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

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*Welcome to this*

### **PUPILS OF THE WEEK**

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

Windermere - Modana M, Joseph M,  
Madison C, Zaahira F, Naomi S &  
Charlotte J

Ullswater - Tilly S

Derwentwater - Raven B

Bassenthwaite - Sammie B, Paige J

and Raine P-Y

Ennerdale - Carson M

Buttermere - Clara C



### **Attendance winners:**

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

**Overall school attendance this week is: 95.77 %**



### **Christian Value Award**

Windermere- Lucas C-F

Ullswater - Kate H

Derwentwater- Jasmine T

Bassenthwaite - Tyler T

Ennerdale - India H & Aaron H

Buttermere - Jaxon S



### **Homework Heroes**

Windermere - William M

Ullswater - Zayne M

Derwentwater - Jasmine T & Oliver G

Bassenthwaite - Harry B &

Kieran H

Ennerdale - Halle W

Buttermere- Sophia Renesmee W

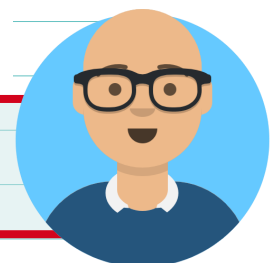


Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Seth F & Naomi S

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, Ella M, 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 the final Newsletter of this half-term. It is lovely to see the seasons turning and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break with family and friends.

This week we have seen classrooms getting creative with some lovely planned art activities for the children. Year 3 & 4 have been building up their skills to create some wonderful textures turning pages into 'rocky' backgrounds and just like stone age people of the past, have been creating their own paints from mixing wood, leaves, berries and spices. With this paint they have made marks on the rocky pages and created some wonderful Stone age artwork. Please check out the galleries to see this process. Alongside this, we have had children off site with WHYP to recreate a stone age day with archery (no animals were hunted in this activity!), making fires and cooking bread on the fire—thank you to WHYP once again for supporting our curriculum. We have planned a sunny day next half-term for Ennerdale class as they missed out due to the poor weather. In uppers the children have been making some wonderful textured collages. This has been used to create a futuristic galaxy print with sci-fi images added later. Again the galleries show some really creative pieces of work.

This week's Celebration Assembly captured efforts of the children during Art week but also with their efforts on our Autumn Assessments. You have clearly worked hard this week and consistently across the half-term so well done to all certificate winners this week.



### School Notices & Reminders—



**Spooky Disco** - Can I pass on my thanks to everyone for their collective efforts for our school disco, with a spook-tacular night had by all. Can I pass on my particular thanks to family volunteers who came in their droves to help serve hotdogs, juice, bundles of sweets and manage those children needing a break from the noise or to snap up a snap band or spooky tattoo. Thank you also to other parents who volunteered their time but numbers were not needed this time. The kids had a great time and was amazing to see 143 of our students attend on the night. Minus costs we made a profit of just over £300 which will be added to existing PTA funds to buy a further £700 of library books. Thank you all for your support of this.

**Awesome Me** – We have had some interest in the Awesome Me pilot lesson which is great. I have attached the flyer once again, so please let the office know if you would be interested working with your child on the 22nd November.

**Call for Books** – To further support our Library stocks, we would welcome any out-grown books that are still in reasonable condition. We are particularly trying to bolster our stocks for emergent/unconfident readers so please pass in any younger books or big picture books. Thank you. Also, I have been asked by Mrs Moore to ask parents particularly of Year 3 & 4 students to check home for any forgotten Read, Write Inc books that were taken home whilst at the infants and not returned. Discovered books can either be returned at our Infant School or alternatively drop into our school office and we can get them down to our Infant school for you. Thank you



**Volunteers for walkers** – If you can afford some time to help assist our Gymnastic Club down to Whitehaven Sports Centre, it would be greatly appreciated. The club starts at 3.30 every Tuesday so the group would be leaving school at approximately 3.15 p.m. The children will be collected by parents from the club so there is no expectation to stay with the children, we would just need some support in escorting them down to the centre safely. If you think you can help, please pass on details to the school office.

**Secondary School Applications**—Please can we remind parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for applications for pupils due to enter Year 7 in September 2023 is fast approaching and you need apply for a school place by Monday 31 October. The [school admissions application process and guidance can be found on the Cumbria County Council web-site](#)

**Parking** - Please see attached letter from David Macdonald, Copeland Neighbourhood Policing Team which we have been accessed to pass to parents.



**Poppies**—As we approach Remembrance Sunday we will be again selling the items provided by the British Legion to help with their fundraising. Poppies, zip tags and slap and silicone bands are all available and they are asking for donations of what ever can be afforded. Children can bring money into school and items will be being sold during morning break the first week back after half term.



A big thank you to all of the children who have given their time this half term to be **Lunchtime Helpers** and be part of our **Craze It Crew**. There are too many to name individually but they all help to make lunchtimes fun and organised. We have put some photos on the website showing how hard they work and they were rewarded today with a bit of extra play time and a little sweet treat.

**Information from Cumbria County Council—**

**Cost of living support—**Cumbria County Council website has new information on support with the cost of living. There is lots of advice and information on topics such as financial support (through the household support fund) and paying your bills and support with food, with more information being added all the time— [Cost of Living Support | Cumbria County Council](#)

**FamilyLine – Support for Families—**Family Action have launched a free helpline, a telephone befriending, coaching and counselling service for all family members over the age of 18 across England and Wales. This service is:

- Open Mon - Fri 9am to 9pm (helpline covered by text crisis line outside of these hours including weekends and bank holidays.)
- Free service available to all family members over the age of 18 across England and Wales\*

FamilyLine provides emotional support and guidance on all aspects of family issues— **0808 802 6666**

**Christian Value** – This half-term we have been exploring Friendship as our Christian Value. The children have joined in with Collective Worship in exploring what makes a good friend and reflecting on the learning from Bible Stories such as The Paralyse Man and The Story of David and Johnathan. This week we will be sending out some prompts for you to discuss and complete with your child about the value of friendship and how friendship enhances our lives. We would love to see what you have produced so please send back your work. This can be done in the frame provided or in any other creative way you can think of. Many thanks in advance.



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



Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection



Spook-tacular Disco



Lunchtime Helpers & Craze It Crew



Ullswater Space Day

Check out some of the other [galleries](#) (especially all the amazing artwork sessions and Space Day this week!) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics. Check out your child's [class page](#) here.

**Coming up at St James' -**

- ⇒ Week Commencing 1st November—Derwentwater Swimming Block
- ⇒ Wednesday 2nd November—Ennerdale Stone Age day at WHYP\*
- ⇒ Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th November—Parents Evening
- ⇒ Monday 14th November—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Week Commencing 5th December—Windermere Swimming Block
- ⇒ Thursday 15th December—Nativity Performance
- ⇒ Monday 19th December—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Tuesday 20th December—Christmas Service 12.15 p.m.

**Weekly Clubs & Activities**

- ⇒ Tuesday—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 at 4.45 p.m.) - **PLEASE NOTE NO ADVENTURE CLUB WEDNESDAY 2ND NOV**
- ⇒ Thursday—Mr Carruthers Tennis & Badminton Club (until 4.15 p.m.) - **N.B. Groups alternative every two weeks**
- ⇒ Friday—Zumba Club (until 4.15 p.m.)



\*WHYP Consent forms required