



Our school days are always fun and our children are always so busy with their learning that the days and weeks go so fast. Our children are very positive about their learning and their time at school. We have high expectations of our children and we know they can achieve their potential, your continued support will ensure this.

We are driving forward with a whole school focus on spelling, we want to ensure our children are confident and able spellers. We will be spending time this term revisiting the spelling rules and revisiting spellings, if you would like to discuss this further please speak with Mrs Finlay

As from Monday parents and carers of EYFS and KS1 children are welcome to bring their children to the classroom, we have established routines to start the day so we do ask that you do not come in to the classrooms. If the current system works best for you please feel free to continue with this. At this point we will continue with our current system for the end of the school day.

On Tuesday we are offering an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, I appreciate many of you may already know your child/rens teacher but we welcome you to this drop in session where you can come and say hello and introduce yourself. This will be from 3.15pm to 3.45pm.

As is it the start of term we have updated a number of policies and these are in the statutory information section of our website, this includes our child protection policy. Keeping your child happy and safe is our priority. We have also updated our attendance policy and I would like to take this opportunity to summarise our position in relation to attendance:

At Arlecdon Primary school we aim to consistently work towards our goal of 97% attendance for all children. The Government sets a level of absence for each child of school age and if this falls below 90% they are classed as a 'persistent absentee'. Our school is committed to providing the best possible quality of education to all learners. To help achieve this commitment, regular punctual school attendance is vital. We cannot do this without the support of our parents and families. We ask that you:

- Ensure your children attend school regularly.
- Ensure your children arrive on time for school every day.
 - Contact the school if their child is unable to attend.
 - Ensure that the school has up-to-date contact details.
 - Make appointments outside of school time, where possible
- Do not take children out of school during term time to go on holiday

Going to school regularly is important to your child's future. For example, children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Good attendance shows potential employers that your child is reliable. Research suggests that children who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime."

Direct.gov website

This week Reverend Nicki held an assembly and our children produced their own reflective hearts for the memory tree at St Michaels church, these are available to view at the church and there are images below show how beautiful this looks. We have also held our first good work assembly of the year, and our new approach to rewards was shared with the pupils, this is a big hit.

I would like to share that the West Lakes Academy Year 6 open evening takes place next Thursday from 5pm to 7pm, it is certainly worth going to find out more. We will work to support our year 6's with their transition to secondary school and will share information with you throughout the year. Applications for secondary school places need to be submitted by the 31st October.

The official date of the State Funeral is 19 September 2022. This is Monday and will be a bank holiday and the school will therefore be closed. We will reopen as normal on Tuesday. We would welcome you to join our children and tie a remembrance ribbon to our school gates as recognition of her service and duty and as a mark of appreciation and respect, please ask at the school office for a ribbon.

Have a lovely weekend

Sophie McCabe

Summit 22

Are you aged between 8 and 13 years old? Do you live in Cumbria? We want to hear from you!

The new **Summit 22 survey** is now available, and it is a chance to voice your thoughts and opinions as a young person living in Cumbria.

If you are a parent/carer of any 8-13 year olds, please share this survey with them, so that their voice can be heard!

It is quick and easy , and your answers will be anonymous. Just click the link below.

The link is <https://ecv.microsoft.com/FeDYbWDlck>

The results of the survey will help continue the co-design and co-producing of available services for young people in our county.

The closing date for responses is Sunday 23rd October.

Bat Survey - Prior to roof work

The school is having bat surveys carried out, prior to roof work taking place. These survey's take place at dusk & dawn. There is one scheduled over this coming weekend. We thank the school community for their help in being vigilant about occurrence around our school grounds and ask them not to be concerned if they notice movement around our main school gates over the next 24 hours.

ATTENDANCE

REC –86.25%

YR1 –100%

YR2 –75%

YR3 –92%

YR4 –95%

YR5 –100%

YR6 –82.22%

W/S –90.05%

CALENDAR

19/09/22

Bank Holiday for HM Queen Elizabeth II funeral.

20/09/22

KS2 Forest School trip

22/09/22

EYFS & KS1 Forest School trip

26/09/22-29/09/22

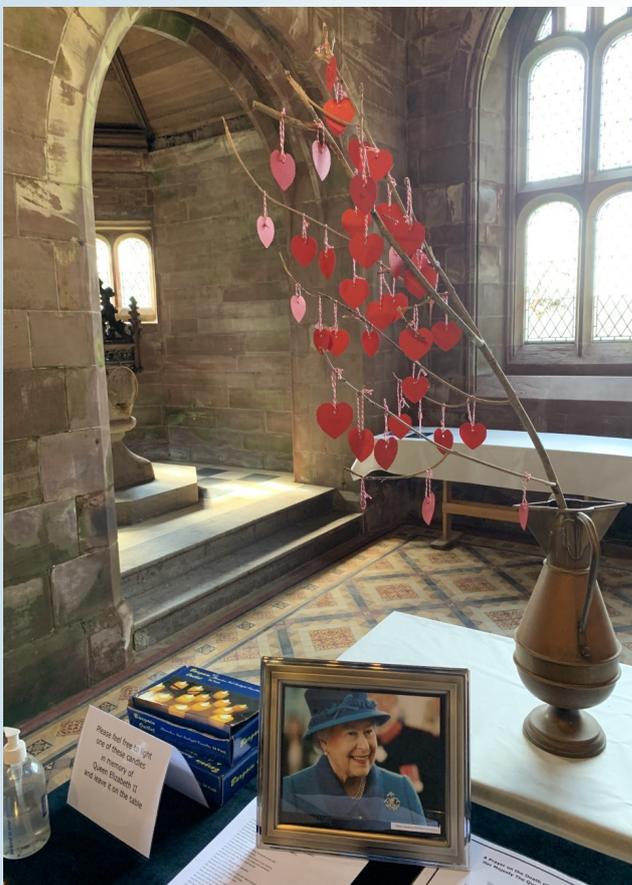
Year 5 and 6 Cyclewise

27/09/22

Year 5 and 6 REACT show at Lakes College

Memory Hearts

After a lovely assembly with Reverend Nicki on Monday all about HM Queen Elizabeth II. Each child got to write on a paper heart in her memory that was then placed on a memory tree in St Michael's church. They will be on display until just after the State Funeral.

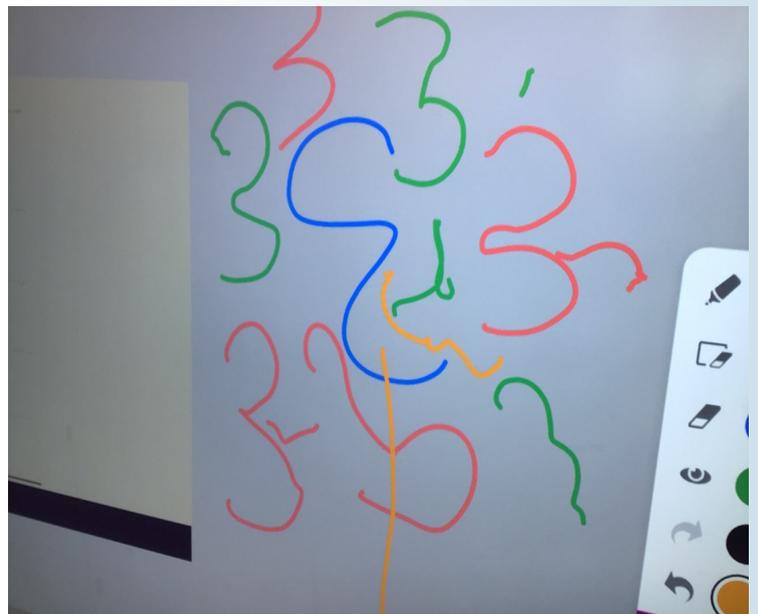
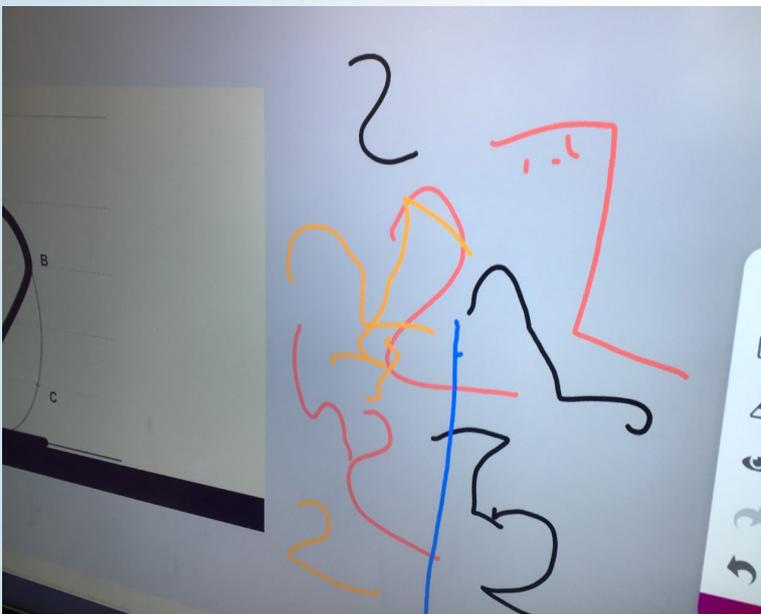


EYFS

This week we have settled into our full week routine. In maths everyone has concentrated on recognising numerals and some have been writing them too. As we do our calendar each morning and look at the date everyone is really eager to be chosen to try to write the number of the day and they have shown a good grasp of numeral formation. Reception have concentrated on 0-5 and our older nursery are looking at 1 2 3. Our younger nursery children are joining in with our number ordering activities- chanting numbers as we clap, march, jump etc.

In phonics Reception's new sounds are j and v. We have read the sound, then words beginning with that sound and practiced writing each letter. Our younger children are developing their listening skills with games such as Simon says, Jack in the box and dough disco.

Our topic this term is Me and My World, so children have been making faces from sticky foam pieces, drawing self portraits and investigating emotions through deciding how we can see on faces and body language how someone is feeling.



Kids' art competition inspired by local stone circle storybook

Children across Cumbria can enter an art competition which will see their works exhibited at Florence Arts Centre in Egremont and have the chance to win books for themselves and their school libraries.

Storyteller Steve Wharton originally wrote the story of Sylwedyth to help children engage with an exhibition of space science at The Beacon Museum. Sylwedyth (pronounced Sil-wed-ith) is a local stone age girl who begins to question her tribe's beliefs. By testing sayings against the weather and observing the movements of the sun and moon, she becomes Britain's first scientist.

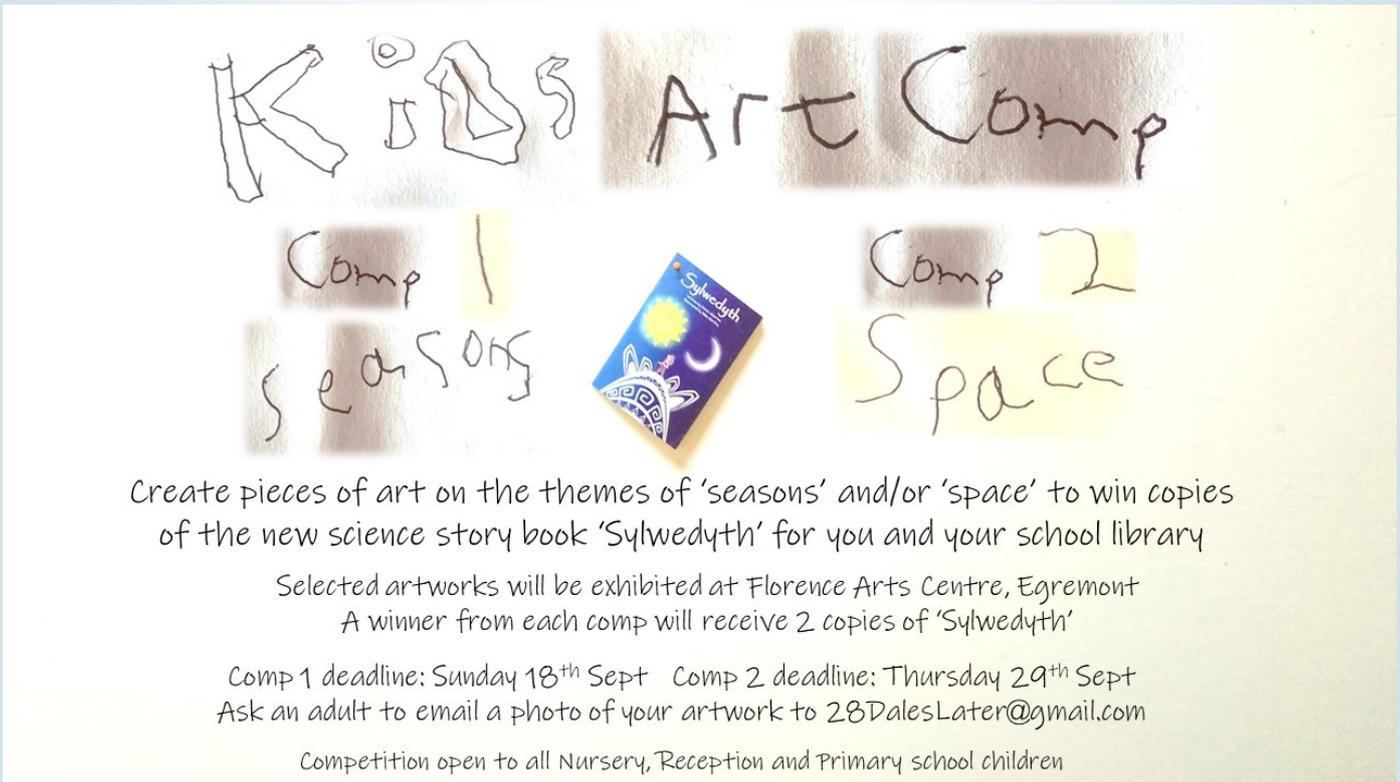
Steve said, "Having worked with children as a storyteller and early years teacher, I'm in awe of their ability to absorb information. I hope this is the first of a series of books that will help children to tackle some big concepts by presenting them in relatable ways."

The book expands on Sylwedyth's story with some pages of science explanation suitable for younger children. A review in Popular Astronomy magazine hailed the book as, "a really thought provoking and enjoyable reading experience."

The competition has two themes, seasons and space. Nursery, reception and primary school children can submit any form of artwork in response to the themes. They need to ask an adult to email a photo of their artwork to 28DalesLater@gmail.com by each theme's deadline. The deadlines are: Seasons 18th Sept and Space 29th Sept.

The works will be judged by author Steve Wharton, illustrator Mike Hartley and editorial consultant Forrest Nellis-Wharton. The artworks will be exhibited at Florence Arts Centre during the weeks of the Autumnal Equinox (22nd Sept) and World Space Week (4th-10th Oct).

For those too old to enter the competition, Sylwedyth is available from independent bookshops around Cumbria.



Kids Art Comp

Comp 1
Seasons



Comp 2
Space

Create pieces of art on the themes of 'seasons' and/or 'space' to win copies of the new science story book 'Sylwedyth' for you and your school library

Selected artworks will be exhibited at Florence Arts Centre, Egremont
A winner from each comp will receive 2 copies of 'Sylwedyth'

Comp 1 deadline: Sunday 18th Sept Comp 2 deadline: Thursday 29th Sept
Ask an adult to email a photo of your artwork to 28DalesLater@gmail.com

Competition open to all Nursery, Reception and Primary school children

GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY

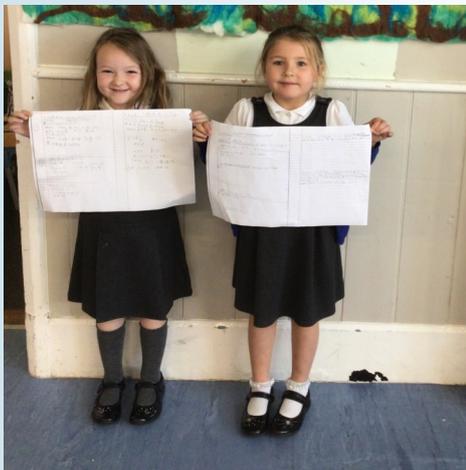


Each week children from each class are selected as 'Stars of the week'
We celebrate this in our assemblies
These young people were awarded certificates this week.

EYFS

Herbie

Herbie won star of the week this week for fab cutting and sticking skills!



Key Stage 1

Anya and Laney

Anya and Laney won star of the week this week for superb effort in English!

Key Stage 2

Minnie, Poppy and Tyler

Minnie, Poppy and Tyler have showcased their fantastic writing and eager attitudes from the start of term.

