



NEWSLETTER

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Sorry for the delay in getting the newsletter out. The end of last week seemed particularly busy in school.

ART WEEK

Children throughout the school have enjoyed art week giving them chance to improve skills and techniques. Much of the work done is on display around the school.

CUMBRIA PRIMARY SCHOOLS SKI TRIP

Joey Armstrong, Harry Mitchell and Toby Wilson joined a party of 120 Cumbrian Primary School Children on a ski trip to Italy last week. As well as learning to ski in wonderfully quiet and gloriously sunny conditions, they had many new and memorable experiences. I was lucky enough to accompany the trip and the boys behaviour was excellent and their independence, resilience and friendship to others shone through.

The planning stages for next year's Cumbrian Primary Schools Ski Trip are well underway and a letter will be sent home very soon inviting Year 4 and 5 children to take part in this opportunity.

DINNERS

The dinner menu is remaining the same for the next half term and follows the same rotation. For further information see the school website.

GOVERNORS

The school now has a full complement of governors with the addition of Miss Marilyn Farrugia (Rey Whiffin (Rec)) to our governing body.

STREET TAG

The school has received a relay baton which can pass between Street Taggers. Once scanned and passed on, 5000 points will be allocated to each player. Have a look out at hometime when the baton seems to be circulating.

RECEPTION – PEOPLE WHO HELP US

The latest visitor into Reception will be our former Teaching Assistant, Mr Greg Hall who will talk to the children about his role as a first responder on Tuesday this week.

EDEN ROCK BOULDERING COMPETITION

Following the completion of the taster sessions at Eden Rock, 12 children will represent the school in a bouldering competition taking place on Wednesday. Good luck!

RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

The children in Reception will be putting on a class assembly based on their recent topic 'People who help us'. It will take place at 9.00am on Friday morning. Parents are best coming into school at the back just after the pupils have come in.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A new programme of after school clubs will be running next half term and a form to sign up accompanies this newsletter. Cooking will be for Infants and Carlisle United will continue with football for the younger children. Film club continues, but Mrs Wakefield will run a 'Horrible Histories' Club finding out about grim and ghastly deeds in the past with related activities. Another new activity will be a 'Musical Theatre' club where children will learn songs and act out sections of well-known shows. This will be led by Miss Breare and Mrs Scott.

CHESS

With just one round remaining in the Annual Chess Competition, it is Abigail Story who is in the driving seat. One more win will give her a clean sweep and the trophy. Can anyone stop her?

After half term, there will be House Matches taking place and we have invited children from other schools to take part in an inter-school chess competition.

Y3/4 SWIMMING

Y3/4 swimmers continue to go to The Sands Centre this week. Mr Travers and Mrs Sharp have been very impressed with the progress made in such a short time.

TALENT SHOW

The list has gone up for the Talent Show which will take place in school on Thursday 16th February. There is a good variety of acts so far, but still room for plenty of others. Sign up at the back door of school.

ATTENDANCE

Both Y3 and Y4 achieved 98.41% attendance and Farrah Simpson-Wood (Y4) received the spot prize for attendance.

HOUSE POINTS

Blencathra continue to lead the way with House Points having a lead of over 50 points from their nearest rival, Cat Bells.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The **Pupil of the Week** this week is **Olivia Banks (Y1)** for really trying hard in all areas of school.

The **Kindness Cup** goes to **Olivia Whyte (Y2)** for being extra helpful and sharpening pencils this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14/2/23	Reception to be visited by Greg Hall, First Responder
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	Inter School Chess Competition <i>tbc</i>
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