



Walton & Lees Hill CE Primary School

10th February Fortnightly Forum



This Fortnight at School!

Our Topics are... Lights, Camera, Action and The Greeks

We have been reading... Ultra-Kid and The Terrible Tornado and Hera's Terrible Trap!

School Meals Meeting

We will be having a meeting in school on **Wednesday 15th February at 3:30** to discuss with parents and carers our plans for school lunches and menu ideas moving forward.

This meeting is open to all parents and carers and we would love for as many of you as possible to come along to hear about our plans and share your thoughts on our menu plans.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing admincg@leeshill.cumbria.sch.uk

School Vacancies

We are now advertising for a School Cook to join the school family whilst Mrs Blair is on Maternity Leave.

For more information about the role or to apply, visit the school website.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC are currently running a ten minute digital training course called 'Listen Up, Speak Up' to empower every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need

support yourself.

This is a short course but contains lots of useful information and resources for every adult.

Search 'NSPCC Listen Up, Speak Up,' to learn more or to complete the course.

After School Clubs

After half term clubs will be:

Tuesday: Sports with sports coach

Wednesday: STEM Club

Please email to confirm which clubs your child will be attending after half term.

Clubs run until 4:30 but childcare can be extended until 5pm for anyone who needs it. There is a small charge of £2 for this. Please let us know if you would like your child to stay until 5pm.



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Nursery News

We are delighted to have recently welcomed Mrs Stephenson into the school family and our nursery children have really enjoyed having a new adult around to play and learn with.

As Mrs Stephenson has now joined the team, we are able to run sessions over five mornings per week for 2 year olds, and continue to offer full days for our 3 year olds.

A Day with Clay

On Wednesday we had a special visitor come into school to teach us a new skill.

Pupils enjoyed spending time with Andy Hill, developing their pottery and hand building skills. Juniors meticulously created vases and pots, and the Infants created fabulous marine themed tiles.



Storytelling with The Sill

At the beginning of the week, Storyteller Jim visited school to share exciting and captivating stories with our pupils. Jim sent a special email to school afterwards to thank our pupils for their '*enthusiasm and good feeling*' and to share how much he enjoyed his visit.

We had a brilliant morning listening to his stories and are, as always, very proud of how beautifully the children welcomed our visitor into the school.



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Children's Mental Health Week

This week is marked as Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme for 2023 being 'Let's Connect'.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing.

When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

For free resources or more information, visit childrensmentalhealthweek.org



BBC Tiny Happy People

BBC Tiny Happy People is an initiative to help teachers and caregivers understand and learn about ways to support a child's language development.

There are lots of free resources available online at bbc.co.uk/tinyhappy or you can find them on Facebook and Instagram @bbctinyhappy people



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Dates for the diary:

Monday 13th February - KS2 Udance session at Bewcastle—PE kit required

Wednesday 15th February - School meals information update meeting 3.30pm
- all parents and carers welcome

Monday 20th - Friday 24th -Half term week - School closed to all children

W/C Monday 27th February - Parents Evening appointments

Monday 6th March - KS2 Udance session at Bewcastle—PE kit required

Tuesday 7th March - PTFA meeting 7pm

Wednesday 8th March - KS2 Udance performance at The Sands Centre,
Carlisle 6.30pm

Thursday 9th March - Library Book Bus visit

Friday 17th March - Reception to Year 6 visit to Samye Ling

Saturday 18th March - Lanercost Cross Country 10am

Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March - Easter celebrations in school

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April - Easter Holidays - school closed to all
children

Sunday 9th April - Easter Day service Walton 11am

Monday 17th April - Back to school

Caring, sharing and always learning