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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 - Ellis M

Ullswater - Aiden P & Lauren H

Derwentwater - Aysha E

Bassenthwaite - Liam H & Daniel P

Ennerdale - Jacob G

Buttermere - Logan R & Macey G



Attendance winners:

Classes Windermere & Bassenthwaite had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 99.37 %



Christian Value Award

Windermere- Kai S

Ullswater - Zayne M

Derwentwater - Jack B

Bassenthwaite - Harry B

Ennerdale - Sam G

Buttermere - Jenson H



Homework Hero's

Windermere - Jessica T

Ullswater - Theo M

Derwentwater - Millie W & Charlotte B

Bassenthwaite - Holly M

Ennerdale - Ella M

Buttermere - Tait R-E

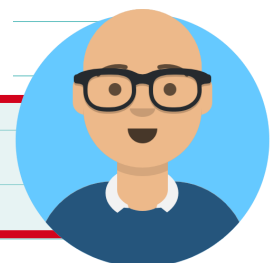


Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Noah L & Jamie F

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 winner, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



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





Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. As we approach the end of the week, I reflect on the many positives that have come to light this week with children becoming increasingly familiar with the routines of their new classes and (for some) their new school. It has been great seeing and hearing the students learning and playing together.

Each Friday we join together as a school to celebrate individual achievements. We have introduced 2 new certificate titles this term: Homework Hero and Christian Value Award, in addition to our 'Pupil of the Week' certificates. It was great celebrating the first week winners who teachers had recognised for many reasons including: mature behaviours and attitudes, sensible and thoughtful contributions in class and being really helpful around school without having to be asked. Our new Homework Heroes had committed lots of time to their weekly reading, spellings and tables as well as completing extra projects on new topics of Space and The Stone Age. Our Christian Value Award winners had shown characteristics in endurance, friendship and thankfulness. All winners can be seen on page 1 of our newsletter. A big well done to all involved.

As we approach our extended weekend I hope you all have time for resting and reflection on recent events, and look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday morning.



School Notices & Reminders—

State Funeral – A reminder that Monday is a national bank holiday to commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. School will reopen at 8:45am on Tuesday 20th September.



ATOM Prime—This week we have launched our new Atom Prime homework platform. Each week the children will complete a series of questions based on the work they have covered in English and Maths. Log in details are to be found on the inside of children's reading diaries. Looking forward to many children being put forward for next week's certificates.

Seesaw Family – The office have sent an email today offering you the chance to link up to class teacher through the Seesaw Family App. This is a useful way to see your child's homework and as a less formal way to communicate messages to your child's teacher, straight from your smart phone. Seesaw family app can be found on various app stores depending on your smartphone brand.



PE Kits – Its great to see children wearing the school PE kit on their chosen day. A reminder that PE kit should be worn by all students on PE days, but as the weather starts to turn cold, they are free to wear long tracksuit bottoms, leggings and hoodies to keep them warm—all in plain black or navy. **Please note tight cycling shorts, and jewellery (other than plain studded earrings) are not to be worn on PE days.** PE days are as follows **Windermere (Mrs L Pool) - Tuesday – Ullswater (Mrs Foye) Wednesday – Derwentwater (Mr Carruthers) Friday – Bassenthwaite (Mrs Pickering) Thursday – Ennerdale (Mr Tyson) Monday – Buttermere (Mrs A Pool) Monday**

Healthy morning snacks – A further reminder that fruit and breaded products are permitted for a morning snack. Chocolate, sweets, crisps or chocolate covered cereal bars are not permitted.

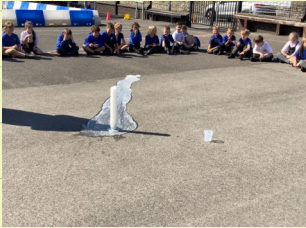
Introducing New Governors – Our Governing Body welcomed three new Governors to our leadership team this week. Pieter Wojcik (Co-opted Governor), Kerry Lunn (Associate Governor) & Latasha Pool (Staff Governor) now join our current team of volunteers. Our new Chair/Vice Chair are Jonathan Spencer and Sean Clarke respectively who have both worked with our team for a couple of years now and I am sure will continue to support the significant improvements we have seen in the school in recent years.

Judo Club—Our regular Judo Breakfast Club will return next Wednesday (21st). Janice will be looking forward to welcoming back children from years 4,5 & 6 who have been learning Judo in previous years and we also hope that some Years 3s will be joining the group. Check out the website for some galleries of the club including a video of the children '[shrimping](#)'!

If your child would like to attend Judo Club please email the office on admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk and for more information about Janice have a look at her [website](#).



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



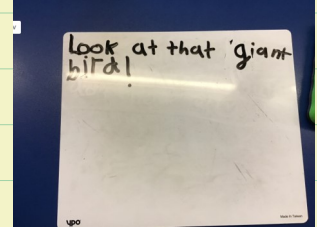
Buttermere exploring rock formations



Bassenthwaite PE



Windermere Space Pastel Art



Ennerdale Super Sentences

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.