



FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY 2023

Happy New Year!

I hope you have had a wonderful and restful Christmas break. We have had a great start to the new term and we are thrilled to welcome Miss Grima to Arlecdon. She has joined the team and is enjoying getting to know our KS2 pupils, our pupils have been very welcoming and please do not hesitate to speak with her.

We would like to take this opportunity to share our congratulations to Gary McKee as he completed his yearlong challenge on New Year's Eve - congratulations on such a remarkable achievement. As a school we wanted to recognise this exceptional achievement and we are honored to have Gary and his family as part of our community.

As we start a new term, I would like to remind you of the importance for attendance. We urge you to ensure that your child is in school and on time everyday to prevent falling behind with their learning. It is considered that attendance of 90% or below is persistent absence and a child who has an absence percentage of 80% misses 38 days of school across the year which is 190 lessons.

We do ask that you avoid taking any holidays during term times and please talk to your child/ren about the importance of them being in school. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Improvements to our school building will begin shortly and work will be completed on our roof, and the scaffolding for this will be going up on Tuesday, we will keep you updated with the progress. This will not impact on teaching and learning and will not impact on the pupils in anyway.

**Due to the scaffolding work the infants entrance door will be out of use for 2 weeks from Tuesday 10th January, therefore all children and parents will need to use the juniors entrance door.**

Have a lovely weekend

Sophie McCabe

## CALENDAR

**30/01/23-05/02/23**

National Story Telling Week

**07/02/23**

EYFS Stargazing event details on this tbc

**14/02/23**

Gymnastics Competition Teams will be selected and times decided closer to the time

**20/02/23-24/02/23**

Half Term

**02/03/23**

World Book Day

## ATTENDANCE

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| REC -91.67% | YR1 -100%   | YR2 -100%   | YR3 -100%   |
| YR4 -100%   | YR5 -88.89% | YR6 -77.78% | W/S -93.08% |

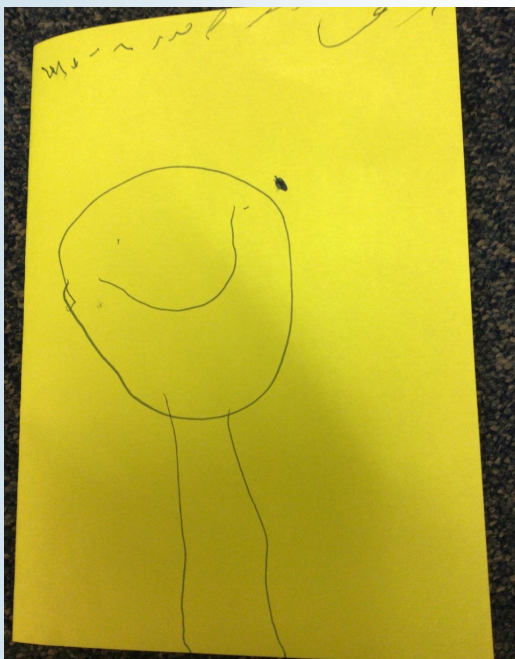
# Air Ambulance Assembly





# EYFS

It has been great to welcome everyone back after the Christmas break and also some children who are new to the school. Everyone has settled back in and are eager to begin their learning again. We have revisited the learning from last term to ensure children have secured this- mark making, listening to instructions, name writing, sound and word reading. We have also revisited the story The Colour Monster which some children read when they were younger. The Colour Monster has different colours to represent emotions but they are all mixed up. With the help of a friend they are sorted into the different emotions and through this children can begin to understand that we can all feel differently and our feelings are normal. We have concentrated on the positive emotions of happiness (yellow), calmness (green) and love (pink) thinking of times, people or things that we associate with these emotions, drawing a picture to represent them and then posting the pictures into the coloured jars. We also recognised that the friend helped the Colour Monster and that we can be thankful for help from others. With this in mind we then created a thank you card for someone.



# GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY



Each week children from each class are selected as 'Stars of the week'  
We celebrate this in our assemblies  
These young people were awarded certificates this week.

## EYFS

### Sofia and Harry

Sofia and Harry were star of the week for wonderful blending in phonics.



## Key Stage 1

### T-Jay

T-Jay has been putting great effort into his maths work.





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## Whitehaven ParkPlay

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Cornerstone Partners:



ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities, fun - and a community here for you. <https://park-play.com/register/>

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