

It has been a busy week! We have had so many exciting activities in school this week and there are more to come next week!

- The African Drumming workshops as you will have seen on Facebook, the pupils really enjoyed this experience!
- Dance Competition dress rehearsal all the pupils were amazing and looked fabulous! We wish them luck in the competition at the Tower Ballroom on Monday.
- All the wonderful, exciting, engaging activities that have taken place through school this week take a look at our Facebook page to see the full range.





## Multi-Faith Week:

This week our three student teachers from Edge Hill University, have planned and taught sessions in each class on different faiths; comparing them to Christianity. The children have enjoyed learning a huge variety of facts and information about Islam, Judaism and Catholicism. Today is their last day of placement in our school so we would like to thank them for the work they have done and wish them well in their future teaching careers.

## Progress updates:

At the end of next week, your child will bring home an end of half-term learning review which is their opportunity to reflect on their own learning. The class teachers will also identify targets for next steps in learning.

Our second Parents' Evening for all pupils including Pre-School, will be on Thursday 24th February 3:45-6:30 pm. Please use the link to book a slot. If you would prefer a Zoom or phone appointment, please contact your child's class teacher.

https://forms.office.com/r/JM7PLMRsVX

Laura Sandham School of Dance:

The pupils in Miss Gemma's dance classes (from Ash Class upwards) have the opportunity to be part of the dance school show at the Grand Theatre in Lancaster on 22nd May. There will be two performances. If you haven't already signed them up and you would like them to take part, please email Miss Gemma. They will also need to be available for the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 17th May in the evening at the theatre.

The lessons after half-term will be working on dances for the show.

Please see below for the dance school newsletter.

Eco Warriors Competition:

The competition was announced via dojo earlier this week and is aimed at all children in school. The aim of the competition is for children to design a poster to either promote eco reminders to be displayed around school (turning off lights/ taps etc) OR a poster sharing their eco friendly ideas which we can try to implement in school. To take part children will need to hand their poster in by the first Friday after half term and it costs 50p per entry. I will meet with the eco warriors to judge the posters and the winners will be awarded with prizes.

# Dates for your diary:

Monday 7th February—Chinese New Year banquet (payment to be made via ParentPay)

Monday 7th February—Dance Competition—Blackpool Tower Ballroom

Thursday 10th February—Planetarium experience in school

Friday 11th February—School closes for half term (3:30pm)

Monday 21st February— School opens

Wednesday 23rd February—Tuesday 2nd March - Book fair in school

# Thursday 24th February—Parents' Evening

Thursday 3rd March—World book day (activities in school to be announced)

# Monday 7th March—Celebration of Music Concert

Friday 1st April—School closes for Easter holiday at 1:30pm

Tuesday 19th April—School opens



New Year Newsletter

Hello Everyone

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that 2022 is being kind to you!

### **TERM TIME DATES**

February Half Term—The Dance School closes after class on Saturday 12th February and re-opens Monday 21st February. Easter Holidays—The Dance School closes after class on Saturday 2nd April and reopens Tuesday 19th April.

## DANCE FESTIVAL REHEARSAL

We are holding a dress rehearsal for all festival participants ready for Lancaster festival on Sunday 20th March, hoping to hire a venue with a stage! so the venue is yet to be confirmed! IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL FESTIVAL STUDENTS ATTEND, Thank you.

### SUMMERSCHOOL

The dates for Summerschool 2022 are Monday 1st- Friday 5th August, please contact Miss Laura to book your place

**DANCE FESTIVALS**—Lancaster Dance Festival is 2nd -6th April taking place at Central Lancaster High School. Kendal Dance Festival is Thursday 2nd-Saturday 4th June at Carnforth High School.

### SHOW TIME (just a reminder)

We are in full Show mode with the pupils learning the show routines and the atmosphere is electric I have to say me and the teachers are having the best time.

The show is taking place at Lancaster Grand Theatre on Sunday 22nd May with two performances 1pm and 5pm and the dress rehearsal is Tuesday 17th May. You will be receiving a very important document regarding the show shortly please look out for this.

### A KIND PLEA FOR HELP

We are looking for Chaperones so that our shows at the Grand Theatre in May can go ahead, this will include helping backstage. You will be required to become a licensed chaperone through LCC, there maybe a small charge for DBS check. We will need as many people willing as possible to cover both performances, so please let me know if you can help out asap. Please contact the child employment and entertainment team on 01772 531799.

### ADULT BALLROOM & LATIN

An adult Ballroom and Latin course is starting with Miss Gemma on Monday 10th January at 8-9 there are still a few places available, a partner is not essential so you can come along with or without one, booking is essential please contact Miss Laura to book on.

Best wishes

Miss Laura and the team.