



NEWSLETTER

1/3/24

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WORLD BOOK DAY

The school will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. This year we would like children to come dressed as a word. This could be something as simple as a colour or something clever like an such as 'injured', 'love' or 'danger' or could even be 'Roman', Wizard' or 'Dragon'. It is hoped that families would be able to look at what they've got at home and adapt, rather than rush out and buy something. Websites such as www.pinterest.co.uk have numerous ideas if you're stuck. Whatever is worn, it is hoped that it will be a bright, colourful and fun day with various word and book activities taking place.

The week will also feature our House Reading Competition. All pupils will take part and children will be asked to read either a poem or a short passage to their class teacher. A small number from each class will be selected to go through to the finals on Friday afternoon when they will read in front of the school. Ideally, the children will come to school next week with something they would like to read. However, we have plenty of materials in school and can help children choose something suitable to read. All those taking part will earn valuable house points.

PUNCTUALITY

Whilst it is understandable that attendance has slipped during the winter months through illness, it appears that punctuality has also slipped. Although this is for a small minority, it is the same group of pupils on a daily basis. As well as creating unnecessary work for Mrs Makepeace, Vicky, class teachers and I through arriving late and having to amend lists and registers, it also has a significant impact on your child. Those who arrive late miss important messages, miss the starts of lessons and as a result progress is affected over time. This is something we as teachers can't do much about, but you as parents can. Please make an effort to get your child to school before 8.55am when school starts.

DOGS ON SITE

I'd just like to remind parents that dogs should not come into the school grounds either at the front or the back of school. A number of our children are nervous around dogs no matter how well behaved they are.

CHESS

Our annual chess competition finished last week. 28 children took part with many playing for the first time and all improving rapidly. The competition was won by Eloise Wakefield (20 points – 6 wins, 1 draw), followed by Emma-Rose Vince (19 points) and Peyton Jesse (18 points).

The school will host a chess competition for other local schools on 21st March and House chess will also take place before Easter.

EDEN ROCK BOULDERING

Two teams of children took part in Eden Rock's Bouldering Competition earlier this week. After a lot of stretching, balancing, gripping and bravery, the children completed twenty climbs achieving points for how successful they were. The children are awaiting results to see if they've qualified for the super-final on March 20th.

CURLING

Twelve children very much enjoyed their day out at Lockerbie Ice Rink trying their hand at curling on ice. We discovered there is a lot more to it than meets the eye, with the way you push off, slide, release and aim the stones (which weigh 20kg!) all having to be combined together. Whilst this was a one off experience for those in Curling Club, it's something certainly the school would consider repeating again.

GYMNASTICS

The school entered three teams into the Key Steps Gymnastics Competition at The Sands Centre. All children had to take part in a vault and a floor exercise of varying difficulties. With schools from all over Carlisle competing, it was very pleasing that our Key Steps 3 Team (Y5/6) came 2nd, Key Steps 2 (Y3/4) came 4th and Key Steps 1 (Y1/2) came 6th. Well done!

FANTASY FOOTBALL

With 10 matches to go, the Cummersdale School Fantasy Football League is taking shape. Kyle Atkinson's 'Baldies Boys' are top of the league, but Laura Whyte's 'Jamie's Tartts' and Craig Whyte's 'Pep a Pig' are in hot pursuit. Bradley Leathers is the leading pupil in 4th place with his team – 'Dinamo Chicken Kiev' and Mr Jones' 'Annanites' is the best of the staff teams, but sadly a long way back in 10th place.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK AND KINDNESS CUP

Our Pupil of the Week is **Teddy Anderson (Y5)** for enthusiastic and skilled performances at gymnastics, curling and bouldering and always being pleasant to have around.

The Kindness Cup goes to **Molly Ormerod (Rec)** for helping Mrs Scott in and around the classroom including reminding helping her to charge her I-Pad.

The Enjoy-a-ball trophy goes to **Harry Burgess (Rec)** for his amazing forward rolls at gym – bettered only by his beaming smile after completing them.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance has been slightly better this week. Y3 still lead the way being the best attenders this half term, term and year, but Y2 had a very good week with 98.52% and win the spot prize for this week.

FINALLY...

Our Year 6 children all found out today which schools they are going to next year and all have got their preferred choices whether this be Caldew School or The Nelson Thomlinson School.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 4/3/24 | Reading Competition (heats) |
| 6/3/24 | Y3/4 Trip to Vindolanda (change from previous dates) |
| 6/3/24 | Dental Nurse Visit for 5 year olds |
| 7/3/24 | Fire Brigade to visit Reception |
| 8/3/24 | World Book Day in school |
| 11/3/24 | Inter School Chess Competition at Cummersdale |
| 11 - 22/3/24 | Y1/2 Swimming Sessions begin (Daily) |
| 12/3/24 | Governors meeting (7pm) |
| 13/3/24 | Reception to visit Paragon Vets |
| 15/3/24 | Y3 3 x 3 Football Tournament at Cummersdale |
| 18/3/24 | Feet First Challenge – Walk to School Week |
| 20/3/24 | Eden Rock Bouldering Super Final |
| 21/3/24 | A.I.M. High Writing Day for Y3/4 |
| 21/3/24 | Reception: 'U' Dance Performance at The Crown and Mitre. |
| 22/3/24 | Y5/6 Netball Competition |
| 27/3/24 | CSSA Swimming Gala |
| 28/3/24 | Y1/2 Class Assembly |
| 28/3/24 | End of term |