategies with Magical Mel. Jason the Juggling Jester visited



to teach circus skills. The WOW trampolines were on site – see this link for free community sessions during the summer break

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

Carlisle Community Sports Trust taught First Aid and Pilates and coaches joined us to provide tri golf, cricket and archery. Everyone had a great time and there were big smiles all around!



Sport Day

It was lovely to see so many of you join us on this day to watch the children competing and then receiving their award certificates.



Music Concert



The children have been working hard this year during their weekly music sessions with Mr Linsley and I am sure that you will agree that the end of year concert was fantastic. Well done everyone!



Year 6 Leaver Party

On Wednesday 20th July 2022, all of the children will be helping our year 6 leaver to celebrate her time at Great Orton School. This will end in a pizza party at lunchtime.

Staff Changes

We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Gemma Thomlinson as she takes up her new role at James Rennie School. Mrs Thomlinson has mainly worked with the reception children alongside a Miss Shannon in class 1. We will miss her and wish her well in her new post.

Mr Matthew Walker will take up his post of Headteacher w.e.f. 1st September 2022. He will be teaching in class 2 alongside Mrs Rachael Cuszick, who will also be joining us as a part time teacher in Class 2 in September.



End of the Summer Term and Return to school on Wednesday 7th September 2022.

School will finish at 1:00 pm on Wednesday 20th June 2022 for the Summer Holidays and will re-open from 8.45am on Wednesday 7th September 2022. Breakfast Club will open from 8.00am on Thursday 8th September 2022. Breakfast club sessions should be booked through Mrs Wright in the school office on 01228 711602. The cost of a session is currently £1.50 per child.

A final Big Thank you!

I wanted to thank you all, for your support during my 2 years and 1 term, as Acting Headteacher of Great Orton Primary school. It has been, my privilege, to work with an amazing group of children and families and a fantastic team of staff and governors. As I have always said, our amazing Great Orton family! I have many wonderful memories of you all, but please forgive me if I am a bit tearful on Wednesday.

Best Wishes

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