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The beginning of September seems a long time ago now and we think the children are ready for the half term holiday next week! They continued to work hard this week with lovely work being done for the 500 words story writing competition in English and calculations in maths. Highlights of the week have been our RE afternoon - celebrating Judaism. The children enjoyed making rainbow challah bread, they engaged with Jewish stories and music as well as having a go at a traditional Jewish dance. They were also interested in investigating our box of Jewish artefacts which we have borrowed from the library service. It was a very successful afternoon. Please see our video of the afternoon on our website which also shows the dancing!



On Wednesday, class 2 created the music to go with their silent movie film with instruments and sound effects played to fit the timing of the film.

This has been a very engaging project and has really helped the children think about how music is used in the media including films. It took a lot of concentration and repeated efforts to match the music to the film and they did very well, taking it in turns to use different instruments.



Moving to primary update

Some of you may have seen the news lately regarding a lot of uncertainty around the planned reorganisation. We have been engaged in the process of recruiting a teacher for a year 5 /6 class from middle school staff for some weeks and we are very hopeful that we will be successful in recruiting an excellent teacher for our school. Because so many schools and staff are involved in this process, it does take longer than usual and this is to make sure everyone is treated fairly. We hope to have the outcome in early November and we will share this with you in due course. Our new teacher would start in September 2026 when we have both years 5 and 6, but they would work with us ahead of that time to get to know everyone, join any staff professional development and to be ready to hit the ground running.

Curriculum update

Recently I was invited to speak at a small schools conference about how we developed our curriculum. I felt very honoured to represent our schools and received incredibly kind feedback from attendees. We are hard at work ensuring that our curriculum will continue to be of the best quality as we develop our offer into upper key stage 2. In the short term, our learning theme continues to be Entertainment next half term with a shift in focus away from toys and towards film and performance. We will be exploring how children's films have changed over time and how land use in California changed to reflect the growing film industry there. In RE we will be concluding our work on Judaism and beginning a new topic on Incarnation - thinking about 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' In art we will be looking at animation, inspired by drawn films to draw our own cartoons.

Dates for your diary

Autumn term half term holiday will be on the week commencing **28th October**. Children return to school on **4th November**.

Friday 8th November - Remembrance. **We will be taking part in a collective worship at the war memorial in Lowick at 10am followed by refreshments back at Lowick school. The community is invited to join us for both the worship and for a cup of tea and a biscuit back at school afterwards.**



Monday 11th November - CSI Day - back by popular request we will be having a fantastic science day themed around forensic crime solving.

Thursday 21st November - follow up November Club day in school - creative writing workshops with the children

Friday 22nd November - our Christmas fair 3 - 5pm at Lowick school.

Monday 25th November - parents evening (a letter about this will be sent out nearer the time).

Tuesday 3rd December - school photo day

Friday 6th December - Christmas lunch day

Monday 9th December - 2pm afternoon Christmas performance; and
Tuesday 10th December - 6pm evening Christmas performance (both at Lowick school)

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas church service at St John the Baptist in Lowick

Thursday 19th December - Christmas party afternoon

Christmas holidays are from the week commencing **23rd December** for two weeks. Monday 6th January is a teacher training day, so no children are expected back in school after the Christmas holidays until Tuesday **7th January**.

