Welcome to week 2!

Last week the children were excited and ready to return to another school term. They were very happy to share their holiday stories and by the sounds of some of them, they had an absolute blast! They welcomed Miss Johnson and have been very open to having another teacher ‘practicing’ in the classroom. We explored Nancy nouns, and the Kindergarten boys were exploring the am and ad sounds. We began a new spelling program and the students have taken to it like ducks to water. Addition and number combinations was only a small part of our mathematics last week and we have created some fantastic Winter art pieces.

This Friday, Mr Mark Young would like to come and address the parent body in a meeting. This meeting will only be a brief one and will be open to questions. Following on from this there will be a Belltrees School Horse Sports meeting. This meeting will enable us to sort out the roles and some extra details for the event. Please attend these important meetings if you are able to.

Food for thought: - Lifelong Learning

Here are some tips to help your child become a lifelong learner.

Ask Questions:
Rather than giving answers, adults help children become lifelong learners by helping them identify questions that encourage their curiosity. When we help young people make associations between what they are studying at school and the world outside of the classroom, they learn that everything in the universe is connected, that lifelong learning is an endless process.

Let them fail:
With caring and encouragement, adults can help young people use mistakes and failures to facilitate lifelong learning. Like Aristotle believed, there is often pain involved. And that’s a good thing.

Give them learning experiences:
Learning through experience, not just from books, is one of the best ways to give youth the skills they need for lifelong learning, living, and working in the 21st century.

Have a great week everyone!  
Johanna Teague
Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”
— Henry Ford

“Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.”
— Albert Einstein

The above quotes resonated with me whilst writing the newsletter this week, and so I thought it might provide the icing on the cake!

I have attached some photos from our dynamic Blandford fun day held last term. You will also find some in this week's edition of the Scone Advocate in the Education Week section.

Blandford Fun Day