



NEWSLETTER

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READING COMPETITION AND WORLD BOOK DAY

It was great to see almost all the children and the staff dressed as various book characters last week for World Book Day. We had 'Where's Wally' and 'Where's Wendy', dragons and crocodiles, princesses and pirates and even Bear Grylls made an appearance! - it all meant that school was an interesting and colourful place to be!

Flip Flop Flo joined us on Friday afternoon to help judge the reading competition. Twenty children were put through to the final by their class teachers and all read confidently in front of the school. The winners were:

Reception	Hannah Webster
Y1/2	Alfie Mitchell
Y3/4	Luke Staddon
Y5/6	Abbie Reay

The school received World Book Day Vouchers rather belatedly and these will accompany this newsletter. Mrs Cullen has asked me to remind you that the deadline for Scholastic orders is 24th March.

PARENTS' EVENING

Next Thursday 16th March is parents' evening. It is a chance for you to find out how your children have been progressing and speak to your child's class teacher. Lists of times have been placed on the noticeboard at the back of school for you to sign up for an appointment. Alternatively, ring the office to arrange a time.

SPORT

This half term is always busy with sport. On Tuesday, all children in Y3/4 took part in a hockey festival at Caldew School. This was followed on Wednesday with five teams taking part in the key steps gymnastics at Morton. All children performed their well-rehearsed routines with confidence and many gymnasts did their best vaults yet. At Key Steps 3 (Y5/6) the teams came 3rd and 5th; at Key Steps 2 (Y3/4) the team came 3rd and at Key Steps 1 (Y1/2) the teams came 1st and 3rd. This means that some children in Y1/2 will be going on to the next stage of the competition which takes place in Penrith on 30/3/17.

On Thursday the Y3/4 football team played their first tournament at The Sands Centre. With wins against Burgh by Sands (2 - 0), High Hesket (1 - 0) and Gt Orton (4 - 0), they progressed to the finals where they drew with Kirkbampton (0 - 0), Burgh (1 - 1) and lost to Wreay (0 - 1). The Y3/4 footballers are back in action in a tournament at Austin Friars on 24th March, meanwhile a week on Saturday the U11 team travel to Newcastle to take part in the Regional Finals of the ESFA Cup.

Well done to all our sports teams.

BEHAVIOUR AND DINNERTIMES

Over a period of time we have noticed that a number of children are eating their dinner with their fingers or just a fork. We have also noticed that mealtime behaviour plus some of the behaviour around school is not quite as good as it should be. Next week, the teachers and I will be paying particular attention to the behaviour in school reinforcing our high expectations, as well as stressing the importance of mealtime etiquette. The school is proud of the way many children conduct themselves around school and this is what contributed to the 'outstanding' grading we received for Behaviour and Safety from Ofsted.

DINNERS

The menu for the final two weeks of term has been issued today. (w/b: 27/3/17). A menu will be distributed for the next half term on 31/3/17.

CUMMERSDALE PARENTS' GROUP

As you know, the school are holding a quiz night on Friday 31st March in school. Please let Sarah Porter, Laura Baxter or the school office know your team name and have your entry fee (£10 per team). Raffle tickets have been coming in steadily which is really pleasing and more tickets are available from the office if necessary. The Parents' Group had applied for a lotteries licence which is required for draw tickets. They have now received this, but standard raffle tickets were issued as the licence was pending last week.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Finley O'Prey (Y3)** for making great progress in class as well as always exhibiting perfect manners. Last week's **Pupil of the Week** was **Rhys Martin (Y6)** for trying really hard with his writing and a really good attitude to work.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Maci Grice (Y1)** for always being helpful, kind and polite. Last week's Kindness Cup winner was **Logan Carr (Y5)** for helping and showing concern over an injured child at playtime.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

w/b 13/03/17

Monday	Gymnastics	Y3-6	Mrs Scott	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Y1/2	Mrs Scott/Mrs Barratt	8.15 – 8.45am
Tuesday	Recorders	Y3-6	Mrs Barratt	10.20am
Tuesday	Multi-Sports	Y1-2	Mr Jones/Miss Beardwood	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Art Club	Y3-6	Mrs Graham	3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday	Dance Club	Y3-6	Miss Smith	3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Cooking Club	Y3	Zoe/Mrs Barratt/Mrs Scott	3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Weird Science	Y4 – 6	Mrs Wakefield	3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday	Junior Football	Y3-6	Mr Jones	3.15- 4.15pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16/03/17	Chinese Cultural Assembly
16/03/17	Parents' Evening
17/03/17	Carlisle Schools' Swimming Gala, The Pools
18/03/17	ESFA Small Schools Northern Final, Newcastle
20/03/17	'The Big Pedal' cycling initiative begins
23/03/17	Y3/4 Football & Netball Festival at Caldew
24/03/17	Y3/4 Football Tournament at Austin Friars
24/03/17	Comic Relief Day
27/03/17	Y5/6 Liverpool trip departs
29/03/17	Y5/6 Liverpool trip returns
30/03/17	Key Steps Gymnastics Final: Penrith
31/03/17	Cummersdale Parents' Group Quiz Night
04/04/17	Reception Class Assembly
06/04/17	Cummersdale Parents' Group Chocolate Bingo (3.30pm)
07/04/17	Easter Service: St James' Church
07/04/17	Finish for Easter

More dates will be added throughout the term