



Ancaster  
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# Newsletter 14

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break, an opportunity to spend time with friends and family and recharge those batteries; the children have been excited to tell us their news and all about any adventures they had. Even though we have only been back for a short amount of time, the Easter break already seems like such a long time ago as we have been so busy in school this last fortnight, with an incredible amount of imaginative and practical learning taking place causing a frenzy of activity and a buzz of learning throughout school that you will read about below. With the '4 seasons in one day' type weather we have had this week, we can only hope for the best weather possible this bank holiday weekend and hope you all manage to enjoy the extra day and we look forward to seeing you all again next Tuesday.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher) & Mrs Clare Talbot (Deputy Headteacher)*



### Multi-Cultural Enrichment Week

After the Easter break we came back to the most amazing Multi-Cultural week to launch our new topic 'What a Wonderful World'. Every child learned how to play an African drum with our visiting specialist and learned authentic African rhythms playing fantastic collaborative pieces of music. We then followed this with a day of 6 different multi-cultural dance workshops; Flamenco, Irish, Aborigine, Bollywood, Greek and Mexican. The children quickly picked up the iconic moves of the dances learned and worked together to produce polished dances, illustrating that we have some very talented dancers in school with great potential.

We welcomed Sunita Patel back to school for 'The Indian Experience' and the children were captivated with her stories of festivals and Hindu Gods; most of the children were amazed that Sunita lives locally, helping them to understand about our increasingly diverse locality. Finally we finished the week with Class 'identity Days', the children looked fabulous dressed in the colours of their class flag (thank you for your support with this) and spent the day learning about the geography and cultures their class name represents.

This enrichment week, with a hands-on approach to learning, has captivated the imagination of the children and renewed their thirst for learning – something we constantly strive to do to ensure every child aims to 'Be the best they can be!'





**The Children's University**

The Senior Leadership Team recently met with Maria Morgan who leads The Children's University for the University of Lincoln.

The Lincolnshire Children's University is part of an exciting national initiative, engaging children in fun, quality and innovative experiences that capture their imagination and inspire their dreams for the future.

Children earn stamps from their school by attending a lunch or after school club or from a learning destination. They are then invited to attend a special Children's University Graduation Ceremony at the University of Lincoln to collect their first award on completion of 30 stamps (30 hours) of extra-curricular learning. They can celebrate their achievements and receive a certificate all whilst wearing a mortar board and gown! We are really excited about launching this opportunity at Ancaster and will share more information with you soon. In the meantime check out the national website:

[www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk)



### Library Books

During the Easter holidays the Senior Leadership Team spent time in Waterstones choosing lots of new books for our library, based upon suggestions made by all children in school through our Big Conversation. These books will soon be available to be chosen by children, who are very excited about the prospect of new genres and authors. We know this will support and extend the children's learning and the children have promised to take care of these and return them to the library so that everyone can enjoy them!

### Parent Consultation Thanks!

We've had 2 really successful Parent Consultation evenings this week where achievements and next steps have been shared, thank you for your ongoing support! Unfortunately 13 appointments were missed but not cancelled ahead of time, these are statutory meetings and vital to pupil progress. We understand circumstances change, however would appreciate being informed in advance if appointments are no longer convenient. Thank you.



### Diary Dates:

Group school photos: **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May \* new date\***  
Year 6 SATs week begins: **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Choir sing at Consecration of the Cemetery service:  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Class Scotland Share & Shine: **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3pm**  
Class Jamaica Share & Shine: **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9.15am**

Class Mexico Share & Shine: **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am**  
Class S. Africa Share & Shine: **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 3pm**  
Class Switzerland Share & Shine: **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am**

Class Canada Share & shine: **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 3pm**  
Class Mexico AQT Singing Event **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May 4.15pm**

Half Term begins **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm**

Term 6 begins: **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

End of Term 6: **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

### Welcome Mr Allsebrook

This term we welcome Mr Michael Allsebrook to our team as he undertakes a teacher training placement with us in Class Jamaica, alongside Mr Swain, supported by Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln. He has already been in school this week familiarising himself with school policies and routines and getting to know the children and will start his placement fully in 2 weeks' time. Our experience of trainee teachers and students from school and colleges has always been really positive in the past, bringing new ideas as well as extra pairs of hands and so we are sure Mr Allsebrook will settle into our team well and have lots to offer in return for the experience he gains.



### Lottery & Co-op funding

We are delighted to announce that we have received 2 separate sources of funding over the Easter holidays thanks to the hard work of staff and our PTFA who applied for the grants. **£7,450** was awarded from The Big Lottery Fund and **£2,219.14** from the Co-op's local community fund. This is fantastic news; the funding will be spent on developing our outdoor environment, following the suggestions of the children who have told us their ideas of how they would like to see our school grounds developed, through our Big Conversations. More details of our exciting plans will be shared soon.