



NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS

On Thursday 17th February, Grayson Jax Hall was born. We are all delighted for Miss Brecken and Mr Hall on their new arrival.

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

The DfE and the Cumbrian Education Planning Group have issued the following advice which is slightly different from what has been broadcast on the media this week:

From Thursday 24 February, the Government remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.

Adults and children who develop one or more of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 will still be advised to get a PCR test and stay at home until the result is known.

*Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. **On health and safety grounds, settings should encourage staff and pupils to follow this advice.***

The Public Health team are currently drafting letter templates for settings to use to help share advice with staff, pupils, students and families. In the meantime, if you need to discuss any individual cases, do contact Mr Jones for clarification.

READING COMPETITION AND WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3rd March and as in previous years, we would encourage children to come in to school dressed as a book character. If possible, they should try and bring the book with them. We will have an assembly at the start of the day and there will be reading activities in class throughout the day.

The school will hold its House Reading Competition next week. We would like all pupils to be involved and the children should find a poem they would like to read and practise it. The teachers will listen to the children read on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and then choose a small number of children to represent the class in a final which will take place in front of the school on Friday afternoon.

Reception children might read a nursery rhyme. The teachers will also have a supply of poems for those who are struggling to find one. All those who read to the teacher will get house points with those who progress to the finals getting more points for their House and prizes will be awarded for winners.

We find that the children enjoy the reading competition and it increases confidence and their reading and public speaking skills.

STEM WEEK AND FIZZ POP SCIENCE DAY

The school will be holding a STEM week from Monday 14th March where the children will concentrate on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. To get this week going the school will be hosting a Fizz Pop Science Day on Thursday 10th March where various experiments (and fizzes and bangs!) will be taking place.

CHESS

The Delancey Chess Competition which takes place internally in school has now concluded. It involved 38 players playing 7 matches and almost all of the 133 games were played. At the end of all that, the positions were as follows:

1	Thomas Barratt	20 points
2	Nicole Leathers	19 points
3=	Jessica Evans	18 points
3=	Rose Johnston	18 points
5=	Isabella Hamilton	17 points
5=	Sophie Harman	17 points
5=	Joe Minnett	17 points
5=	Harry Mitchell	17 points
5=	Kayla Reilly	17 points
5=	Eva Ulliyart	17 points

Chess is very popular at the moment and the next event starting 7th March will be the House Chess Competition where each House has a 7-a-side team to take on the other Houses.

Y3/4 TENNIS

Y3/4 will be starting a series of tennis coaching sessions led by Tracey Burrus at Chatsworth Tennis Club. These will take place on Wednesday afternoons and the children will be transported to Chatsworth by coach arriving back in time for bedtime. All equipment will be provided.

This means that Y3/4 will need to come to school in their PE kits on Wednesdays **and** Thursdays for the remainder of this half term.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

I accompanied the Reception children on their visit to the Fire Station this week. It was a lovely trip and the children listened carefully and represented the school well. Mr Travers tells a similar story of his trip to Vindolanda with Y3/4. It's great to know that our pupils know how to conduct themselves both in school and out of school.

Y1/2 will be the next class to go out of school on a visit when they go to Carlisle Castle on 28th |March. See letter for further details.

TALENT SHOW

Last half term ended with a wonderful afternoon with 31 acts taking part in our Talent Show. There were many memorable acts: Irish dancing, boxing, jokes, boomwhacking, gymnastics, bell ringing and various versions of 'We don't want to talk about Bruno'! What a talented bunch of children we have!

FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Cummersdale League is hotting up in the second half of the season. Team Jigglybones still leads the way, but Mr Whyte's 'Please, not Carter' is in hot pursuit. Also gaining ground very quickly is Mr Hamilton's 'Football went Rome' who have moved into the top 4 with a 155 point gameweek.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Nancie Sara (Y2)** for being more confident in Maths and having a very successful week. Last week's trophy was awarded to **Georgia Dickinson (Y1)** for trying really hard with her written work and also producing some great art work. The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is awarded to **Eloise Wakefield (Y4)** for putting others before herself in the milk queue at playtime. Last week's winner was **Sadie Lucock (Y1)** for being extremely caring when another child hurt herself.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Trophies** goes to **Katie Park (Y4)**, **Neve Smith (Y4)** and **Farrah Simpson-Wood (Y3)** who worked particularly well when working on a Roman dance. Last week's winner was **Jessica Frost (Rec)**, not for sport but for her confident performance of Mambo No 5 in the Talent Show

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28/2/22	Reading Competition begins
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)
14/3/22	STEM Week
15/3/22	Small Schools' Football Competition (Y3/4)
18/3/22	Red Nose Day
28/3/22	Y1/2 Trip to Carlisle Castle (Y1/2)
30/3/22	Eden Rock Bouldering Competition (Y5/6)
31/1/22	Small Schools' Swimming Competition (Y5/6)
1/4/22	Finish Term