



# NEWSLETTER

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## STAFFING

Earlier this week, we appointed Mrs Kerry Makepeace who will join the school as administrator. Mrs Makepeace lives locally and brings with her a variety of experiences to the role. I must thank Mrs Brazendale who has kept things going this half term at Cummersdale as well as beginning her new job at another school. Mrs Brazendale will still be around at the start of next half term as she hands over to Mrs Makepeace.

Today will be Miss Brecken's last day in school before she begins her maternity leave. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Miss Brecken and her partner (Mr Hall) all the best in what is an exciting time for them.

Miss Abbie Bradshaw will start at the school as a teaching assistant in Y5/6 after half term for the duration of the maternity leave.

## HANDWRITING COMPETITION

The hotly contested handwriting competition took place this week, with all children in the school involved. Mrs Lorna Bell, one of our parent governors, had the unenviable task of judging. She was very impressed with the standard of handwriting throughout the school and could certainly tell that the children do take great pride in their work. The children below received certificates, points for their houses and chocolates for the winners of each class. When all the points were added up (including the staff) the Houses were placed in this order:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Helvellyn (64 points)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cat Bells (62 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Blencathra (48 points)
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Skiddaw (38 points)

Year	Position
6	1 Sophie Harman 2 Rose Johnston 3 Jessica Evans
5	1 Hannah Webster 2 Isabella Hamilton 3 Isabel Wilson
4	1 Brooke Sullivan 2 Katie Park 3 Kayla Reilly
3	1 Zachary Johnston 2 Teddy Anderson 3 Ayda McGinley
2	1 Thea Clarke 2 Noah Jesse 3 Sofia Milburn Highly Commended: Libby Armstrong
1	1 Georgia Dickinson 2 Thomas Ormerod 3 Olivia Whyte
Reception	1 Matilda Wilson 2 Olivia Martin 3 Ophelia Errington

Staff	1 Mrs Wakefield
	2 Mrs Scott
	3 Mrs Barratt

## ART WEEK

Art week went very well and it was great to see the progression of skills in the art work throughout the school. With most classes using soft pencils and charcoals, I fear there may have been several grubby sleeves coming home.

## CLARIFICATION OVER TRANSPORTING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WHILST IN ISOLATION

A small number of families have had difficulties getting their children to school this week. Below is the latest advice from Public Health Cumbria:

*If a parent (or other adult) who normally transports a child to and from school tests positive for COVID-19, they will be advised by NHS Test & Trace to stay at home for the recommended period of time. When this happens, arrangements should be made for another trusted adult to transport the child to school or alternative options considered (e.g., walking if able to do so safely).*

*Very occasionally, an adult who has tested positive may report that there are no other options for getting the child to and from school and ask if they can transport them themselves. Where there is a genuine lack of other options, the adult can now be advised that they can transport a child to and from school as long as the following conditions are adhered to:*

- *The adult does not leave the vehicle whilst away from home and does not stop to talk to anyone at close proximity whilst sat in the vehicle*
- *The adult goes directly between home and school and does not go anywhere else*
- *The adult only transports the agreed children to and from school*
- *Good hygiene measures are taken whilst in the car e.g., the adult is advised to wear a face covering, and the windows should be opened enough to allow air to circulate in the vehicle*

## CHESS

We are on to the 6<sup>th</sup> round of 7 in the chess competition. Most players have collected their badges, gold spots, chess bugs and other prizes are starting to be earned now. The competition is wide open with Thomas Barratt (17) and Phoebe Story (17) just ahead of Jessica Evans (16), Rose Johnston (16) and Nicole Leathers (15).

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A new programme of after school activities comes out today. For the next half term, Mrs Scott will run a music club for Y3 – 6 using steel pans and boom whackers amongst other instruments; Yoga returns with Pauline Steenbergen Mrs Wakefield will take a netball club for Y3 – 6 and following the surge in interest, Mr Jones will run a chess and board games club to let players hone their skills. Please return the forms as soon as possible so we can be ready for the start of next half term.

## TALENT SHOW

Just a reminder that we will end the half term next week with a talent show. Many children have signed up already ... but there's room for plenty more!

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Jessi Grice (Y5)** for her efforts in Maths recently. Last week's trophy was shared by **Liam Peacock (Y1)** and **Jessica Frost (Rec)** who both tried really hard with their Art during Art Week. The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is awarded to **Thomas Barratt (Y4)** who kept a calm head and was very helpful after a nasty

accident in hockey. Last week's winner was **Hannah Webster (Y5)** for being very complimentary about younger children's art work and also being very helpful during coding club.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Trophy** goes to **Isabella Hamilton (Y5)** for her eagerness to play netball. Last week's winner was **Talia Skye (Y6)** for surprising herself at how good she was at gymnastics.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

9/2/22	Dental Visit for Reception and Y1 (Under 5s)
11/2/22	Talent Show
11/2/22	Finish for Half Term
21/2/22	Return to School
23/2/22	Y3/4 Visit to Vindolanda
28/2/22	Reading Competition
2/3/22	Y3/4 Tennis Sessions at Chatsworth begin
3/3/22	World Book Day
11/3/22	Small Schools' Netball Competition (Y5/6) <i>New date</i>
14/3/22	STEM Week
15/3/22	Small Schools' Football Competition (Y3/4)
30/3/22	Eden Rock Bouldering Competition (Y5/6)
31/1/22	Small Schools' Swimming Competition (Y5/6)
1/4/22	Finish Term

***More dates will be added throughout the term***