



Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs Frost

Well, it doesn't feel it was so long ago that I was writing last July's newsletter. Where has the year gone!? I've said before, at Ashfield Junior School, no one day is ever the same — I'm not sure how we pack it all in. Just the other day, I was going through all the photos from this year on our Facebook page. It's clear that the wealth of experiences and opportunities the children have at this school is so varied and diverse. Why don't you take a look one evening? It's something that we intend to continue to improve next year.

I am particularly pleased that all of the hard work by the staff and children has been recognised by Ofsted. Since I have been at Ashfield, I have been continually impressed with the unwavering support the staff have given to the changes that have been made. Throughout the time, our mantra has been to 'keep doing what you're doing' - a phrase that the Her Majesty's Inspector said to us in 2016, in the final meeting, recognising the changes we had already started to put into place. The staff have already had discussions and made decisions regarding how we can implement the two targets that our recent report gave us for further improvement.

The children tell me that they loved Sports Day. From what I hear, you all saw sporting excellence and fantastic examples of teamwork. The Green Team, Steve Backshall House, were worthy champions. Thank you to all of you who were able to come and support the children.



Excellent jumping technique.

It's also that time of year when we say farewell to our wonderful Year Sixes. Mrs Gibson, Mrs Hicklin and all of the Year 6 team have nothing but praise for them and I know that it is echoed throughout the staff. They have worked so hard (and this is reflected in the rise in our 2018 SATs results) and been shining examples to the younger children in the school. Their production of the Lion King will certainly be one of my highlights of the year. We wish them all the best for the future in the knowledge that they are prepared and ready for the next steps in their young lives. Together they have achieved!

So one school year comes to an end. We are already getting excited for September. See you on the 4th!

Mrs Frost

Ashfield Win Again!

Congratulations to these four young tennis stars. They won the Workington Schools Year 3 and 4 Tennis Competition at Lakes College. The following day they were interviewed live on Radio Cumbria!



Friends of Ashfield Summer Fair

Thank you to all of you who attended and supported the Summer Fair - we raised approximately £550.

The prize winners were: Kids Hamper - Brooke F (Yr 4); Adults Hamper - Finlay R (Yr 5).

The raffle winners were: Jay W (Yr 3) (won 2 bottles); Brooke F (Yr 4); Jessica F (Yr 3); Paul H (Yr 6); Christine (our cleaner in charge); Millie R (Yr 4).

Thank you for your continued support. The next Friends event will be the Halloween Disco. There'll be more information to follow in September.

The Ice Maidens



We were privileged to have two of the six Ice Maidens in school with us a few weeks ago. Borrowdale and Ireby Year Sixes joined us too. Major Sandy Hennis and Lance Sergeant Sophie Montagne talked to the children about their coast to coast crossing of Antarctica, via the South Pole, becoming the first all-female team to do it purely by muscle power. Their message was inspirational and empowering, and they asked us to think about the challenges we want to meet whether now or in the future.

Safe Swimming in Windermere

Many of the Year Sixes took a dip - well, more like a plunge — into Windermere recently.

As part of the Swim Safe programme, they learnt about assessing the water for danger, recognising what lifeguard flags mean and what to do if they were to get into trouble when swimming. It was a gloriously hot day, so being in the lake was pretty much the best place to be!



More Wins!

This fine band of Year 3 and 4 pupils recently won the Workington Schools Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament. Congratulations to all of them, especially for their sportsmanship.



And finally...

I've mentioned it already, but congratulations to all of the Year 6 children for their superb production of The Lion King!