



NEWSLETTER

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MR TRAVERS

I am delighted to announce that Mr Travers and his wife Becky had a baby boy on Saturday 23rd March. He's called Rupert Rowan and weighed in at 8lb 6oz.

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

The school received a large number of Easter Eggs from a very kind donor. There weren't enough for all children so we had a giant Easter Egg hunt with a number of children across all age groups receiving an egg.

Y1/2 ASSEMBLY

Y1/2 put on a lovely assembly earlier today based on their topic 'Castles'. They read clearly and sang beautifully and were unperturbed by any technical hitches going on behind them.

SWIMMING

Four children represented the school at the CSSA Swimming Gala at The Sands Centre on Wednesday. Hollie Park and Thomas Barratt won gold medals in breaststroke and freestyle respectively with Peyton Jesse receiving a silver medal in backstroke. They were joined by Logan Murdoch and together they won silver medals in the medley relay and bronze medals in the freestyle relay. It was a very productive morning with some great competitive swimming and Cummersdale School came 2nd overall.

The children in Y1/2 completed their two-week intensive block of swimming last week. Progress was rapid and almost all children can swim now without arm bands with many starting to develop their strokes and technique.

AIM HIGH WRITING DAY

Four Y4 girls enjoyed a day with the author Rob who taught the children how to rap and write poetry.

'U' DANCE

Congratulations must go to reception who performed brilliantly in the 'U' Dance festival at The Crown and Mitre last week. Their 'People who help us' dance went down a treat and deserved the rapturous applause it received.

The children also behaved impeccably on what was a very long afternoon for them. Their behaviour was commented on by several teachers from other schools as well as the organisers which was lovely to hear.

UNIFORM - A FEW REMINDERS

When we return after Easter, hopefully the weather will be warmer and summer dresses (Blue or green gingham) may be worn. Many children wear shorts (although some hardy souls have worn them throughout the winter!). These should be grey or black and be school trouser material, not football shorts or cycling shorts. A number of girls are starting to wear leggings as part of the uniform. These can be worn on PE days but not on normal uniform days.

Our school uniform requirements specify that black footwear should be worn. If you are buying trainers over the holidays, please make sure they are black and not coloured.

PE Days will continue and the normal school PE Kit should be worn. This should be blue shorts/joggers and a white T-shirt with the school jumper over the top. Any trainers can be worn on PE days.

A number of non-regulation T-shirts and jumpers are also creeping in. These should be the correct colour with the school logo on.

Our school uniform is simple and the children look smart when the correct uniform is worn. Please support the school by following our simple guidelines.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

The House Point winners for this term are **Cat Bells**. They will be rewarded with a trip to Hollywood Bowl. Those in R, Y1, Y2 will go along with Mr Jones, Mrs Barratt and Vicky during the afternoon of Wednesday 17th April. Y3,4,5, and 6 will go along with Mr Jones, Miss Breare and Miss Mitchell during the afternoon of Wednesday 24th April.

Blencathra	1143
Cat Bells	1329
Helvellyn	1074
Skiddaw	1300

FOOTBALL 3 x 3 COMPETITION

Cummersdale hosted a competition for fourteen 3-a-side teams which took place on our MUGA. Plenty of goals were scored in a frenetic morning of football which all Y3s took part in. AFC Cummersdale and Inter Cummersdale both won their groups.

NETBALL

The netballers took part in a competition along with two other small schools at Trinity School. The girls' skills have certainly improved this year and they move the ball quickly from one end to the other with precise footwork and good shooting.

HOUSE MATCHES

Various House Matches have taken place in the last fortnight. House Captains have picked and organised their teams and the events were taken very seriously. Many children from Y3/4 competed against older children and acquitted themselves very well. Results are as follows:

CHESS

Cat Bells bt Blencathra 4 boards to 1
Helvellyn beat Skiddaw 3 boards to 2
Cat Bells bt Skiddaw 3 boards to 2
Helvellyn bt Blencathra 4 boards to 1
Cat bells bt Helvellyn 4.5 boards to 0.5
Skiddaw bt Blencathra 3.5 boards to 1.5

1	Cat Bells	11.5
2 =	Helvellyn	7.5
2 =	Skiddaw	7.5
4	Blencathra	3.5

FOOTBALL

Blencathra 2 Cat Bells 3
Helvellyn 3 Skiddaw 4
Blencathra 3 Helvellyn 3
Cat Bells 3 Skiddaw 2
Blencathra 1 Skiddaw 6
Cat Bells 3 Helvellyn 1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cat Bells	3	0	0	9	5	9
Skiddaw	2	0	1	12	7	6
Helvellyn	0	1	2	7	10	1
Blencathra	0	1	2	6	12	1

NETBALL

Blencathra 2 Cat Bells 0
Helvellyn 1 Skiddaw 1
Blencathra 2 Helvellyn 0
Cat Bells 1 Skiddaw 1
Blencathra 4 Skiddaw 2
Cat Bells 1 Helvellyn 0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blencathra	3	0	0	8	2	9
Cat Bells	1	1	1	2	3	4
Skiddaw	0	2	1	4	6	2
Helvellyn	0	1	2	1	4	1

JUICE

A reminder that children should just have water in their water bottles. The teachers will empty any with juice and refill with water.

Y1/2 TRIP TO CARLISLE CASTLE

Y1/2 will visit Carlisle Castle on the first day of term **Tuesday 16th April**. The trip takes place in the morning and leaving school at 9.15 and be back in time for lunch.

Children should wear their P.E. kit (It is Action Ants in the afternoon) along with sensible footwear. It may be a good idea to wear tracksuit bottoms / leggings and an appropriate coat dependent upon the weather that day.

Coach transport will be provided to and from the Castle and there will be no charge for this on this occasion.

LIFE EDUCATION DAY

The school will receive a visit from Life Education on Thursday 18th April when pupils in Y3/4 and Y5/6 will receive age appropriate PHSE sessions on growing and puberty called 'Time to Change'. Y6 will receive an additional session on relationships. Parents in these year groups have been sent a separate letter with more details. There is a session for parents/carers on the day from **8.55am to 9.15am** when parents can view materials and talk to the team who are delivering the sessions.

PARENTS' EVENING

There will be a Parents Evening when parents/carers can find out about their children's progress this year. This will take place on Wednesday 1st May from 2.00pm – 6.00pm. Details about appointments will be given straight after Easter.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after-school activities for next half term begin on **16/4/24** and will run until **24/4/24**. With better weather, Tennis is on offer on Mondays for Y3-6 (not 15/4 or 6/5). Action Ants is for the younger children on Tuesday and Film Club continues for all on Wednesdays. School will be singing with Musical Theatre on Thursdays (Y3 – 6) and Mrs Barratt has some lovely Spring Art Activities for Art Club on Fridays (R, Y1, Y2)

As always, after school care is also available each afternoon for those pupils not eligible for clubs on a particular day and is run by Mrs Haughan and Miss Breare. To secure your child's place, please pre-book online via your SchoolMoney account. The available activity clubs will remain live on your account until 14 April 2024.

Y5/6 RESIDENTIAL TO ROBIN WOOD: 26th – 28th June 2024

Payments for the remaining balance of £150 have been set up on SchoolMoney. This can be paid in instalments but should be fully paid by May 31st.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK AND KINDNESS CUP

Our Pupil of the Week is **Charlie Kerr (Y4)** for getting fully involved in Science Club and solving several problems. Last week's winners were **Sophie Menery and Rae Roberts (Rec)** who confidently introduced the dance and performed well during the 'U' Dance Festival.

The Kindness Cup goes to **Nate Read (Y2)** for helping a younger child who was sad and congratulating the swimming team on their return. A special mention should go to **Harry Burgess (Rec)** who helped one of the Y6 girl get all the sports equipment out of the container.

The Enjoy-a-ball trophy goes to **Alfie Wannop (Y3)** for helping Cat Bells win the House Football with a brave but skilful performance. Last week's winner was **Isabella Barber (Y1)** for making great progress with swimming.

TENNIS

Just some information about coaching courses at a local tennis club which may be of interest. See below:



Dalston Lawn Tennis Club

LTA Youth Coaching Programme

Mondays 15/4/24 – 20/5/24 - 6 Weeks

- Red (5-8yo) 4–4.45pm
- Orange (8-9yo) 4.45-5.30pm
- Green (10 and under) 5.30-6.15pm
- Yellow (11+) 6.15–7pm

Wednesdays 17/4/24 – 22/5/24 - 6 Weeks

- Red (5-8yo) 4–4.45pm
- Orange (8-9yo) 4.45-5.30pm
- Green (10 and under) 5.30-6.15pm
- Yellow (11+) 6.15–7pm

£36 for Non Members/£24 for Members

Book: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DalstonLTC/Coaching

Contact: LTA Level 3 Coach Mike McMillin
07799033797 or mikemcmillin@talktalk.net

LTA TENNIS FOR BRITAIN

YOUTH Tennis for kids

ATTENDANCE

Y3 have ended the term as the best attenders with 96.45% and are the best attenders this year with 96.62%. They finished the term strongly, along with Y2 who also achieved 100% attendance this week. Well done!

SCHOOL DINNERS

Mrs Makepeace would like to pass on her thanks to all parents who have completed their dinner orders online. The process has gone very smoothly so far. If anyone ever does require help, do not hesitate to get in touch with her.

AND FINALLY...

All that remains to be said is Happy Easter and I hope all the Cummersdale families have a restful break. We hope to see everyone refreshed and ready to go on **Tuesday 16th April** for a new term. It's a busy term and I've listed a number of events below which have been confirmed for the summer term to help with planning.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 15/4	INSET DAY (School Closed)
Tue 16/4	Summer Term begins
Tue 16/4	Y1/2 Trip to Carlisle Castle
Tue 16/4	Reception: Fire Brigade Visit
Wed 18/4	Life Education Day
Tues 23/4	Y3/4 Girls' Football Competition, Harraby
Tue 23/4	Y3/4 Boys' Football - Kickabout Cup, Brunton Park
Wed 24/4	Y5/6 Girls' Football- Kickabout Cup, Brunton Park
Thu 24/4	Y5/6 Boys' Football - Kickabout Cup, Brunton Park
Wed 1/5	Parents' Evening
Thu 2/5	Y5/6 Football v Longtown (H) 3.30pm
Thu 2/5	Book Bus to visit school
Mon 6/5	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13/5	KS2 SATs week
Mon 20/5	Cultural and Diversity Week (Whole School)
Mon 20/5	Feet First Challenge
Mon 20/5	Y3/4 Tennis Competition, Chatsworth Tennis Club
Tue 21/5	Whole School Trip to Mabie Farm Park
Fri 24/5	Finish for Half Term
Mon 3/6	Half Term begins
Fri 7/6	Y5/6 Go Activ Football Competition
Tue 11/6	Y6 Welcome Evening, Caldew School
Thu 13-Fri 14/6	Y4 Residential, Ratlingate
Mon 17/6	Girls' Football League Matches, Harraby
Mon 24/6	Y5 taster Day, Caldew School
Tue 25/6	Governors' Meeting
Wed 26-Fri 28	Y5/6 Residential, Robin Wood
Mon 1/7	Y6 Transition Day: Caldew and NTS
Thu 4/7	Athletics Event, Sheepmount
Fri 5/7	Y3/4 Go Activ Football Competition
Mon 15/7	Olympic Theme Week (Whole School)
Fri 19/7	End of term (1.15pm)