



# NEWSLETTER

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It has been a busy couple of weeks in school with lots of sport and other activities going on. One of the highlights was the 'U' Dance festival which took place on 10<sup>th</sup> March at The Sands Centre. Nineteen children from Y3/4 took to stage in front of an audience of over 1000 people and their well drilled 'Firestarter' routine was performed with confidence. Well done to the children and all those involved behind the scenes in putting the performance and costumes together.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Many thanks to all those parents who completed the recent questionnaire. Responses have been analysed and results will be on the school website soon. If anyone has not returned their questionnaire, please do as soon as possible. If anyone didn't receive a questionnaire and would like to complete one, they are available from the office.

## EASTER BONNET

Children in Y1/2 have been busy making an Easter bonnet. This is on show at Hobbycraft as part of the Easter bonnet competition and any parents who want to see it can visit the Kingstown store and vote. Please do!

## DINNERS

A new dinner menu has been issued today for the next half term. The format is slightly different as it covers more weeks. Also, following the increase in requests and with the summer months looming, there will be no second choice on most days, but jacket potatoes and filled rolls will be available each day.

## SPORT

As many of you know, the football team travelled to Newcastle for the Regional Finals of the ESFA Small schools competition where they represented Cumbria. With narrow defeats against Greater Manchester and North Yorkshire and a draw against Northumberland, the boys finished strongly with a penalty shootout win against West Yorkshire and a win against Cheshire to win the plate competition. With 26 fervent fans from Cummersdale cheering them on, the players played remarkably well and it will hopefully be a day that they'll remember for some time to come.

Thanks also to Lee Morris who arranged practices for the boys at Soccer City on Thursday evenings throughout the winter to help prepare for this.

In gymnastics, the school entered 5 teams in the Key Steps Competition at Morton. All performed their floor routines and vaults well in front of a large audience. All teams were well placed in their competitions but the Key Steps One team of Y1/2 children won and progress to the next stage of the competition at Penrith on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Four swimmers represented the school in a relays gala at the City Pools last Friday. They swam well coming third in their events. Well done Brody, Benjamin, Thomas and Jack.

There has also been an U9 football tournament at The Sands Centre in which the children won three, drew two and lost one.

Finally, children in Y3/4 have attended a hockey festival and a football & netball festival at Caldew.

## CUMMERSDALE PARENTS' GROUP

Whilst there has been much discussion about the quiz night at school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March with pockets of teachers revising at lunchtimes and parents discussing team names at hometime, not that many teams have actually signed up. Please do so in the office as soon as possible. Also the raffle has some fantastic prizes and lots of them. It's well worth buying a couple of strips of tickets. Again, these are available in the office.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, the school will be running the popular chocolate bingo. It will take place after school and further details will be posted on facebook and on posters around school.

As these are the two main fundraisers this term, please try and support one, if not both as the school raise money for the development and security of the outdoor areas at the front and back of school.

## PE KITS

There are still a number of children who do not have their PE Kits on PE days. As mentioned earlier this causes unnecessary

problems with children having to go in different classes or stand in the cold and watch. The school have tried giving out spare PE kits and these have not been returned.

It was disappointing yesterday when the school had organised a tennis coach to come in and for Y3/4 to attend a football/netball festival that four children did not have their kit and missed this opportunity.

The correct PE kit is white or navy shorts and a white T-shirt. Indoor PE is done in barefoot but outdoor PE is done in trainers. After Easter, PE will be mainly outside. There is no need to have leggings or tracksuit bottoms from now on.

## LIVERPOOL

Y5/6 children will be going to Liverpool on Monday spending three days visiting various attractions in the city. Please arrive at school in plenty of time for the 8.30am departure.

As a result of this trip, there will be no after school dance, art, multi-sports or weird science clubs next week.

## RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

Reception will be putting on a class assembly on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April based on 'People who help us'. This will take place at 9.00am in the hall and will last for approximately 20 minutes. Parents, families and friends are all welcome to attend.

## EASTER SERVICE

The Spring term will end with an Easter Service at St James' Church, Cummersdale on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The service will be led by children from Y5/6 who will be re-telling the Easter Story with songs and readings. The rest of the school will attend. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. The service starts at 2.00pm and will finish at about 2.45pm. Any parents who attend will be able to take their children home after the service.

## MATHS WHIZZ

The school have been using Maths Whizz for the last 18 months. We have been giving out a trophy for the last few weeks which goes to the class who has had the highest usage, the class who have made the most progressions, the individual with the highest usage or the individual who has made the most progressions. The award has been dominated by Year 1, thanks mainly to Nicole Leathers who has been the best individual on several occasions.

This week's winner is Lola McGinley (Y2) for making the most progressions.

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Jennifer Thompson (Y4)** for her hard working effort in class and her enthusiasm and contribution to all aspects of school life. Last week's **Pupil of the Week** was **Ben Webster (Y2)** for continually trying hard with his work.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Skye Ballingall (Y2)** for always being kind and a good friend. Last week's Kindness Cup winner was **James Delin (Y6)** for his kind and caring attitude and for always being a good friend.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

w/b 27/03/17

Monday	Gymnastics	Y3-6	Mrs Graham/Miss Beardwood	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Y1/2	Mrs Barratt	8.15 – 8.45am
Tuesday	Recorders	Y3-6	Mrs Barratt	10.20am
Wednesday	Cooking Club	Y3	Zoe/Mrs Barratt	3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday	Junior Football	Y3-6	Mr Jones	3.15- 4.15pm

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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