



NEWSLETTER

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There is a lovely atmosphere around school at the moment with music coming out of various classrooms. There have been rehearsals taking place for 'U' Dance and the Carlisle Cathedral Concert and a successful Musical Theatre Club has got underway too. With the weather improving slowly but steadily, all seems happy in school at this time.

DINNERS

One thing we have been trying to focus on this half term is what happens at lunchtime. We will be keeping an eye on what is in packed lunches. Ideally, children should have something along the lines of a sandwich, crisps, fruit, yoghurt and biscuit. Obviously there are plenty of variations on this which are permissible, but we have noticed that some lunches don't contain anything savoury and just have items with a high sugar content. We will advise parents where this is a regular occurrence. As always, products with nuts in are not allowed.

We shall also be encouraging children's use of knives and forks and will be discouraging the use of fingers when eating. Any help with this at home would be appreciated.

St JAMES' CHURCH AND THE PRAYER LABYRINTH

Carlisle Cathedral is 900 years old this year and as part of the celebrations a special Prayer Labyrinth has been created. A team of ministers are visiting schools to show the labyrinth to children and provide related activities and prayer stations. Organised by St James' Church, Denton Holme, this event will take place on Monday 13th March.

NEU INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Cummersdale School will be open as normal on the two days of Industrial Action next week (15th and 16th of March)

RED NOSE DAY – COMIC RELIEF

Next Friday 17th March is Comic Relief Day. Children may come to school in something red if you have it and/or with wacky hair. In return we ask that a donation is made to Comic Relief and a joke (preferably a funny one!) brought into school to be told.

STREET TAG

The Street Tag season finished last Tuesday and Cummersdale won the Carlisle Large School League with over 6 million points. The next season begins on 29th March when Cummersdale will be in the Cumbrian Premier League. There will be prizes to be won then, with a school prize of a scooter day up for grabs.

EDEN ROCK BOULDERING COMPETITION

Congratulations to both the boys' and girls' teams who did extremely well in this event. The girls were 2nd and the boys were winners in their respective competitions. Unfortunately, the children can't go on to the

Super Final this year as it takes place when Y5/6 are on their residential.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Last Thursday was a great day with all children and staff wearing a variety of pyjamas. The children listened to Virtual Author Workshops from David Walliams, Julia Donaldson and Lisa Chapman and then in the afternoon rotated around the classrooms having bedtime stories accompanied by hot chocolate.

READING COMPETITION

Almost every child in school took part in the Reading Competition last week. Finalists were selected by the class teachers to read in front of the school on Friday. A variety of poems and passages were read confidently and with expression. The winners received book tokens with runners up receiving chocolate bars.

| Year | Winner |
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| Rec | Rey Whiffin |
| Y1 | Jessica Frost |
| Y2 | Liam Peacock |
| Y3 | Noah Jesse |
| Y4 | Liberty Cayne |
| Y5 | Eloise Wakefield |
| Y6 | Harry Mitchell |

FOOTBALL

Ten girls from Y3 and 4 took part in what was for most their first football tournament. Whilst results didn't go our way, it was a promising start and Mr Travers was delighted with the determination the girls showed.

The Y3/4 boys are next in action on 28th March. Cummersdale are not involved in the event which was due to take place on 15th March.

CHESS

The chess competition concluded just before half term with the final of the 119 matches being played. Abigail Story was crowned Chess Champion 2023 with Emma-Rose Vince 2nd and Kayla Reilly 3rd. All 34 competitors received their certificates in assembly.

Next week sees the four Houses battle it out in a House Chess Competition. House Captains will select the teams and matches will take place at lunchtime next week.

The chess season will end with an interschool chess competition held here at Cummersdale. Burgh by Sands and High Hesket are entering teams so far.

'U' DANCE

The children in Y5/6 put on a wonderful performance last night with their 'Toy Story' dance. The audience fully appreciated the children's efforts with rapturous applause and it was lovely to see the beaming smiles of the performers at the end. Many thanks to Miss Breare for her choreographing skills in putting the dance together. School will receive a copy of the film of the evening which we will endeavour to distribute as soon as possible after we receive it.

Y3/4 CONCERT AT CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

Further information should have reached parents about the arrangements and the tickets for the concert at Carlisle Cathedral. Ed was in school yesterday and felt that the singing has really come on since the visit to the Cathedral earlier in the week.

LIVERPOOL

Further information should have also come home about this year's residential to Liverpool which takes place from 22nd – 24th March. All final payments should have been paid by now. Thanks to all those who have done so.

TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show which took place just before half term was a great success with 34 acts performing. These included rock climbing and an Urdu translation test which were both firsts, as well as plenty of gymnastics, songs, magic shows and football skills. Cummersdale certainly has talent!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance has improved since half term with the whole school averaging 97.16%. Reception have had a good week with 99.6% attendance, but a special mention should also go to Y1 where 14 children have had 100% since half term. Keep up the good work!

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The **Pupil of the Week** this week is **Olivia Banks (Y1)** for a good all-round performance in all subjects recently. Last week's winner was **Logan Murdoch (Y5)** for really trying hard in class and an excellent performance in the reading competition.

The **Kindness Cup** goes to **Charlotte Milburn (Y5)** for going out of her way to say well done to other performers at the 'U' Dance festival. **Last week's winner was Phoebe Story (Y6)** for collecting all the sports equipment in at the end of the day without being asked to.

The Enjoy-a-ball Sports Trophies go to **Ayda McGinley (Y4)** for a star performance at the girls' football and **Darcy Clarke (Y5)** for helping others at Musical Theatre and also showing some impressive moves at the 'U' Dance Festival.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 13/3/23 | Prayer Labyrinth Visit to school |
| 13/3/23 | House Chess |
| 17/3/23 | Comic Relief |
| 20/3/23 | Y3/4 Concert: Carlisle Cathedral (6.30pm) |
| 21/3/23 | Inter School Chess Competition |
| 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 (7.00pm) |
| 24/3/23 | Y5/6 Residential to Liverpool returns 4.45pm |
| 28/3/23 | Y3/4 Football Competition: Harraby |
| 30/3/23 | Easter Service in School (2pm) – Children only |
| 31/3/23 | Y1/2 Class Assembly (9am) |
| 31/3/23 | Finish for Easter |
| 17/4/23 | Summer Term begins |

More dates will be added throughout the term