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After a tricky start to the week after the storms of the weekend and high winds affecting the causeway we are pleased to have come through with minimal damage to our buildings. Our big news this week is our Ofsted reports finally being shared. We are really pleased with our outcomes which we feel reflect our schools and we were particularly pleased that they recognised our exceptional personal development as well as our "rich curriculum". Everyone is "accepted and celebrated" and they really liked the "warmth and understanding" that the children show to new starters and others. We have always strived to match a caring and nurturing environment with a challenging and exciting curriculum and we feel that we have been able to demonstrate this even under the stress of a full inspection across both schools. As small schools we had nowhere to hide and they looked at pretty much every book in school!

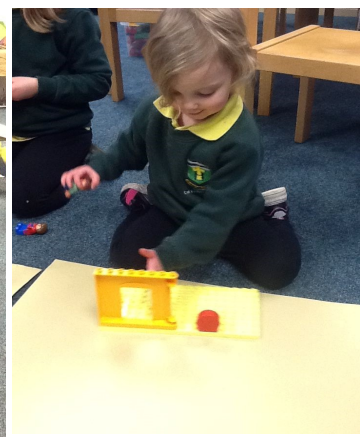


Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Good

It's not often you see an Ofsted report sprinkled with such words as 'remarkable', 'highly intelligent' and 'exceptional'. They also noted that the children are "incredibly polite" to each other and children "talk wide-eyed about all the opportunities" available to them. Best of all: "There are no limits to what pupils can achieve in their personal development." We are now working on ensuring more of our resources in our nursery are available for the younger children and to make sure we are always consistent in our pedagogy. We might be small but we are delivering an excellent education and holistic care

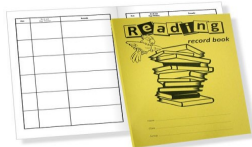
for all of our pupils. Our staff have worked very hard to achieve this and I am very grateful for all of their efforts.

Meanwhile, the children are getting into the swing of our new term and have been working hard in their lessons this week. Younger children have been using arrays to prove the commutative law in maths (that you can change the position of any real numbers being multiplied without changing the result). Class 2 have been practising peer marking and self editing in English. Our first lego club began last week and the children enjoyed the challenge of making the tallest tower before having free choice on their own creation.



Reminders

- * Please remember that children are welcome to bring a small healthy snack on swimming days.
- * With the very cold weather please remember the children play outside everyday and need warm layers, hats and gloves. Any spare hats and gloves that could be donated would be greatly appreciated.
- * Please remember to sign your child's reading record and for them to bring it into school everyday.



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MRS TELFER

School amnesty still going!

Please would you check at home to see if your child has accidentally taken home someone else's coat, hats or gloves.

Similarly, we would appreciate it if you would check for school books (our library books will have the Lowick school stamp near the front of the book) and any water bottles.

Clubs this term

Monday - Art Club

Tuesday- Film Club

Wednesday- Sports Club

Thursday- Commando Joes

Friday- Lego Club



Dates for your diary

Thursday 1st February: trip to **Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh** - everyone is going. We will be late back on that day as we will be leaving at 2.30pm (**estimating 4pm arrival back in Lowick**). Children will need a packed lunch or grab & go and they will need uniform tops on so we can easily spot them around the museum.

Tuesday 6th February - we are hosting the Berwick partnership year 4 transition afternoon at Lowick.

Friday 9th February - we will be celebrating Chinese New Year in school.

Week commencing 19th February - half term week. School is closed. Back to school on 26th February.

Tuesday 27th February - International Polar Bear day!

Thursday 29th February: Key Stage 1 (years 1 & 2) to have their postponed visit to Berwick Literary Festival puppet show at Berwick Guildhall in the morning. They will be back in school for lunch as normal.

Week commencing 4th March; National Science Week. We will be joining live online lessons on Friday 8th March.

Friday 15th March - we are working with LNNR and will be on Holy Island working on marine pollution and the issue around plastic. This also ties in with Greenpeace's **Big Plastic Count this week**. Children will need suitable outdoor clothing and a packed lunch or grab & go on this day.

Monday 25th March - Year 4 transition event at Scremerston First School in the afternoon. They will be back for 3pm.

Friday 29th March: Good Friday bank holiday and first day of the Easter holidays.

