PRESTON BULLETIN

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full ' John 10:10

Friday 20 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a very busy week in the Federation. The highlight of the week was definitely our trip to Banham Zoo. We were blessed with fine weather and it was lovely for us all to spend the day outside together.

The pandemic has meant that this is the first educational visit that many of the children have experienced; quite a number of children remarked that they had not been on a coach or bus more than a handful of times, which is something we would have found remarkable back in March 2020!

As well as visiting the different animals, and, of course, exploring the adventure playground, each class also enjoyed a Discovery Session, where we learnt about many aspects of the animal kingdom and even got to handle some creatures! I was really lucky to join Hedgehogs where we were all introduced to Seniorita Hiss the cornsnake and Alan (yes that was his name) the Hissing Cockroach!

The children were impeccably behaved throughout the day and positive and enthusiastic in their attitude to learning. We are looking forward to planning many more similar opportunities in the future!

Yours sincerely,

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PRESTON STARS OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds: **EVERYONE** for sensible behaviour and enthusiastic observations during the Mini-Beast Experience and whilst at Banham Zoo!

Bumblebees: **EVERYONE** for their fantastic class assembly and their excellent choices on our school trip to Banham Zoo!

Grasshoppers: **Aiden B.** for noticeably making the effort to help his classmates make the right choices this week.

Caterpillars: **Alice** or working hard on her Victorian diary entry and making sure to include lots of historical details.

Dragonflies: **Violet** for showing a great interest in how animals are looked after at the zoo.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENT DATES

Year 2 Assessments

Year 2 assessments are conducted throughout May.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

This is conducted during the three weeks following Monday 6 June.

Year 1 Phonics Check

Year 1 Phonics Checks are completed during the week beginning Monday 6 June.

It is very important that children in these year groups are in school at these times.

LIVING THE MOTTO 'responsibility'

Ladybirds:	Mia
Bumblebees:	Ella
Grasshoppers:	Ethan
Caterpillars:	Lewis S.
Dragonflies:	Megan

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 25th May	Y6 Cycling Group B
Thursday 26th May	Y6 Cycling Group B
Thursday 26th May	Jubilee theme day
Friday 27th May:	Jubilee theme day—dress in red, white and blue

HALF TERM

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

LINKS WITH OUR FRIENDS IN CANADA

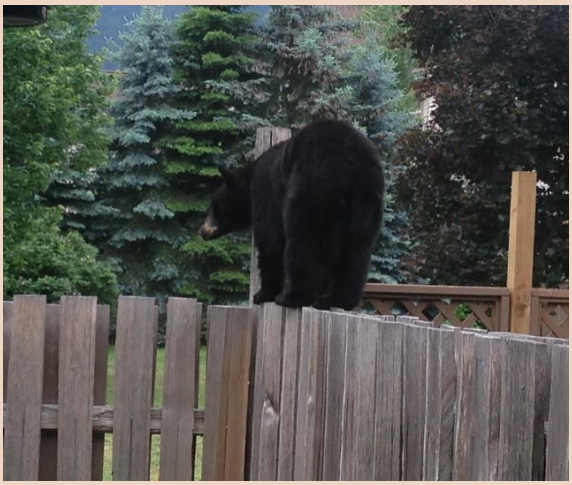
Caterpillar Class were extremely delighted to receive letters from the children at Xet̓ólacw Community School in Mount Currie, BC, Canada. We enjoyed looking at photographs of their locality and school grounds and have been fascinated to learn about the wildlife found there.

The School Playing Field

The Grade 6 Classroom

The children go dragon boating every week in May.

The children baked Bannock, a traditional bread, and sold it at their cake sale.



A bear was spotted on the garden fence at the home of the children's teacher!

A cougar was spotted on a hidden camera at the land school. This is where the children go regularly to learn on the land.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Please look at our website to check that your child is dressed in correct school uniform: https://prestonprimaryschool.net/school-uniform/

Please consider this when purchasing new garments for school.

PE uniform includes:

- Navy shorts (cotton, not cycling/lycra type);
- White t-shirt with school logo;
- Trainers for use on the field;
- Black slip-on plimsolls are permitted for indoor P.E.

Plain jogging bottoms and sweatshirt may be worn in colder months. Year 6 children should not wear leavers' hoodies to school. They look fantastic but please can we save them to wear during the last week of the Summer Term.

BUMBLEBEE CLASS ASSEMBLY

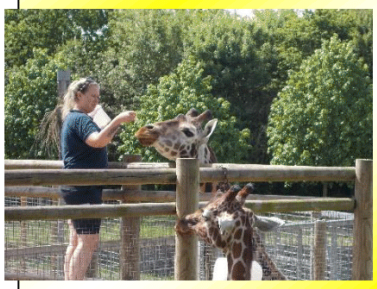
A big well done to Bumblebee Class, who entertained parents/carers with their Class Assembly today. We enjoyed hearing about the children's learning about The Great Fire of London, listening to their diary entries, instructions and descriptions, and watching their reenactment of the main events of the fire!

DRAGONFLY NEWS

Banham Zoo

We had an amazing day visiting the many inhabitants at Banham Zoo.

The conservation of the animals was of particular interest to the children.

We closely observed the owls to bring to life the character in our class book, October, October.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Discovery session gaining an insight into the Sabre Tooth Tiger and the evolution of animals, not forgetting meeting and holding Senorita Hiss!