



NEWSLETTER

27th April 2017

School Events

Congratulations first of all to Year 4 and their wonderful performance for this year's UDance Festival at the Carnegie Theatre. All the children were fantastic both during the day and on the night of the performance. Their conduct was a credit to the school and was remarked on by many.

Thanks go to 6G for giving us a wonderful afternoon's entertainment during their Talent Show for Lumiere. There was a packed audience that saw a wide range of acts including song, dance, gymnastics, football, poetry, cooking, maths and acting. What a truly talented bunch! They raised £34.00 for Action Aid.

Year 3 were also very busy during the last few weeks of term visiting both Tullie House Museum in Carlisle and St John's Church. A wonderful day was spent at the museum looking at Victorian life and a thoughtful afternoon spent at the church considering the meaning and relevance of Easter. We also were lucky to get Father Robert to visit us in school to conduct our Easter assembly on 4th April.

Thank you for all your support on our 2 fundraising days last term. We raised £180 for Comic Relief and £140 for Brain Tumour Research. Your continued support for these events is much appreciated by us and the children.

Also thanks to Friends of Ashfield for organising the Spring Term discos at the end of March. These were both well attended and we all had a great time dancing away to our favourite tunes. Approximately £200 was raised to support fun activities for the children in school.

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Lockerbie on their residential just before the Easter holiday. Once again the conduct of the children was excellent and was noted by the staff at the Centre. Some excellent skills were developed during their 3-day stay including abseiling, fencing, shooting, den building and survival skills. There were some very tired looking children (and staff) when they returned to school, obviously having thrown themselves into everything on offer during their stay. Well done Year 4!

Well done to all the children who received 100% attendance awards for the Spring Term. We also had a number of children who are now on the Silver Award for 100% attendance since September.

Finally congratulations to our Tennis teams who have recently been competing in some local tournaments. Both our teams got through to the final of the Workington Schools tournament which meant they both then went on to qualify for the Allerdale event this week. Again both teams did incredibly well with one team now qualifying for the County event in July. The children have done incredibly well and we are really proud of all their efforts. Wimbledon here we come!

Key dates coming up this half term:

Monday 1st May- School closed (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 2nd May 7pm- Gary Wilson parent meeting 'Boy's Achievement'

Wednesday 3rd May- Friday 5th May- Y3 Residential visit to Derwent Hill

Friday 5th May- Summer Term Homework projects sent home

Wb 8th May- KS2 SATs week for Year 6 pupils

Wednesday 24th May-Friday 16th May- Y6 Residential visit to Edinburgh

CAR PARK

We are continuing to have some issues on the school car park with cars parking without permission. Do not come on to the car park unless you have been given permission to do so. The gates will now be closed daily at 3:10pm and will not open again until 3:30pm.

School Development

We are really pleased to announce that we have been named as an Expert Centre for the Global Learning Programme. This role will involve working closely with the Cumbria Development Education Centre to deliver training and development activities to other schools in West Cumbria. We are really excited that this will take us on the next part of our journey in developing the childrens' understanding and awareness of the world around them and their place in it.

We are continuing to work closely with the Infants School and have come together for various training opportunities over the last few months. These will continue during the Summer Term. Transition arrangements have now begun for our new intake and the Reception children are coming over to use our newly developed woodland site.

Professional Development activities since mid-March include:

Teacher Mid-Year Appraisal Reviews	Mrs Gibson at English Course
All teachers Learning Walk to evaluate classroom display	Mrs Frost & Mr Bishop at National Junior School Conference in Birmingham
Mrs Bailey & Mrs Smith to Numicon development activities with Seascale Primary School	English Specialist Leader work with Year 4
Pupil Premium research at Pennine Way Primary School	Teaching & Learning discussion for all staff- Science & Numicon focus
Mrs Gibson to Maths Mastery Course	Mr Bishop to English Leaders Course
Mrs Frost to Workington Heads meeting	School Improvement Meeting with the Local Authority
Joint writing moderation with St Patricks & St Marys	Mr Kyle on Relationships & Sex Education Course
Governor development meeting with National Leader of Governance	Mr Bishop to English HMI Course
Upcoming development opportunities:	
Family Jigsaw training for Mrs Frost & Mrs Thwaites	All staff to Boys' Achievement training with Gary Wilson
Science Investigation training with Westfield Primary	Mr Bishop to Deputy Head's network meeting
Subject Leader network meetings	Mrs Smits & Mr Kyle to Global Teacher training
Mrs Frost to Primary Liaison meeting at Workington Academy	Mrs Frost to Ashfield Infants for Learning Walk
Mrs Frost and Mr Bishop to West Cumbria Junior School Network meeting	All staff First Aid training
Chair of Governors to Safer Recruitment training	

Thank you for all your continued support for the school. Thank you for attending this week's parents meetings. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not yet made an appointment.