



# NEWSLETTER

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## STAFF NEWS

The school cleaner, Cora Bell will be retiring at Easter this year. Cora has worked at the school for 15 years cleaning and preparing the school early each morning. Whilst we will see her throughout the next half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over the years. It is remarkable that she has not had one day off through illness in all that time. The school will be advertising the position at the end of February.

## Y3/4 SWIMMING

The Y3/4 class will be going swimming the first week back after half term (w/b 24/2/25). Sessions will take place at The Sands Centre from 10.15 – 11am each morning for one week. The class will travel there by coach and be accompanied by the Y3/4 staff.

## HOUSE HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Year	Positions	House
Rec	1 Chloe Mitchell 2 Georgia Simpson 3 Emily Smith	B S H
1	1 Mayer Blaylock 2 Peter Milburn 3 Emerson Watson	S C C
2	1 Aurora Gow 2 Jude McChrystal-Plimmer 3 Rey Whiffin	B B H
3	1 Matilda Wilson 2 Olivia Martin 3 Jesssica Frost	C C B
4	1 Harley Mounsey 2 Thomas Ormerod 3 Jake Bell	S C B
5	1 Elliott Tolley 2 Noah Jesse 3 Michael Sharp	S C S
6	1 Rania Shah	B

	2 Matthew Sharp 3 Oliver Ramsay	S S
Staff	1 Mrs Wakefield 2 Mrs Barratt 3 Miss Reay	B C B

The competition was judged by our midday supervisor Karen whilst she is away from school. She found it very difficult to decide and commented on how good the quality of handwriting was throughout the school.

The final points scored were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Blencathra	75 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cat Bells	59
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Skiddaw	57
4 <sup>th</sup>	Helvellyn	8

## **CHESS**

We are now on Round 6 of our chess competition. The Sharp brothers have been all conquering with five wins each, but will come up against each other before the end of the competition. Jood Eltahir in 3rd is nicely poised to take advantage of any slip ups that may happen. Good luck everyone!

## **DOGS**

May I remind parents that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. If you have a dog with you at drop off or collection, please make sure they are on a short lead and wait outwith the school grounds.

## **NETBALL**

The school team did very well in a netball competition recently winning three out of five games. Well Done.

## **SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS**

A team of 12 athletes visited Harraby Sports Hall to take part in this indoor event. With each child running, jumping and throwing, when the points were added up, Cummersdale came a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams.

## **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

The half term will end with Reception putting on their first class assembly on **Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am** Y1/2 will perform theirs just before Easter on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** but at **2.30pm**.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Three year groups had 100% attendance this week. Well done to Y1, Y2 and Y5, the klatter of whom have maintained their excellent rate of 99.15% since Christmas.

## **TALENT SHOW**

A list has been put up for acts to sign up for this year's Cummersdale's Got Talent which takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The show normally features a wide range of talents including gymnastics, magic, jokes, singing and dancing. However, we have had Jiu Jitsu displays, Irish dancing, paper plane throwing and even water chugging before now!

## **HOUSE POINTS**

The older children in Cat Bells enjoyed a trip to Hollywood Bowl for winning last term's House points total. They are ahead slightly at this stage, but other houses are well within range and with Handwriting, Chess, Reading, Curling, Netball and Football competitions all taking place this term, who knows who will win.

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Alice Dickinson (Y5)** for her enthusiasm and knowledge about the WWII topic in class. Last week's winner was **Emily Smith (Rec)** for trying really hard, especially in Maths.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Elliott Tolley (Y5)** for stepping in to help when one of our midday helpers was called away and also **Charlie Kerr (Y5)** for being kind and considerate when a staff member wasn't feeling quite herself. Last week's winner was **Olivia Whyte (Y4)** for helping Mrs Haughan put the tables up for Maths.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Trophy** goes to **Lucan May (Y6)** for the way he organised himself, listening carefully and following instructions on the Cumbria Ski Trip. **Thomas Ormerod (Y4)** also receives the award for his performance at the Sports Hall Athletics and patiently waiting for his event without any fuss. Last week's winner was **Zack Rankine (Y6)** for an impressive performance in the netball tournament.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

10/2/25	Y3/4 Swimming (daily for 1 week)
12/2/25	House Curling Competition
14/2/25	Reception Class Assembly
14/2/25	Talent Show
14/2/25	Finish for Half Term
24/2/25	New Half Term begins
24/2/25	Y1/2 Swimming (daily for 2 weeks)
24/2/25	Y5/6 Boys Football League Fixtures, Harraby (3.35pm)
25/2/25	Y3/4 Tennis sessions begin: Chatsworth Tennis Club
25/2/25	Y5/6 Netball at Limehouse (pm)
26/2/25	Curling Trip to Lockerbie Ice Rink
28/2/25	Key Step Gymnastics Competition, The Sands (1pm)
3 - 5/3/25	Y5/6 Residential to Liverpool
6/3/25	Eden Rock Bouldering Competition (Y5/6)
6/3/25	medium Schools Football Competition, Harraby
7/3/25	House Reading Competition and World Book Day
10 - 12/3/25	House Chess (Lunchtimes)
10/3/25	Book Bus to visit
10/3/25	Tree Planting with RAISE in Cummersdale
10/3/25	Y5/6 Girls' Football League Fixtures, Harraby (3.35pm)
11/3/25	Governors Meeting
18/3/25	Rural South Carlisle Chess Competition
19/3/25	Y3/4 Girls Football, Harraby (am)
19/3/25	NSPCC Workshop: Y2 & Y5/6
20/3/25	A.I.M. High Poetry Day for Y3/4
22/3/25	School Visit to Carlisle United v Bromley
24/3/25	Y5/6 Boys Football League Fixtures, Harraby (3.35pm)
26/3/25	Parents Evening
27/3/25	Y5/6 Netball Tournament: Trinity
1/4/25	CSSA Swimming Gala - The Sands
4/4/25	Y1/2 Class Assembly (2.30pm)
4/4/25	End of Term