



## February 2022 Newsletter

## Carrington Junior School

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### A quick message from Mrs Cameron

January has done what it does best and been grey and cold - It's easy on a grey day to forget the brilliant blue skies of a crisp winter's day that we've also been treated to this month.

January has also been challenging and complicated for many of us, with the high levels of Covid, both in the wider community and in our school population. In many ways it has been one of the most complicated months since March 2020 in school, with higher levels of sickness than we have had before. And yet, both children and staff have shown off the best of Carrington Junior School with excellent learning and demonstrating care for each other. It's been my pleasure to hand out values badges to children who have been kind to others, excelled themselves with a piece of work, or just kept going when things have been a challenge.

I would like to thank all our families for their resilience as we have returned to school. Any difficulties have been accompanied by dedication to supporting children's learning both at home and at school, and sometimes very creative childcare arrangements.

As we move towards February and its (slightly) lighter days, as well as looking forward to half term, I urge all of you to have a chat with your children about what they have achieved this month. They've all done exceptionally well.

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### Congratulations to:

- Elsa in Year 4 who raised money for charity by having her hair cut for The Little Princess Trust.
  - Year 6 who completed a mock SATs week and ALL improved their scores, many quite dramatically.
  - The Year 6 Peer Mentors who completed their training last week, and are ready to start supporting others.
  - All the children who have completed remote learning to a high standard while they have been isolating.
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Dates:	7 <sup>th</sup> March - ARP parent workshop - Parents of pupils on SEN register
8 <sup>th</sup> February – Safer internet day	8 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> March - Parents' evening
9 <sup>th</sup> February - Y4 and Y5 space dome	22 <sup>nd</sup> March - Y3 Discovery Centre Trip
14 <sup>th</sup> February - Y3 Greek Day	29 <sup>th</sup> March - ECHOES Performance
18 <sup>th</sup> February – PTA mufti day and break up for half term	6 <sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 Easter performance
28 <sup>th</sup> February – return to school – dance workshops	8 <sup>th</sup> April – last day of term



# Notices

## School travel

All parents want their children to arrive at school safely and I would like to thank the large majority of parents who are considerate on their way to school. However, there are a number of parents who are choosing to drive and park in a dangerous manner.

I would like to remind all parents that it is not permitted to park on the zigzag markings. It is also putting your own child at risk if you stop your car on the far side of the road and let your child cross from behind a vehicle. Please refrain from doing either of these things. Please also remember that the car park is for staff only, parents should not be using the car park at any time unless permission has been granted under exceptional circumstances.

Both the school council, and Carrington Junior School (in collaboration with Carrington Infant School) are looking at future arrangements which can improve our current travel situation. You may have also noticed Mrs O'Leary standing further out by the road in the mornings. Please can we ask that all parents leave enough time to travel to school and park safely? If possible, please consider approaching school from the roundabout, and if no spaces are available, continue around the corner to find a safe place to park, completing the journey to school on foot with your child.



## Forest School update

Many of you will remember that Mrs Randall was training to complete her Forest School qualification. We would like to congratulate her on successfully completing her course and portfolio. You may notice a few changes to the school site over this term as we prepare to start sessions this summer. We aim for all year groups to have some forest school experiences each year, with a focus on certain year groups as part of their learning journey through the school. Later this term, children will be getting the opportunity to help with planting some small copses of trees on part of our wild field.

## Uniform

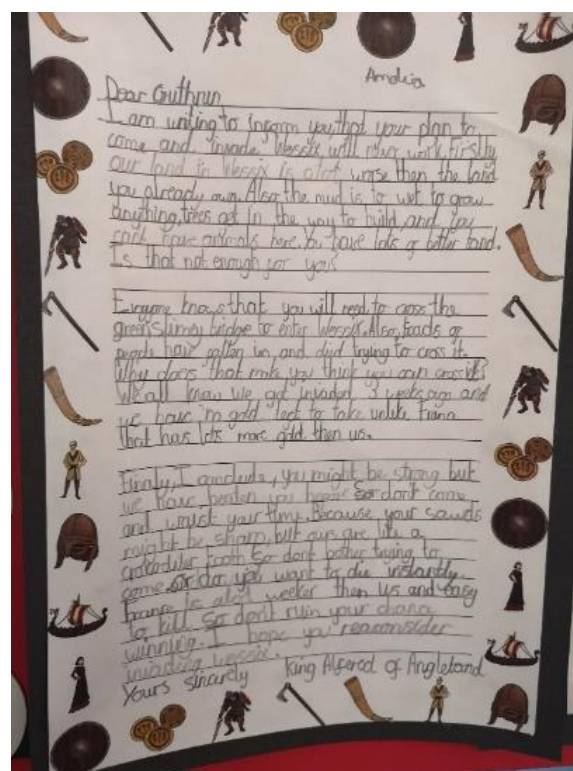
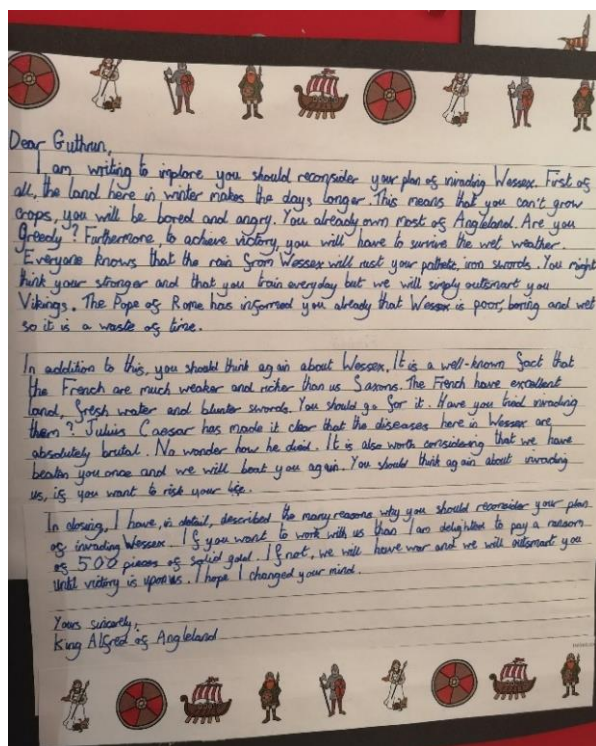
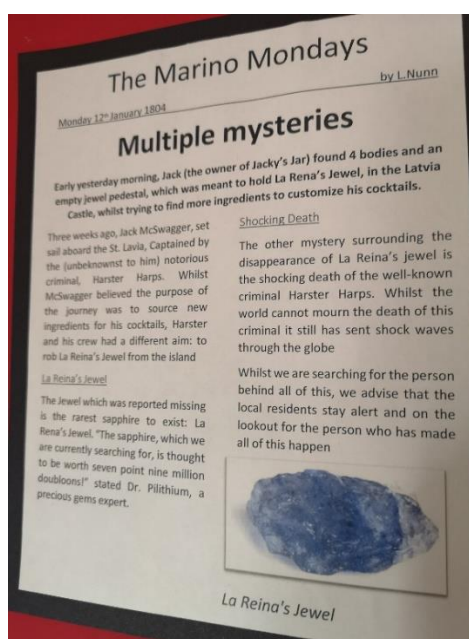
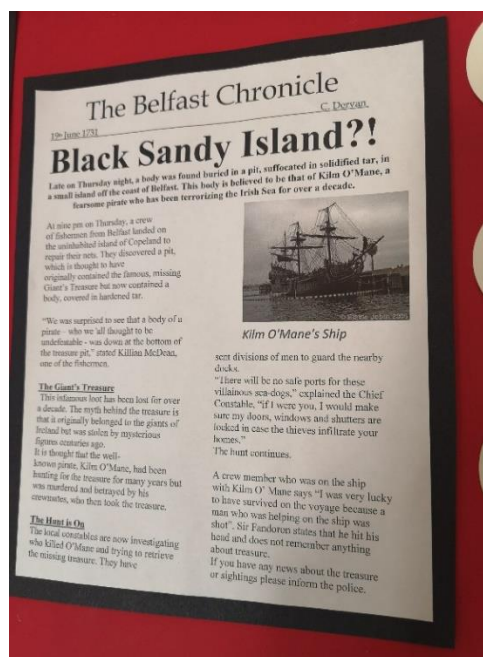
Please can I remind parents that school shoes should be worn at all times outside sports lessons, or your child's PE day? If your child is not wearing correct footwear, they may be asked repeatedly why not by various staff members during the school day. Please also remember that earrings are not part of school uniform and should not be worn to school. Please can we also remind parents and carers that long hair should be tied up, using a uniform coloured hair elastic (no bows or large ties thank you).

## Communicating absences

Thank you to all the families who let us know why children are absent. The office are incredibly busy making phone calls at the moment with the current high absence levels. Please can all parents help by letting the school office know of absences on the morning your child is absent. For medical appointments, the office should be notified before the day of the appointment, wherever this is possible. Please ensure you include your child's class name when you let us know the reason for their absence.

## Good learning

Each term in school we have a display of good learning in the hall. Over the last year it has been a great shame that very few visitors have been able to see this. A selection of the work from the board is included below for you to see.





## Slowly slowly snail

By Connor

Slowly slowly,  
the snail turns,  
through the woods,  
and into the boiling hot sunburn,  
he goes through the slimy, glistening paths  
and out of the slugs way.

Slowly slowly  
the snail takes it's time,  
through the houses,  
and onto the front porch.  
then it slides on it's slimy slime,  
and goes away back into the grass.

Mya

Guthrum  
Leader of the Viking forces  
Langthwaite  
Sells  
Elketon

Dear Guthrum,

I am writing to implore  
you, with many reasons, why  
you should not invade Wessex.

Firstly, the rivers in Wessex are  
very worse than the disgusting  
waters in France. This is because  
in Wessex the rivers are dark,  
muddy and full of rotten fish.  
I have heard that Saxon have  
the most dirty rivers, would you  
not prefer that?

Furthermore, it is commonly  
known that Saxons have  
the sharpest and most  
well crafted weapons  
than your combers -  
some Viking weapons.  
You may think you  
have good weapons



because you have beaten other  
Saxon tribes, but you have  
never attempted to fight us.  
We have the sharpest and most  
blood drenched swords, which  
have spread fear into many  
Viking hearts.

In addition to this, the land,  
the water and fish in Wessex  
are much better than in Wessex. In  
Wessex there is limited land,  
a lack of fresh water and  
no fish to eat. It is also a  
well known fact that Saxons  
have far more fighting experience  
than the Vikings.

In conclusion, I hope you have  
realized why you should not  
invade Wessex. If you have we  
will give you a lifetime  
supply of fish, if you have  
not you will watch us  
not we slaughter you.

## The invertebrate world

by Ted

The snail's hard home on his back  
Not the cricket that hits the ground with a thrack  
Not the butterfly with the colour on it's wing not  
like any thing  
Nor Ladybird who climbs so it can see all it's  
surroundings  
Nor moth that looks for all the light  
Nor earthworm with all it's food in the soil so  
it can live it's hole life  
Nor grat with the darkest and greyest back is  
all invertebrates and it might bite  
Nor caterpillar that sometimes unigles with it's  
small legs  
Nor beetle with it's six legs  
Don't hurt any of that.

## Unique little things

Swooping and snishing over and under butterfly,

Nor wigling and jiggling caterpillar,

Nor cheeky and sneaky beetle,

Nor so sportly and dotty ladybird,

Nor slimy, slivery snail,

Nor slippery, wiggling earthworm,

Nor sticky cricket,

Nor dark grey should be on a display grat,

Nor dancing, prancing fly,

Nor beautiful and sootable moths,

Nor high up in the sky grasshopper,

Nor sticky picky slugs,

Nor buzzy fuzzy bees that creep.

So if you see any of the unique little things don't be afraid they can't hurt you or me.

