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"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."

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Welcome to this week's newsletter

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have made a fantastic start to the year and have all been working extremely hard.

Here are our Pupils of the Week.

Class 1 - Rosa F, Emme D, Sam S

Class 2 - Alec M, Daniel E

Class 3 - Bradley T, Miley P

Class 4 - Charles S, Katie R

Class 5 - Maisie R, Melissa S, Aysel G

Class 6 - Marcie S, Lillia H

Class 7 - Alana W, Dean C

Mr Beattie - Isa V, Daria R

Playtime - Chloe S



HOUSE TEAMS

Melbreak are this week's winners with 48 points

ACCELERATED READERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Harry E-B

Class 2 - Matthew L

Class 3 - Jayden D

Class 4 - Jack H

Class 5 - Jimi F

Class 6 - Grace F

Class 7 - Grace N

Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This weeks winner was Matty C. So far our school have read **4,365,781** words this year.

Attendance winners:

Class 7 have top attendance this week with

100 % and will receive an extra play-time.

Overall school attendance this is week:

95.93 %

Rag Bag Scheme

A big well done to everyone who participated in the "Rag Bag" Scheme.

We raised £47.20 by collecting 118kg of textiles.



Litter pickers



This week, the children were delighted to receive some Litter Picking Equipment on behalf of Morgan Sindall. The children have recently completed work on looking after their community and have shown a passionate interest in plastic. Our children have been shocked at recent images of plastic pollutions and the devastating impact it can have on birds and marine life; and have been determined to do something to tackle the problem. It is hoped that the equipment can now be used to complete a litter pick on one of our local beaches.

Year 3 Girls Football—This week saw our newly formed Year 3 girls football team represent the school in a tournament at Lakes College. We have some experienced players but for many of the group it was their first time in playing the sport in a competitive match. The girls were an absolute credit to the school and came back with very positive impressions of their first games. Well done girls and keep up the good work.



A reminder to **Year 6 parents** to complete your admission forms for next years secondary schools by 31st October.

The roads surrounding the school, particularly at hometime, are again becoming congested due to cars parking directly outside the school. This is making it very difficult and dangerous for children to cross the roads. I am very sympathetic to the lack of parking near the school but must remind families again to ensure that roads remain clear during entrance and exit times. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



JASS Folders - A special thanks to Rox, Maria and Simon this week for volunteering the time to come into school to help the children put their evidence together for their JASS folders, this week. The feedback was that the children and staff made them feel very welcome and they even enjoyed a roast dinner with us on Wednesday. We will be updating you with further dates when the children will complete their assessments and there will be further re-

School Council Update - This half term school council have discussed ideas for wet break. Our conclusion was to have a rota around all the classes for every week. We decided that for every day there would be a different activity. Next term we are going to think about raising money for charities (a local charity and an international charity). This is what we have been discussing in our meetings; we hope you share our ideas based on the rota.

—Katie & Imogen

Reading volunteers

Can you offer any spare time to listen to our children read?

Last year we developed a team of volunteers to listen to our children read. This had a really positive impact on children's confidence.

If you can commit some time on a Wed or Thursday afternoon, we'd love to hear from you!



Emergency Services Morning—Yesterday or Year 3, & 4 children were introduced to representatives from the Fire department, Coastguard and Police who brought along a couple of police dogs. The children enjoyed hearing about the roles of each of the emergency services and they briefly got to meet the dogs before they were called for to do a job. Thanks to all for coming in



NEW EXIT PROCEDURES—As from Monday 8th October we have made changes to our exit procedures at the end of the school day.

Parents will gather:

In the lodge courtyard for Class 1 (Mrs Gracey) & Class 7 (Mrs Sharkie)

On the front playground for Class 2 (Mr Tyson), Class 3 (Mrs Kitchen) and Class 4 (Mr Carruthers)

At the School Gazebo around the back of the school for Class 6 (Mrs Foye) and Class 5 (Mr King)

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

After School Activities taking place this half term ...

- ♦ **Guitar Group Yr 5 & 6 Monday afternoon**
- ♦ **Guitar Group Yr 3 & 4 Thursday afternoon**
- ♦ **Keyboard Group—All year groups Friday morning**
- ♦ **Y3/4 Basketball Class 5/6 10th October— 31st October**
- ♦ **Gymnastics Year 5/6 Monday afterschool pick up at Whitehaven Sports Centre 4pm**

As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life.

Mr Beattie



Key Dates

- Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October - Half term
- Tue/wed 6th/7th November - Parents Evenings
- Monday 19th November - Pupil Progress + Welfare Governors Committee
- Monday 17th December - Full Governors
- Tuesday 18th December - Nativity
- Friday 21st December - The Big Christmas Sing

Wk 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	Margarita/chicken pizza with chips and peas	Meatballs in gravy with pasta and cauliflower	Roast pork dinner with stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, potatoes and carrots/broccoli	Sausage roll with diced potatoes and mixed veg	Fish fingers with potato wedges and baked beans
CHOICE 2	Tuna pasta bake and bread roll	Vegetable/cheese bakes with pasta/diced potatoes and cauliflower	Vegetarian roast dinner with Yorkshire pudding, stuffing and boiled/roast potatoes	Cheese/onion roll with diced potatoes and mixed veg	Salmon nibbles with potato wedges and baked beans
CHOICE 3	Jacket potato	Chicken mayo baguette with pasta/ potatoes	Jacket potato	Savoury cheese baguette with diced potatoes and mixed veg	Jacket potato
DESSERT	Plain sponge and custard	Spiced chocolate brownie	Chocolate krispy cake	Apple crumble and custard	Grasmere gingerbread or cake selection
If you have any questions about food allergens, please phone us to speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to provide more information.					