



“With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together”

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Newsletter

Well Done

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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

- Windermere – Kieran H & Poppy S
- Ullswater – Freddie J, Jenson M & Jacob G
- Derwentwater – Emilia A
- Bassenthwaite – Koby B
- Ennerdale – Raven Q
- Buttermere – Sanjeedah A



CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Nancy H
- Ullswater – Kayden-Lee A
- Derwentwater – Bethan L
- Bassenthwaite – Ruby H & Louie H
- Ennerdale – Betsy O
- Buttermere – Sam G, Maddie G, Mila R, Archie S, Grayson P-Y



The St. James' Way

- ✓ Be Kind
- ✓ Be Respectful
- ✓ Give Your All

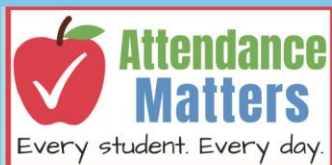
CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Henry C, who has won a prize of their choice for being spotted by one of the Midday Team doing something extra special around school during lunchtime.



THANK YOU

to all the Librarians, Lunchtime Hall Helpers, Tuck Shop Volunteers and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!



ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

DERWENTWATER

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.11%

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 Tyler T, Riven H, Mila R.





Hello and welcome to our weekly newsletter. After a stormy start, it has been nice to end the week with plenty of play and fun outdoors – let's hope that's the last storm for a while and we don't see a Storm Kathleen any time soon. This week I've visited a few more classrooms and it is great to see the children progressing in their maths and being well supported by staff. This week in Worship, we have been learning lots of lessons from the animal kingdom. On Wednesday, we discussed hibernation, and the importance of rest to help us be our best. On Thursday, we learnt important messages about endurance and resilience from animals such as the Dung Beetle and male Japanese Puffer Fish – very inspiring for anyone else wanting to look into this. Mrs Foye had the pleasure of hosting our celebration assembly this morning and it was great to hand out individual certificates for things such as excellent role models, fantastic teamwork, and focus and determination.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, Mr Beattie

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Year 3 & 4 Boys Football - This morning was the turn of the Year 3 & 4 boys to represent our school at the Workington Reds West Cumbria Football Tournament. Our two teams were playing a large number of schools from across the county. Our two teams did brilliantly. St James 2 going all the way to the Europa League Semi-finals only to get beat by sudden death penalties by Nelson Thomlinson – a penalty shootout that was filled with excitement and heroic moments. Our St James 1 team did brilliantly in their groups going undefeated and not conceding a goal. In the knockouts they performed brilliantly beating Maryport, Jericho and Moresby in the eventual Champions League final. Every single member of the two teams said that they had a brilliant day and I'm so proud of how each one represented the school.



WWII Workshop - Today, some of the upper school children went to The Beacon. They took part in a WW2 workshop which covered all elements of life on the home front during WW2. There were lots of primary and secondary evidence and artefacts to investigate and experience (including an Anderson Shelter to hide in!). A free voucher for every child to attend with one adult has been sent home with the upper juniors today.

Lowry Exhibition - Before Christmas, Windermere, Ullswater and Derwentwater classes were all joined by Alex Jakob-Whitworth to create some artwork inspired by the work of LS Lowry. Currently The Beacon is hosting an exhibit on LS Lowry and his links with West Cumbria and connections with local artists such as Percy Kelly. As part of the exhibit, which hosts a number of pieces loaned from the Lowry Museum in Manchester. They got to see priceless works of art by the famous artist, and also saw their own Lowry inspired art on display. You can view ITV Border's report on the exhibition showing some of the children's work on The Beacon's Facebook page. [Watch the video here.](#)



School Kitchen – A big congratulations to Mrs McIntyre and the kitchen team for achieving 5 stars in their environmental health inspection.

Athletics Team - Yesterday our school attended The Whitehaven Academy to take part in an inter-school athletics competition with other local schools. The team were encouraged to give their all and have fun in their events; to support their team mates with kindness; and show a respectful attitude towards sports leaders running the events. Mrs Brown had the pleasure of taking the team there to compete and said they were a credit to the school. They will be letting us know the results when they have added all the scores from the different events for the different schools.



Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures)
 Check out all of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics.
 Check out your child's [class page](#) here.



**Derwentwater
Shadow Puppetry**



**Buttermere
Melting Points**



**Derwentwater WW2
Beacon visit**



**Yr 3 & 4 Lakes College
Football Tournament**

ROBINWOOD A reminder that we will be hosting a parents and child drop in event on Monday 5th February at 3.20 p.m., in our school hall. During this meeting we will pass on key information on the types of activities we will experience; discuss the kit list and any other the items the children might need for the 3 days and share typical menus and arrangements around laundry, medication and bedding. We will have information for you to share with your children, so that they feel informed and prepared for what has always been a really fun trip. There will be an opportunity to speak to myself or other staff attending the trip afterwards, for those parents who need to ask questions or pass on key information. For those parents unable to attend we will send out the powerpoint afterwards and I'm happy to have a further meeting with any parents if necessary. If children/parents are keen to find out more in the meantime the [Barhaugh Hall](#) website is particularly useful.

INTERNET SAFETY

We have been sharing some helpful tips for staying safe online using various platforms – this week is Snapchat.

Click on the image for a full size poster.



WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ Tuesday—
 - ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collect from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
 - ◆ Mr Carruthers After-school Sports Club – Boys/Girls Alternate Weeks (collect from school @ 4.20 pm)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
 - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collect from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
 - ◆ STIX Percussion (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)
- ⇒ Thursday -
 - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day
- ⇒ Friday -
 - ◆ Church Singing Club (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Monday 5th February, 3.20pm – Robinwood meeting
- **Monday 12th – Friday 16th February- Half Term**
- from Monday 26th February - Book Fair– days and times TBC
- w/c 19th February – Swimming Windermere
- w/c 26th February - Swimming Ullswater
- w/c 18th March – Swimming Derwentwater
- 5th & 6th March Parents Evening
- Wednesday 28th February – Friday 1st March - Year 4 Residential
- Tuesday 4th June – Friday 7th June Year 6 Residential

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“Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105”