



NEWSLETTER

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BIG GREEN WEEK

Thank you to all the children and parents who came to school last Saturday to support the Parish Council in their 'Big Green Week Exhibition'. The exhibitors were extremely complimentary about the manners and politeness of our pupils which was wonderful to hear. Cummersdale Village has never looked so clean thanks to the children's litter picking exploits. They have all been rewarded with 5 House Points each.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council met yesterday for the first time this year. The council help to advise myself on certain school developments and offer suggestions to help improve the school for pupils (although a swimming pool and a new MUGA are unlikely!) The minutes of the meetings can be found on the school website.

ECO GROUP

With climate issues on the rise, the school has a newly formed Eco-Group which will meet for the first time next week. As well as discussing environmental issues, the group will be preparing for the climate summit later in the month, helping inform other pupils and the community about being 'green' and working towards various Eco-Schools Awards.

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

All children who have returned their forms and given consent will be having their nasal flu vaccination on Thursday 13th October. The final opportunity to return forms is Monday 10th October.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY – Wednesday 12th October

Before the weather turns too nasty, we would like to run our House Cross Country event. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 run a course around the school grounds, whilst children from Y3 – 6 run a course down the hill by the river at Cummersdale Holmes. All participants earn points for their House. Children should come to school on Wednesday in their PE Kits and can stay in these all day. Trainers rather than pumps should be worn as it has been known for footwear to be lost mid race! The races will take place in the afternoon with the Infants races taking place at 2.00pm and Junior races at 2.30pm. All will finish just before bedtime. Parents may come and watch this year, either in school or down by the river. Those who do, may take their hopefully not too muddy children home at the end of the races.

The event will be good practice for the Carlisle Schools' Cross-Country (Y3 – 6) which will take place at The Sheepmount on Wednesday 19th October.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY – Thursday 13th October

The school would like to celebrate the Harvest with a special assembly for the Harvest. We are hoping that Kate Davidson from St James' Church will join us. This will take place on Thursday afternoon and will be just for the pupils.

During the course of next week, we would be grateful if any donations of food can be brought into school for a Harvest table. These should be tins or packets of food and will be given to the food bank at St James' Church for those in need from within the Parish.

Y3/4 CLASS ASSEMBLY – Friday 14th October

The children in Y3/4 would like to share with parents the work which they have been doing on 'Active Planet' in a class assembly. This will take place in the hall on Friday 14th October at 2.30pm. If using the back door, please don't arrive any earlier than 2.20pm.

OPERATION ROMAN CANDLE

PCSO Graham Kirkpatrick is visiting the school on Monday 17th October to take an assembly on firework safety as part of Operation Roman Candle.

COMPUTING WEEK

On Monday 17th October, the whole school will be adjusting their normal timetable in order to have a particular focus on computing. The children will work on coding and other IT projects throughout the week. On Friday 21st October at 2.15pm, parents are welcome to come into school to see what the children have been working on.

HOUSE POINTS

Last term's winners, Helvellyn, are in the lead again this term. With 50 bonus points at stake in next week's cross-country, the lead may well change.

Helvellyn	424
Cat Bells	404
Blencathra	404
Skiddaw	386

CLASSLISTS

One of the features of 'Classlists' is Parent Finder which includes a map which can show the address of you and other members of the class – the idea being that it might help with car sharing etc. However, some parents may not be aware of this or want this not realising that their approximate location is listed. It will only work if you have put in your address in the first place and then within 'Join the Map', you are able to opt in or out if required. However, the default setting appears to be to display your location. I just thought I ought to make everyone aware of this.

PARKING

Local residents and other parents have approached me concerned about inconsiderate parking particularly at drop off time in the morning. Please do not park or drop off on the zig-zag lines. Many families cross the road here and the lines are there to keep our pupils safe. The local PCSO has been informed and traffic enforcement officers will be carrying out spot checks in the next few weeks.

LATES

This term, a small number of children are frequently late. Please accompany them to the front door and sign them in using our visitor manager system if they are late. Arriving late causes a great deal of inconvenience to office staff, catering staff, myself, class teachers and more importantly, the child who misses the start of the lesson. All of this can be avoided by arriving on time to school.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was better in school last week, particularly from the younger children. Y1 had an attendance of 99.33% for the week and they have overtaken Y5 to be the best attenders this term with 95.15%. A lucky pupil from Y1 will receive a spot prize on Monday.

RAG BAG

The Rag Bag clothing container has recently been emptied and raised £67.51 for school. Situated in the car park, it raises about £300 a year for the school. Any donations of clothing are always welcomed.

SPORT

The football team started the season well with a solid performance in the ESFA Small Schools Competition. With four wins and two draws, scoring sixteen without conceding, the school progress to the Cumbrian finals of the competition which will take place again at Harraby on November 8th.

On Monday, the girls are in action in the girls equivalent of the competition. Good luck!

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The Pupil of the Week this week is **Mia Heffernan (Y5)** for trying her hardest in class recently. Her behaviour and manners in the playground have also been praised. Last week's winner was **Joey Wall (Y6)** for a much improved attitude in class and also scoring 5 goals in the football tournament.

The **Kindness Cup** goes to **Neve Smith (Y4)** who was nominated by Fiona (midday supervisor) for being a delightful girl and being so kind and caring.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10/10/22	Girls' Football: Small Schools 7-a-side (Y5/6), Harraby. 9.30am
12/10/22	House Cross-Country
13/10/22	Nasal Flu Vaccine (all)
13/10/22	Harvest Assembly
14/10/22	Y3/4 Class Assembly
17/10/22	Computing Week
19/10/22	Cross Country Event, The Sheepmount (Y3 – 6)
20/10/22	Youth Climate Summit - CDEC (some Y6)
21/10/22	Computing Open Afternoon for parents
21/10/22	Finish for Half Term
31/10/22	New Half Term begins
8/11/22	ESFA Cumbrian Football Finals
8/11/22	Primary Maths Challenge Day: Caldew (some Y5/6)
11/11/22	Schools' Remembrance Service
11/11/22	School Photographs (Heidi Bea)

17/11/22	Rec, Y1, Y2 Cinema Visit – ‘The Bad Guys’
28/11/22	Y5/6 Swimming Block begins (2 weeks daily at The Sands)
1/12/22	Rec, Y1, Y2 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
7/12/22	Y1/2 Trip to Bassenfell Manor at Christmas
8/12/22	Y3-6 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
20/12/22	End of Term (1.15pm)

More dates will be added throughout the term