



NEWSLETTER

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This is the final newsletter of the term which has been an extremely busy one. Following two relatively quiet summer terms due to Covid, we have returned to normal and taken advantage of opportunities which have come our way, often at the last minute. Thanks for your patience and for some, the number of packed lunches that you've made! Inside the classroom, there have been SATs, internal assessments and phonics testing as well as some great topic work and art work. The school received an Ofsted Inspection, a Health and Safety Audit and LA Moderation in quick succession. However, it has been outside the classroom which will may be the greatest memory with the school winning inter-school competitions at tennis and rounders and performing really well at athletics. The whole school enjoyed a day at Whinlatter, with Y5/6 having a residential at Lockerbie Manor and Reception visiting Mabie Farm too. Freshest in the memory will be the summer splash which the sun shone for and was a wonderful end to the week.

The children (and staff) will be ready for a break now and I do hope that all families have a wonderful summer holiday. We return to school on Wednesday 7th September and I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures then.

Staffing

The school has added to the number of teaching assistants recently in readiness for next year. Mrs Liz Park-Russell joins us and will be working within the Reception Class next year. Miss Kayleigh Breare will be assisting in Y5/6. We are also pleased that Miss Charlotte Davy will remain at the school three days each week working at the younger end of the school with Mrs Kwiatkowska moving to Y1/2.

After School Clubs

These come to an end today (Friday 15th). We will issue a new list of clubs early next term. We are always looking for different clubs which could run after school. If you know of anyone, or if you can offer a club yourself, even if it's just for a 5 or 6 week half term, do get in touch. There would always be an adult supporting from school staff.

Before School Care and After School Care will be available for the remainder of this term and from the first day next term.

Lost Property

The school has accumulated a mountain of lost property over the last few months. This will be on display for collection at the back of school on Monday and before and after school on Tuesday before being disposed of. All named items will have been returned to their owners.

Dinners

A dinner menu for next half term should have reached you on Friday, although this may make it home on Monday. Please return this as soon as possible.

Governance

At our recent governors' meeting, Flo Bell has been confirmed as the school's new Chair of Governors. Flo has been a governor for several years, is a regular visitor in the school and did considerable work to help the school through its recent Ofsted Inspection. Sarah Dickinson remains as Vice Chair.

The governing body of the school are looking to recruit a co-opted governor to join them to help challenge and support the school. There are usually 4 meetings per year with some additional sub-committee meetings for some governors. If you are, or know of anyone suitable and need further information, do contact either myself, Mrs Makepeace (Clerk) or any of our parent governors: Lorna Bell, Sarah Dickinson, Gayle Mounsey or James Johnston.

Y5/6 Residential

Twenty-nine children enjoyed an action packed three days at Lockerbie Manor. All went very well and there were lots of stories to be told, although there wasn't much sleeping done whilst the children were away! My thanks go to Mrs Wakefield, Miss Fleming and Miss Davy for accompanying the trip - they have just about recovered now!

The school has provisionally booked accommodation for a three-day city visit to Liverpool for Y5/6 in March 2023. Further details will come in the autumn.

House Rounders

All the Junior children took part in a House Rounders Competition on Wednesday afternoon. Blencathra were the winners overall earning a bonus 50 points for their House.

	W	D	L	Rounders	Points
Blencathra	3	0	0	19.5	9
Skiddaw	1	1	1	14.5	4
Cat Bells	1	1	1	11.5	4
Helvellyn	0	0	3	7.5	0

The competition was followed by a Y6 v the Teachers match with the teachers claiming a 6.5 to 2.5 victory.

Sports Day

The children enjoyed a full day of sport on Thursday with field events in the morning (including welly wanging and a cross bar challenge) and races in the afternoon.

With over 100 races taking place, Cat Bells were the champions earning a bonus 50 points for the term's total.

1. Cat Bells 262
2. Helvellyn 239
3. Skiddaw 221
4. Blencathra 169

Thank you to all parents, friends and families who came to support in what was a good fun afternoon.

House Points

We counted up the House Points earned this term on Friday and the final standings were as follows:

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| 1. Helvellyn | 912 |
| 2. Blencathra | 909 |
| 3. Cat Bells | 868 |
| 4. Skiddaw | 849 |

Well done Helvellyn!

Stocks Wood – Tuesday 19th July

Y6 will be visiting Stocks Wood, near Rosley for a morning of Forest School Activities. Appropriate clothing should be worn on this day – a change of clothes might be needed for the return to school. Although the forecast is glorious, it seems that Y6 know how to find mud! We are expecting to be back at school for around 12.30pm when lunch can be taken. Travel there will be by minibus and car and there is no charge for this trip.

Leavers Assembly and Prizegiving– Wednesday 20th July

Our leavers' assembly will take place on **Wednesday 20th July at 9am** in the hall. Y6 will share with you their experiences and memories of school as well as treating you to some dances and a song or two? It should last about 45 minutes or so. There will also be various presentations to children throughout the school. Parents, friends and families, especially those of Y6 children are welcome to attend.

All children should wear uniform on this day, with Y6 children bringing something to change into for the afternoon. School finishes after a short gathering in the hall where we round off the year for all at **1.15pm**. Y6 will then be heading off to Fusion by minibus.

Pupil of the Week

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Gracie Jordan (Y3)** for her sense of fun whilst on the Whinlatter Trip. Last week's winner was **Radley Errington (Rec)** for really trying hard, especially with his reading. The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is awarded to **Lucan May (Y3)** for always being polite, kind and being great fun on days out of school.

The Enjoy-a-Ball Cup goes to **Liam Peacock (Y1)** for great racing at Sports Day and **Noah Jesse (Y2)** for succeeding with the almost impossible crossbar challenge. Last week's winner was **Katie Park (Y4)** for her ability to chip the ball successfully at Tri-Golf.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18/7/22	Activities Day
19/7/22	Y6 Leavers' Trip to Stocks Wood
20/7/22	Leavers' Assembly (9am)
20/7/22	End of Term (1.15pm)
20/7/22	Y6 Leavers to Fusion (2pm)
7/9/22	Term begins