



Before school was forced to close just before the Easter break, we made the most of our whole school topic of Space. After attending the brilliant light show at Carlisle Cathedral, the children in the junior class enjoyed an overnight stay at The Sill, with an astronomy workshop. They were joined the following day, by the infant children, for a session all about nocturnal animals. We all loved being able to see a range of creatures up close and even got to stroke a few! We had so many more plans for the school year, but these were soon to change.

Children and families embraced online home learning throughout the summer term, which was coupled with lots of fun challenges. We all enjoyed making some school videos, children planted sunflower seeds for our whole school sunflower growing challenge and we have held a virtual sports day. We were so excited to be able to welcome some children back into school at the beginning of June, and we were equally excited to give all children the opportunity to come into school before the summer holidays. This meant that all children have been able to see our creative and colourful new yard markings which were installed during a break in the weather!

It was touch and go as to whether we would be able to say a traditional farewell to our year six leavers and celebrate all of our achievements throughout the school year. Thankfully, because of our beautiful school grounds, we were able to hold a school picnic. Our field was adorned with gazebos which our team of willing parents kindly put up for us, in case of a shower. We had such a lovely, informal afternoon, with the outdoor theme of 'I'm a year six, get me out of here!'. We saw lots of challenges and were able to award our school trophies. We had a new trophy to award this year, to celebrate our first year as Walton and Lees Hill CE Primary School. This trophy was for 'Embracing school life'.

As I come to the end of my first year as acting head teacher, I would like to thank our whole school community for making it a great first year; even with the unforeseen circumstances. I would like to thank the whole staff team for their hard work, dedication and everything that they do for our school and our children. Thank you to our parents and families for their support to their children and to whole school life. The final thank you must go to the children of our school. They really do make working in our school the best job in the world. The three words used the most this year throughout school reports were enthusiasm, friendly and hard-working. We couldn't ask for anything more.

Even though it has been a very strange school year with too many goodbyes, we are all looking forward to a summer of rest, followed by an exciting and fun-filled return to school life in September as I keep hold of the school reins for another year.

Fiona Stobbart
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'How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard!'

Pooh Bear