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Health and Safety at Bewcastle School

Last week Bewcastle school was visited by Judith Chandler from the local Authority. She was here to look at how the school deals with all matters Health and Safety. After looking around the school and checking a lot of documentation, Mrs Chandler was very pleased with how the school deals with these matters. She thought that the school was a very lovely place for education and that the staff and governors have the well-being of everyone in mind at all times. The full report will be issued in due course.

Building Work on the Roof

Work on the school roof continues with a lot of it continuing into the school holidays. There has been great progress with the flat roof and the pitched roof above the school hall. Everyone was very pleased to be able to go back into the hall after the work above it had progressed so much. We thank all children and staff for their patience whilst this work has been going on and look forward to its completion.

School Curriculum

Over the past few weeks staff have been busy looking at a range of approaches for the school curriculum. The Governing Board have also been involved with this and discussions have taken place with other schools to see how they organise and plan their learning. Bewcastle School has chosen to follow the Cornerstones curriculum from September 2022. This involves looking at a four-year cycle of lessons and seeing where we can teach in mixed age classes. The ability of all children will be taken into account when we start this work next term. It is an exciting time for Mr Dixon and staff to be part of this at Bewcastle school.

Leave of Absence during Term Time

There has been a lot of discussion surrounding leave of absence for pupils in school. The Local Authority have issued a letter about this. Children can only be taken out of school for very exceptional reasons. These are all explained in the letter and you can read this on the school website at:

https://www.bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/230/Leave_of_Absence_in_Term_Time_June_202251426.pdf/

This is very important as a family holiday during term time is not a reason for taking pupils out of school. Please read the letter so you are aware of the facts surrounding term time absences.

Links with Warwick Bridge School

Bewcastle School has established good links with Warwick Bridge school over the past two terms. We will have our Year 6 children visiting Warwick Bridge this week and they will spend the day with their Year 6 counterparts on Wednesday. The pupils in both Year 5 and Year 6 at Warwick Bridge will also be coming to Bewcastle in the coming days for a swim and to spend time with the pupils here.

Moderation at Bewcastle School

Last week we were visited by two moderators from Carlisle. Their task was to validate the work we have been doing in Key Stage 1. I am very pleased to say that both moderators were very pleased with what they saw. They also spoke with staff members and agreed that our working practises and marking were correct. Well done to everyone at school for making this positive outcome a reality.

Swimming Pool info

The PFA are holding a raffle in aid of the pool, we have some fabulous prizes which includes a £50 Argos voucher. Thank you to everybody who has donated so far, we are very grateful for this. Tickets can be purchased from school at a cost of a £1 per strip. We will draw the raffle at sports day (more information to follow with regards to sports day).

The PFA are also selling lucky squares on behalf of the pool. Squares cost £2 per square and the prize is a pool membership. Don't worry if you win and you already have a membership, you will be refunded the cost of your membership.

KS2 Walk

There has been a slight change to the itinerary this week, we will be walking Stubholm Hill and Warb Law at Langholm. This means that we will return back to school for 3pm in time for buses.

With best wishes for the week ahead
Mark Ashton