



# NEWSLETTER

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*The first half term has come to an end and several children have been battling on with various colds and are ready for a break. It has been a busy half term with trips to Maryport and Newcastle, class assemblies, gymnastics and cross country. Hopefully the weather won't prevent any planned activities which families may have and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 30th October. The next half term promises to be equally busy in the lead up to Christmas.*

*We said a 'farewell' to Fiona, our midday supervisor today who leaves us after four and a half years to concentrate on her other jobs. We also said a 'farewell' to Spencer Charlton in Reception who leaves us to start at James Rennie. He has very much become part of school life here and his cheery face will be missed around the place.*

*Rather belatedly, I can announce that Miss Breare and her partner Nick had their baby on October 1st. She is called Isla Dorothy and has already been into school to visit everyone.*

## **AFTER SCHOOL**

Following recent communications, could I remind parents to pre-book into after school activities, after school care and before school care before 29th October.

## **HARVEST ASSEMBLY**

Thank you to all parents who contributed food for our Harvest. I received a lovely letter from Cornerstones in Denton Holme who were very grateful for the donations.

## **RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY**

Well done to Y3/4 who put on a great assembly about 'The Stone Age' this morning. The next class to share the work they have done in class will be reception with an assembly on Friday 3rd November at 9am. Parents, friends and families are welcome.

## **GYMNASTICS**

Year 6 have completed their half term of gymnastics at Carlisle Gym. next half term, Y3 will be going to Carlisle Gym on Wednesday mornings where they will receive coaching from Julie and Rachel. On Wednesdays, Y3 should come to school; in PE kits and will remain in them all day. The normal Y3/4 PE day will continue on Thursdays as normal.

## **FOOTBALL**

The girls football team have played two matches since the last newsletter. The first, against Kingmoor, resulted in a 9 - 0 defeat, but the team came back strongly in the next game against Houghton going 2 - 0 up before finding themselves 5 - 3 down. However, thanks to a bit of determination and a hat trick for Ayda McGinley the final result was 5 - 5.

The Y5/6 boys long awaited first tournament has been moved and will now take place at Harraby on 6th November. This is followed by an event for a mixed Y3/4 team the following day organised by CUFC and then there is a league game for Y5/6 against Raughton Head on Monday 13th November on the MUGA at 2.15pm.

### **HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**

Last Friday saw the whole school take part in the House Cross Country races. The weather stayed fine and it was very well attended. There was controversy in the Infant Girls race with shortcuts being taken which meant that finish line results weren't available. However, thanks to photographs near the end of the race, we were able to establish an order.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Winning House</b>
Infant Girls	1 Evelyn Stewart (S) 2 Phoebe Sutherland (H) 3 Aurora Gow (B)	Cat Bells
Infant Boys	1 Radley Errington 2 Ted Bolger 3 Bradley Leathers	Blencathra
Junior Girls	1 Eloise Wakefield (B) 2 Ayda McGinley (S) 3 Peyton Jesse (C)	Cat Bells
Junior Boys	1 Thomas Barratt (C) 2 Noah Jesse (C) 3 Teddy Anderson (H)	Helvellyn
<b>Overall Winners: Cat Bells</b>		

Earlier this week, a team of 21 runners took part in the Carlisle Schools' Cross-Country at The Sheepmount. All did very well on some really long courses with over 100 runners in each race. The school did achieve success with Eloise Wakefield coming 1st in the Y6 Girls Event.

### **FEET FIRST CHALLENGE**

Thanks to all who have walked, scooted or cycled to school this week, especially on Thursday when the weather wasn't good at all. All those who have made an effort will receive a badge after half term. There are more 'Feet First' weeks during the year, with one in each term.

### **POPIES AND REMEMBRANCE DAY**

The school will be selling poppies in the lead up to Remembrance Day. Y6 will be setting up a stall at playtime after half term for a small donation. On 10th November, I will be taking four pupils to represent the school at the Schools' Remembrance Service at the City's War Memorial.

### **FOOTBALLS**

Unfortunately, this half term we have had several accidents involving footballs on the MUGA including a broken thumb, broken foot and a black eye with several children (and teachers) being hit

in the cross-fire of football matches. Whilst we have appealed to the pupils not to kick the balls so hard, there has been little difference. We don't want to ban football, but we will issue each year group with a ball for playtime which will be an appropriate size and weight so matches can still be played. Therefore, there will be no need for children to bring in their own footballs next half term. We will trial this through the winter months and hopefully can revert back to footballs being brought in during the summer term when we can use the field.

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Katie Park (Y6)** who has quietly gone about her business throughout the half term impressing teachers with her hard work, behaviour and manners. Last week's winner was **Rey Whiffin (Y1)** for impeccable manners and behaviour whilst on the trip to Maryport Aquarium.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Rae Roberts (Reception)** who has been kind, friendly and helpful in the Reception class. Last week's winner was **Delilah Dalton (Y3)** who is always polite and friendly when I meet her in the corridor.

The Enjoy-a-ball trophies go to **Eloise Wakefield (Y6)** for winning the Carlisle Schools Cross-Country, **Ayda McGinley (Y5)** for scoring a hat trick in the recent football match and **Rania Shah (Y5)** for brave and skilful defending in the same match. Last week's winner was **Brooke Sullivan (Y6)** for her lightning reflexes in goal at football.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The school's attendance rate stands at 95.93% this term which has nearly dropped below 96% since the last newsletter. Several bugs and holidays have contributed to this. The best attenders this half term are Y3 with 97.66% and Y5 were the best this week with 97.24%. Hopefully a good rest over the break will see attendance pick up again next half term.

## **HOUSE POINTS**

Helvellyn are the leaders this term with 471 points, followed by Blencathra 462, Skiddaw 427 and Cat Bells 419. However with Cat Bells securing 50 bonus points for their win at Cross-Country, it has tightened things up at the top,

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

30/10/23	New Half Term begins
3/11/23	Reception Class Assembly (9am)
6/11/23	Small Schools Football, Harraby
6/11/23	History Theme Week
7/11/23	Y3/4 Football: EFL Kickabout (Mixed)
7/11/23	Maths Challenge Day, Caldew School (some Y5/6 children)
10/11/23	R, Y1, Y2 visit to Vue Cinema – Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
10/11/23	Remembrance Day
13/11/23	Y5/6 Football v Raughton Head (2.15pm at Home)
15/11/23	School Photographs (Heidi Bea)
17/11/23	Hi 5 Netball Competition (Y5/6)
20/11/23	Y5/6 Swimming; Each day for 1 week.
20/11/23	A.I.M. High Maths Day at St Margaret Mary's (Y4)
22/11/23	Parents Evening (2pm - 6pm)
27/11/23	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Measuring
7/12/23	Rec, Y1, Y2 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
13/12/23	House Treat: Dino Golf
14/12/23	Y3-6 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
19/12/23	End of Term (1.15pm)