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"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Windermere - Ljay C

Ullswater - Logan T, Rhys F & Nate H

Derwentwater- Millie W

Bassenthwaite - Philippa B

Ennerdale - Rose J

Buttermere - Jaxon S



Attendance winners:

Ennerdale had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 98.03 %



Homework Heroes

Windermere - Mackenzie L & Lucas M

Ullswater - Lewis G

Derwentwater - Raven B

Bassenthwaite - Tyler T & Henry C

Ennerdale - Halle W

Buttermere- Tait R-E

Mrs Jackson's Homework club- Aalayah B



Christian Value Award

Windermere – Whole Year 5 Maths group

Ullswater - Chloe T

Derwentwater - Reece F

Bassenthwaite - Raine P-Y

Ennerdale - Riven H

Buttermere - Jakob S &

Rory W



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 week's winners were Jett H & Logan R.



Every week, children are encouraged to take part in the 'St James' Fitness Trail' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week. Well done to this week's winners, Anna G, who have won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the Lunchtime Hall

Helpers

and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!





Good Afternoon and welcome to this week's Newsletter. This week has ended with a wonderfully positive Celebration Assembly, which allowed teachers the chance to capture and share the great work that has been happening in school this week. Staff have been blown away with the thought and care that have gone into the homework project to design a spirit tree and it has been lovely to see these reflective pieces of art now up on display in the classrooms. Lots of Homework Hero and Pupil of the Week certificates were handed out for this work although we are proud of everyone's efforts.

In addition to this, the children have received certificates for their demonstration of our Christian Values; peace, friendship, compassion and endurance in their approach to school. This week has seen me visit a number of classes to observe the teaching of RE and I was really impressed with the confidence in which they were able to share their views and the consideration and respect they have for the views of others. This was something mirrored by two of our Governors who have visited us this week to speak to the children about their learning.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.



School Notices & Reminders—

Strike Action – Yesterday I wrote to you with information regarding the 4 proposed strike days—*Wednesday 1st February, Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th March, Thursday 16th March*. The decision was made to inform our families before the weekend, to allow more time for preparations to be made as some classes are to be closed for the initial day. This is the only certain thing we know at the moment and I'll welcome further news coming to me over the weekend/Monday, which I will then be able to share with you in turn early next week. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Tuck Shop – This week we have seen the return to our tuck shop which was something that was always part of school life in pre-covid times. Despite a few teething problems, the Year 5/6 team who have run the stall this week (Eden, Kai and Skyler) have done a great job. For next week we will be limiting the amount each child can purchase to 1 item per day, so please do not send in any more than 20p each day.

Class Ambassadors – This week each class held a democratic election to select their new class ambassadors for the term. Each term these children are elected and then form together as a group to tackle a recognised issue of their choice. This issue can be a school-based issue, a local issue or indeed a national or global issue. In the past, these groups have worked passionately to raise awareness and form solutions to such things as plastic pollution in the oceans; farming welfare; reducing waste around the world; improving the fairness of football on our school yard; and last term saw a group tackle the extinction of pine martens in Cumbria. The newly elected members this term: Modana, Skyler, Jasmine, Kieran, Lottie and Solomon enjoyed our lunch together today and decided upon an issue we feel passionately in tackling: Discrimination. Watch this space for creative ways the group come up with in tackling this important issue.

Family Learning Sessions (Awesome Me)—Last term we had a taster session for families called Awesome Me run by Family Learning. Following on from the success of this course they are now able to offer a 5 week block of courses covering the following topics; the importance of self – esteem and how to develop it at home; recognising and naming emotions in self and others; growth mindsets. Its ok to make mistakes!; developing perseverance and using descriptive praise and managing anger. Each session is 2 hours, with the first hour working with the group leader and the other adults in the group, and the second hour working along side your child on a project. Please see attached flyer for more details and contact the school office to book a place.

Fire Drill— Next week we will be having a fire drill in school—if parents could please talk to children, especially those who might feel anxious, about emergency procedures and the importance of listening to adults and behaving in a calm and orderly manner in preparation that would be really helpful.

Cumbria County Council

Family Learning

'I Can't Do It ... YET!'

Wednesday 1st March 9.15 – 11.15 am

Then every Wednesday for 5 weeks. Final session - 29th March

Family Learning
Learning together to enable us to learn together

Does your child lack confidence? Maybe they have trouble dealing with their emotions?

This 5-week course is a great way to reconnect with your child and learn together. Each week has a different focus. As well making some great resources, which fits perfectly with each session, you will learn new strategies and techniques to use at home.

Week 1 – The importance of self - esteem and how to develop it at home.
Week 2 – Recognising and naming emotions in self and others. Supporting the development of emotional literacy.
Week 3 – Growth mindsets. Its ok to make mistakes!
Week 4 - Developing perseverance and using descriptive praise.
Week 5 – Managing anger.

Please contact Mr Beattie for more information. **Just complete non-sensitive copies at**

Parent/carer name _____ I would like to book a place on: _____
 Child's name and class _____ I Can't Do it ... YET!
 Your contact number _____ Please contact Mr Beattie if you require free childcare
 Signature _____

Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Bassenthwaite Computing



**Derwentwater -
Thermodynamics**



**Ennerdale—Pentatonic
melodies**



Ullswater - Gymnastics

Check out some of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics. Check out your child's [class page](#) here.

Coming up at St James' -

- ⇒ Monday 23rd January—Building & Finance Governors Meeting
- ⇒ **Tuesday 24th January – After-School Club Closed due to essential staff training**
- ⇒ Week Commencing 30th January—Ennerdale Swimming Block
- ⇒ **Wednesday 1st February—Bassenthwaite, Ennerdale & Buttermere Classes— CLOSED DUE TO STRIKE ACTION**
- ⇒ **13-16th February—Scholastic Book Fayre (In hall after school each day)**
- ⇒ Week Commencing 20th February—Half Term
- ⇒ Week Commencing 27th February—Ullswater Swimming Block
- ⇒ **Wednesday 1st March—'I Can't Do It...YET!' - 1/5 Family Learning Session**
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—Friday 3rd March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- ⇒ Tues 7th & Wed 8th March—Parents Evening
- ⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st March—Easter Disco
- ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre **& STIX Percussion performance**
- ⇒ Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Monday—Yr 5 & 6 Cardboard Engineering Club until 4.30 p.m. (POSTPONED)
- ⇒ Tuesday—8.00 am Zumba Breakfast Club & After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, STIX Percussion Club (until 4.15 p.m.) & Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
- ⇒ Thursday—Year 5 & 6 Animation Club (until 4.10 p.m.)

