HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

STEM week has been upon us this week – organised even before the King's Coronation (!) so all in all it has been a very busy week.

Mrs Price and staff have worked with the children on a multitude of activities across the week and a full report of what has been going on has been written for this newsletter by Mrs Price. Whilst a highlight has to be the visit from the Royal Institution, which so many of you got to see at our parent event later in the day – what an amazing inspiring scientist Mrs Usmaa Choudry was, but elsewhere in the week; from mathematical conundrums, to engineering and designing Dyson vacuum cleaners it is safe to say the children are all the better scientists, mathematicians, etc for it.

Potato STEM people and engineering designs was a great way to end the week which our visiting science author Mr Ben Martynoga judged as our special guest in assembly this morning.

Congratulations to winners - Jessica (Yr 6), India (Yr 5) Lucy W (Yr 4) Fergus (Yr 3) and Clara (Yr1) for their potato scientists, as well as Rafferty (Yr 6), Bertie (Yr 5), Cecily (Yr 4), Ned (Yr 2) and Violet (Yr 1) for their engineering designs.

For our maths day extra house points went to the top team - Tomas, Artem and Forest for amassing an incredible 55 out of a possible 60 points from solving a number of mathematical challenges.

Finally, the inspirational scientists class poster went to Year 2 for their design of the Eden project and sustainable living. Thankyou also to Mr

Mason for being Mrs Price's wing man this week and for donating the science prizes too!

Before we break for our second Bank Holiday of the month, we are also celebrating Prince Charles 111 Coronation, with lunch and afternoon tea today too! What a simply wonderful way to end this week as we raise our teacups to the new monarch and plant a tree (courtesy of Larch Cottage) in his honour. Please do visit the hall if you have a moment to look at all the fabulous artwork that has been done regarding the Coronation by Miss Elliott and her art groups.

Judging the Gingerbread and cupcake Kings and Queens was a tough ask, but Kath from our caterers Caterite did the deed, and congratulations to Rafferty (Yr 6) Louisa H (Yr 2) and Jesse (Yr 2) for their brilliant King and Queen gingerbread designs, as well as James (Yr 5), Kiearra (Yr 2) and Violet (Yr 1) for their delicious cupcake designs.

We also celebrated India's success at winning a national competition to design a special emblem for the Coronation. We will meet soon to decide on what to spend the £250 she has won for the school – an amazing feat.

A HUGE THANKYOU to all who entered any of these competitions as well as parents who have helped throughout this week making our week one to remember! Photos of our Coronation afternoon will be posted next week.

As if these two huge events were not enough, we have also welcomed Mr Brindley to the school as our mathematics teacher for this term, alongside Ms Young, and Mr Borrows and his family paid us a visit too! Mr Borrows is getting to know the children and the school and both children, George and Florence, had a wonderful day with their classes and new friends.

A reminder that Mr Borrows will next be in school for our parents' breakfast event on the 23rd of May.

Fingers crossed the weather has now turned (I hope so as I have put out my bedding plants…..) so we will move to summer uniform for all after this Bank Holiday. If you have not quite got uniform sorted there will be a two-week window. I have asked Amy to attach our uniform list from the parents' handbook to the parent portal as an aide memoir for you.

Enjoy your Bank Holiday weekend and whatever festivities you may be partaking in. We will return on Tuesday 9th May when Miss Lane will join EYFS as Miss Graham moves ever closer to her baby being born and a hush descends on the school as our exam fortnight begins. Revision lists for all of the upper school have now been sent home and exercise books and textbooks will follow as we work with the children to prepare them for their exams.

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre-School News

This week in pre-school, we have been chasing the 'Gingerbread Man', as well as fully immersing ourselves in all things Coronation.

The children acted out the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'; they made animal masks, which they enjoyed using in their imaginative play. They explored the ingredients of gingerbread and finished the week off by decorating their very own 'Gingerbread Man'.

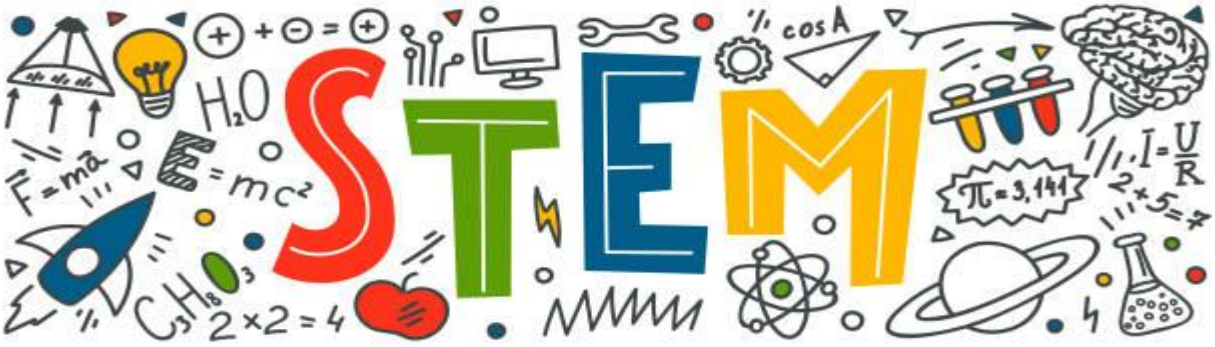
For the Coronation the children made their own crowns, coloured 'Union Jack flags' and learnt to move like a royal guard; they marched up a storm!

Whilst having lots of gingerbread and Coronation fun, the children have kept an eye on their beans that they planted last week. There are small shoots starting to sprout. Exciting times!

During 'Work it out Wednesday' the children were tasked with making a trap for the 'Gingerbread Man'. Pre-School and Reception worked collaboratively and created some amazing trap designs. In the end, the old basket and stick set up worked best!

We hope you enjoy your Coronation Bank Holiday weekend. See you on Tuesday!

Mrs Parker and Miss Graham



It's fair to say our STEM week started with a BANG! Children and parents alike were amased, inspired, excited and awe-struck by the shows presented by the Royal Institution. Assisted by children from the audience, Usmaa from the Royal Institution proved that energy cannot be created or destroyed, but is transferred from one type of energy store to another. We ducked as bottle rockets whizzed overhead, gasped as bubbles of gas turned into a towering inferno and laughed as parents and children tried to separate the pages of a telephone directory in a tug-of-war with friction.

It was difficult to follow that, but our mathematicians were in their element (pun intended!) on Wednesday, which saw the children puzzling over tangrams, 2-D shapes, dice, dominos and numbers. Thursday followed with our inspiring STEM class posters, each class produced a colourful, informative and inspiring poster about a scientist or group of scientists who they admired, the children chose chemists, astrophysicists, palaeontologists and biologists!

During the week, we had visits from real life scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians in the form of our dedicated and inspiring parents. We're really grateful to the parents who made time in their very busy lives to share how they use STEM in their jobs.

On Friday, we were very lucky to have a visit by local science author Ben Martynoga, writer of 'The Cell, The Gene and The Virus'. Ben inspired us talking about how he became inspired to become a biologist and why he now writes biology books which inspire others. If you'd like a copy of Ben's books do pop along to Verey books in Pooley Bridge – mention Hunter Hall School for a 10% discount.

Friday also saw the Potato Head and Engineering competitions; the quality, imagination and standard of the entries was truly amazing. We had Albert Einstein, Mary Anning and Katherine Johnson and machines to tidy bedrooms, clean up the ocean and feed the chickens, to name but a few!

Each individual winner received an inspirational science book very kindly and generously donated by Mr Mason (father of Phoebe in Year 6). In fact, Mr Mason has been pivotal in the organisation of STEM week this year, and I thank him for his generous support.

Well, that's STEM week done but definitely not forgotten – and that's the really important part; it's an experience that the children will remember forever, and may even inspire some of them to go on to a career in STEM. Imagine if one of our children went on to change the world because of a little STEM week at Hunter Hall!

Mrs N Price
Head of Science

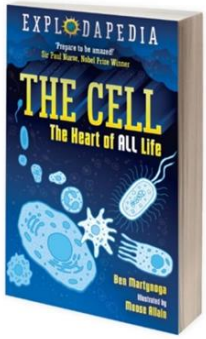
Parents' Group

Friday 12th May (Evening)
Curry and Ceilidh

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket: it promises to be a fabulous evening. Whilst ticket sales have officially closed, there are still a few spaces available. Please see Gemma Bullimore if you are interested. An email with details of the event will be sent out to ticket holders next week.

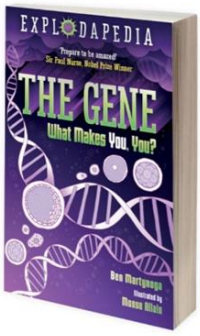
Tuesday 23rd May (morning)
Big Breakfast

An opportunity for the whole school community to get together, and meet Mr Borrows and family.



If you were inspired by Ben Martyoga's talk this morning and would like to read his books. Please visit Verey Bookshop in Pooley Bridge – mention Hunter Hall for a 10% discount. If you prefer to shop online then please use the link:

https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/benmartynoga



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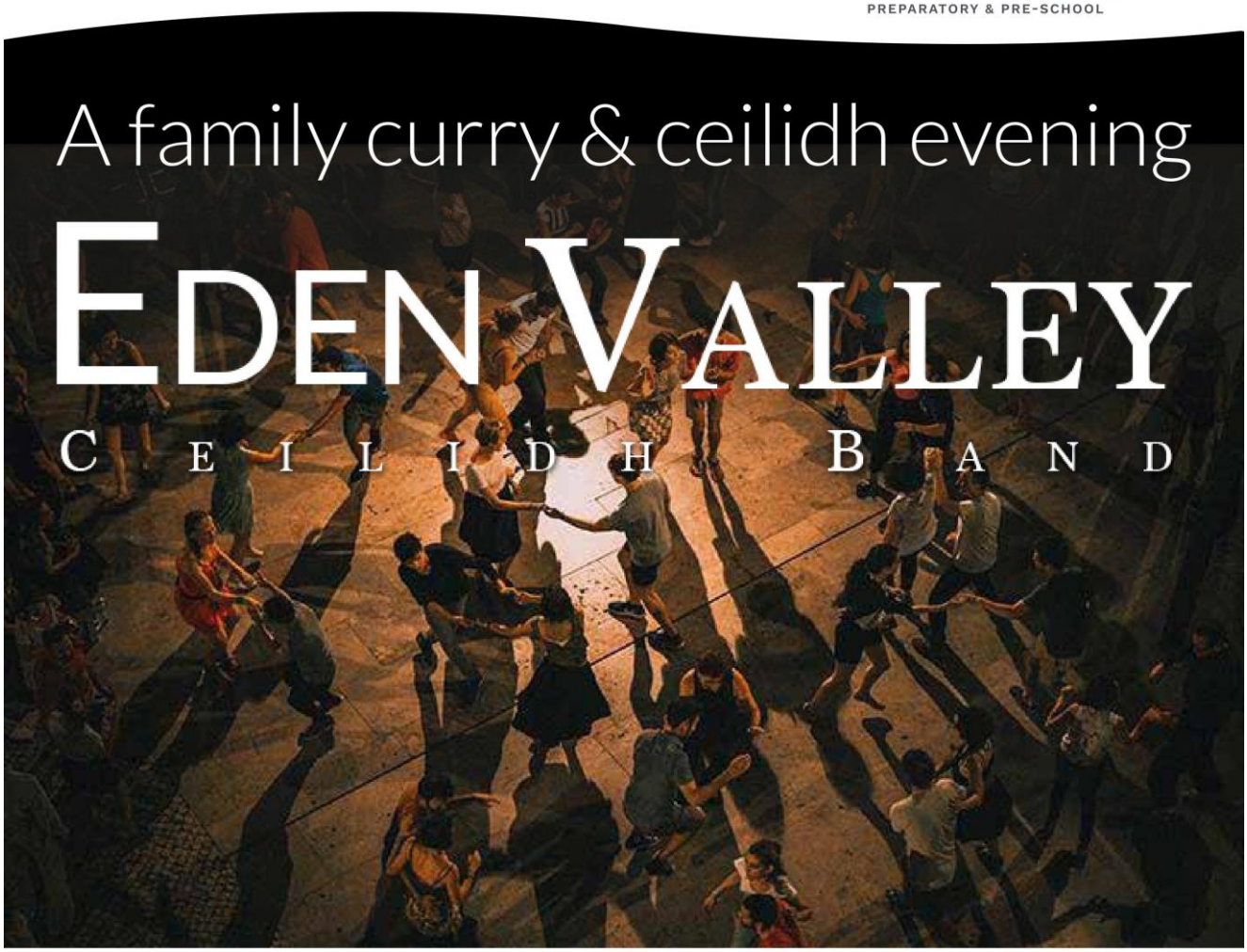
A family curry & ceilidh evening

EDEN VALLEY

CEILIDH BAND



Adults £18.00 / Children £12.00 / Under 5s go free

From 6pm, 12th May

Welcome drink

Curry followed by a ceilidh

Bar open till 11pm

Book via QR code:

www.trybooking.co.uk/CIRA

Bank Barn in the grounds of Askham Hall, Askham, Penrith, CA10 2PF

The BIG Breakfast

Tuesday 23rd May

7:45-8:30 a.m.

Bacon/Egg Rolls
Croissants
Pain au Chocolat
Fruit Kebabs/Yoghurts
Fruit Juice
Tea/Coffee

Grab & Go Available
Cash Only

Week ahead

Monday 08 May 2023 – BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 09 May 2023

EXAM WEEK FOR YEAR 6

08:00 - 09:30	Ian Butterworth (brass)
10:00 - 10:45	LS swimming for Reception, Y1 and Y2 @ Penrith Leisure Centre
10:00 - 12:00	Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin and piano)
13:15 - 17:30	US Fell Run @ Helton Common
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Rounders
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Cricket
15:30 - 17:30	Upper School - Exam Prep Year 5

Wednesday 10 May 2023

08:00 - 09:30	Ian Butterworth (brass)
14:00 - 16:00	U9 A & B mixed cricket v Sedbergh Prep @ HH
13:00 - 18:00	U11 Cricket @ Windermere
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Construction
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindfulness Colouring

Thursday 11 May 2023

08:30 - 15:30	Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin and piano)
13:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Outdoor Education - Year 3&4 - Sailing
15:00 - 16:00	Lower School - Football
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Drama
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Colour and Craft
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School - Football

Friday 12 May 2023

08:00 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
08:00 - 16:30	LAMDA
09:30 - 15:30	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
13:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Outdoor Education – 5W – Sailing
15:30 - 16:30	No Cookery Club
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Golden Time free play
18:00 - 23:00	PARENT GROUP Curry and Ceilidh night