



Newsletter – 10th March 2023

Parental Engagement

We have had a jam-packed full week where it has been lovely to see so many parents in school. Thank you to all who attended our KS1 SATs meeting, Y3/4 Times Tables meetings and parent meetings. I hope you found these informative.

Emerald City (Y2) held their assembly yesterday, sharing their learning about their latest Science topic. They did a wonderful job - well done!

It was great to see so many parents attend our Stay and Play sessions this morning in Year 5. There was fierce competition as parents and children tried to build the strongest bridge.

Year 4

Eight year 4 girls played at Harraby 3G on Tuesday against a mixture of other school teams. They showed resilience and played well throughout the morning. Well done to everyone who took part, with a special mention to Meah for scoring.



Strike Action

You should have received a letter yesterday outlining what will happen on the proposed strike days next week (Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023). School will be closed for the majority of classes. School will be open for **Sunbeams class only**.

Packed lunches will be provided for any child who is in receipt of free school meals on the two days. These should be booked on the system beforehand and collected from school between 11.45 and 12.45 each day.

School Trips

Rainbows class visited Tullie House this week. This took part in an interesting workshop and then got time to visit the art galleries. Members of the public commented on the children's exemplary behaviour.

Shake it, Move it!

Some of our pupils took part in the 'Shake it, Move it' competition with Carlisle Dance Academy at Newcastle on Sunday 5th March. Both teams were amazing - well done!

Tinies team (under 7) - 1st place
Junior team (under 12) - 1st place



Year 4 Residential Meeting

There will be an information evening for Year 4 parents whose children are going on the York Residential.

During this evening staff will go through some useful information about the trip, including what children will need to bring. This will also be an opportunity to ask any questions.

This will be on 14th March at 5pm in the Activity Room.

Dogs on School Premises

We would like to remind parents that dogs/ puppies are not permitted on the school premises.

This is a health and safety issue.

Holiday Activities

Cumbria County Council are offering an exciting programme of fun activities for the Easter holidays.

To see what opportunities are available this Easter and how to book, please [click here](#).

Breakfast and After School Club

We have an amazing Breakfast and After School Club which runs daily during term time.

Breakfast club is open from 7.50am and is priced at £3 per child per day. Each child will be given some healthy breakfast ready for the day ahead.

After School Club is open until 6pm and is priced at £6 per child per day. Every child will be given a small snack followed by a fun activity.

Places can be booked via ScoPay, however please note that these are limited. If you would like some more information, please contact the school office.



Red Nose Day

Comic Relief Day is on Friday 17th March. Children may wear an item of red clothing and we ask for a £1 donation.



Cost of Living - Support for Families

Cumbria County Council has committed to 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the Councils 'Ways to Welfare' website.

[https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default .asp](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp)

Packed Lunches

It is great to see so many children coming to school with a really healthy packed lunch. If you are sending your child to school with grapes, for safety reasons, we ask that these are cut in half.

Donations Wanted

Could you help Breakfast and After School Club? They are desperately needing:

- Dolls and/or accessories
- Small cars
- Games
- Jigsaws

or anything else suitable for the children to use during these clubs. Items should be in good condition and intact.

Any donations can be left at the school office and are very much appreciated.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking. We have seen several cases where parents are parking on the zigzags outside of school and have also had reports of people parking dangerously on corners. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Careers Fair

We will be holding a careers fair for our Year 6 pupils in June. Do you have an exciting career that you would be willing to share with our pupils?

If not, do you know someone who you feel would be excellent at speaking to groups of children at our careers fair? If so, please contact our school on 01228 815460.

PE Reminder

A reminder that hair must be tied back and jewellery removed (including earrings) for all PE lessons. If your child is unable to remove and insert their own stud earrings, we suggest that these stay at home on PE days. We thank you for your support with this.



Birthdays



Happy birthday to all who have had a birthday this week. We hope you had a lovely day!

Layton, Abigail, Archie, Nathan, Sevda

Well done to our winners this week!

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Sunbeams	Ismail	Hallie
Rainbows	Thomas	Logan
Neverland (Y1)	Kayden	Grace
Emerald City (Y2)	Lola	Oliver
Camelot (Y2)	Dylan	Darielle
Fantasia (Y3)	Alfie	Callum
Gondor (Y3)	Rebecca	Jack
Atlantis (Y4)	Maiya	Hayden
Te-fiti (Y4)	Sophie	Blake
Cosmos (Y5)	Marcella	Anna
Eternia (Y5)	Drew	Joseph
Gotham City (Y6)	Imogen	Olly
Hogwarts (Y6)	Laython	Isabelle

Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 97%

The overall attendance for this week is – 91.53%

This week's class attendance winners are – Camelot with 97.08%

Please remember if your child is unwell, please call the office as soon as possible and leave a voicemail on our absence line.

A reminder that school starts at 8.45am. We expect all children to be in class ready to learn at this time.

Diary Dates

14 th March	Y2 Camelot assembly in the school hall at 2.30pm Y4 information meeting re. Y4 residential trip to York at 5pm
15 th March	Proposed strike day
16 th March	Proposed strike day
17 th March	Red Nose Day
22 nd March	Y5 trip to Beamish
23 rd March	Year 1 Stay and Read in the School Hall – 2.40pm
24 th March	Year 6 Stay and Play (Both Classes) - 2.30pm
27 th March	Y5 Cycle Wise sessions begin for the week Scholastic Book Fair – further details to follow
29 th March	Y3 Stay & Play session at 9am for parents Easter discos
31 st March	EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnets competition, KS2 Easter Egg competition Children finish for Easter break (normal finishing time)
17 th April	Start of summer term Y4 Residential to York
25 th April	Y4 Stay & Play session 9am for parents
27 th April	Y6 information meeting re. Y6 residential to Edinburgh – 5pm
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday
9 th May	Y6 start SATs Week
24 th May	Y3 year group assembly for parents Y5 Stay & Read session for parents
26 th May	Children finish for half-term
5 th June	Children return to school Y6 Residential to Edinburgh
7 th June	Y5 year group assembly for parents 2.30pm start
9 th June	Y3 residential to Kingswood
12 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week (Y1 & Y2)
14 th June	Y4 year group assembly in the hall for parents
23 rd June	Class Photo Day
26 th June	Sports Week
3 rd July	Y5 Residential to Coniston
10 th July	Sports Day EYFS & KS1 - Morning Sports Day Y3 & 4 – Afternoon
11 th July	Sports Day Y5 & 6 - Morning
12 th July	Back-up Sports Day for EYFS, KS1, Y3 & Y4
13 th July	Back-up Sports Day for Y5 & 6
18 th July	Year 6 End of Year Performance at 2pm for Parents Year 6 Festival 4.30 – 6pm
19 th July	End of academic year (normal finishing time)