



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back. The first few days of term seemed very hectic with many children (and staff) not knowing which day it was. The normal routine has been established this week and the week seems to have gone quicker. The term ahead looks as if it could be busy with a number of big events, most notably the opportunity for children to sing at Carlisle Cathedral, dance on stage at The Sands Centre or visit Liverpool for three days. All the dates and further information is listed below.

STAFF NEWS

Unfortunately, Mrs Kwiatkowska will be leaving the school on Thursday to take up a new position at St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Wigton. Mrs K will be sorely missed and has assisted the children in Reception, Y1 and 2 extremely well over the last two and a half years, as well as running before school care very efficiently. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing her well for the future.

Miss Brecken will be returning to the school following her maternity leave in early February and will support children in Y1/2 as well as running some specific interventions. Miss Breare will take over the running of Before School Care.

Christmas was an exciting time for Miss Breare and her partner, Nick who got engaged on Christmas Eve. Congratulations!

PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening will take place on Wednesday 25th January. Appointments will take place from 2.00pm – 6.00pm for most teachers. There are sign-up sheets for appointments at the back of school or ring the office for an appointment between 9.15am and 3.00pm.

STREET TAG

Street Tag is an incentive to get families more active by encouraging walking, cycling and running. Promoted by Active Cumbria, it involves the downloading of an app which then allows you to collect virtual tags as you walk, cycle or run.

53 members of our school community have signed up and points are being accumulated at a rapid rate. The school is in a league with three other local schools and has considerably more than the other three schools put together! A whole new language has been quickly learnt with tags, power hours and polytags being talked about in the staffroom and outside school. Isabella Barber, Aurora Gow and Evelyn Stuart have amassed a huge number of points with their walks to school. Can they catch Mrs Scott at the top of the leaderboard? If you need any further information, speak to one of the teachers or a fellow parent. It's a fun way of being active during a pretty dreary time of year.

EDEN ROCK

Y5/6 children have completed two of their four sessions at Eden Rock with two more remaining on Thursday 19th and Thursday 26th January.

CURLING

Following a successful Indoor Curling after school club last term, the doubles champions – Hannah Webster (Y6) and Liam Peacock (Y2) took on the staff champions – Mrs Barratt and Mrs Wakefield. Cheered on by a partisan crowd, the students beat the teachers winning 6 – 3 over 4 ends. Ted Bolger (Rec) was the singles champion which was remarkable as he was one of the youngest to attend.

On Monday next week, the captains have picked teams to compete against each other in the first ever House Curling Competition.

CHESS

Thirty-four children have signed up for the Delancey UK Chess Competition. This involves the children playing seven matches over the course of this half term. Round one is underway and there has been great enthusiasm in school.

Y3/4 SWIMMING

Y3/4 children will be swimming later this term. Starting on Monday 6th February, they will swim each morning at The Sands Centre for two weeks. This intensive approach is considered to be more effective than weekly swimming. The children will just need a swimming costume and towel but goggles may also be useful.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL OUTREACH

Y3/4 children will be taking part in this opportunity which culminates with two performances at Carlisle Cathedral. Ed Taylor, Assistant Organist at the Cathedral will be coming into school each week and will rehearse a number of songs and medleys with the children throughout the term. There will be two performances on Monday 20th and Thursday 23rd March. Further information about tickets etc will come nearer the time.

‘U’ DANCE

Y5/6 will be taking part in the ‘U’ Dance festival on Thursday 9th March. The children have started rehearsals in PE lessons and Miss Breare will choreograph a dance which will be performed at The Sands Centre. Further details about tickets etc will come nearer the time.

LIVERPOOL RESIDENTIAL

Further information about the Liverpool residential will have come home today for Y5/6 children.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder that After School Clubs get underway next week. The activities finish at 4.20pm and children should be picked up between 4.20 and 4.30pm as this allows them to collect their bags, coats etc and be ready. Please try not to come any later than 4.30pm.

TRAMPOLINING

Congratulations go to Toby Wilson (Y6) who took part in the British Schools’ Regional Trampolining Competition in Newcastle just before Christmas. He was first in the elite class and goes on to the Northern Zone Competition which will take place in Northern Ireland in February. Good luck Toby!

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Twelve children from Y3/4 took part in Sports Hall Athletics at Harraby on Wednesday. They won several

aces and came a pleasing sixth overall.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance has been good at the start of this term. Both Reception and Y3 had 99.21% attendance this week with Reception leading the way since Christmas with 99.05%. Y3 have the best attendance since the start of the year with 95.96%.

HOUSE POINTS

At the end of last term, Skiddaw held on to their lead and won the House Points total for the Autumn Term. They will be rewarded with a 'House Treat' which will be arranged at some point this half term.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The **Pupil of the Week** this week is **Libby Armstrong (Y3)** for a really good effort in Maths and making huge progress. Last week's winner was **Jessi Grice (Y6)**.

The **Kindness Cup** goes to **Aoife Richards (Y3) and Charlotte Milburn (Y5)**. Aoife went out of her way to make a new member of the school settle in; Charlotte is leading the way with the Y5/6 kindness chart. Last week's winner was **Callum Whittle (Y3)**.

The **Enjoy-a-Ball** Trophy go to **Blake Ulyart (Y3)** for his determination at Sports Hall Athletics. Last week's winners were **Toby Oliver-Gibson (Y5)** for rock climbing and **Seb Amato (Y4)** for his attitude and sense of fair play in PE and **Noah Jesse (Y3)** for his ability to throw a beanbag the length of the MUGA!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16/1/23	House Curling Competition
16/1/23	Firefighters to visit Reception
19/1/23	Eden Rock (Y5/6)
20/1/23	Reception visit to Paragon Vets
24/1/23	Dodge Ball (Y5/6) <i>tbc</i>
25/1/23	Parents' Evening
26/1/23	Library Bus
6/2/23	Y3/4 Swimming Block begins (2 weeks daily)
7/2/23	Y3/4 Multi Skills <i>tbc</i>
15/2/23	Eden Rock Bouldering Competition (Y5/6)
16/2/23	Talent Show
17/2/23	Reception Class Assembly
17/2/23	Key Steps Gymnastics (beginners)
17/2/23	Finish for half term
27/2/23	New half term begins
1/3/23	Y5/6 Orienteering <i>tbc</i>
2/3/23	World Book Day
3/3/23	House Reading Competition
6/3/23	Y3/4 Girls' Football Competition
7/3/23	Y3/4 Carlisle Cathedral Rehearsal
9/3/23	'U' dance Rehearsal (pm)
9/3/23	'U' Dance Performance, The Sands (7pm)
15/3/23	Y3/4 Boys' Football Competition
20/3/23	Y3/4 Concert: Carlisle Cathedral (6.15pm)
21/3/23	Governors' meeting (7pm)
22/3/23	Y5/6 Residential to Liverpool departs 8.30am

23/3/23	Y3/4 Concert: Carlisle Cathedral (6.45pm)
24/3/23	Y5/6 Residential to Liverpool returns 4.30pm
28/3/23	Y3/4 Football Competition: Harraby
31/3/23	Y1/2 Class Assembly
31/3/23	Finish for Easter

More dates will be added throughout the term