



...inspired by Cumbria, ready for the world...

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reflect on the past week at Cumwhinton School, we are delighted to share the vibrant happenings that have taken place and provide a glimpse into the exciting week that lies ahead.

Nathan Naylor Football Coaching Club:

Our Key Stage 2 students have kicked off the week with energy and enthusiasm as the Nathan Naylor Football Coaching lunchtime extra-curricular club began. It's heartwarming to witness the children engaging in physical activity and building camaraderie on the field.

Scholastic Book Fair Success:

I am pleased to inform you of the resounding success of the Scholastic Book Fair held every afternoon after school this week. This literary event, made possible by the unwavering support and dedicated efforts of Mrs. Moxon (English Lead) and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), proved to be an enriching experience for our pupils. The carefully curated selection of books ignited a passion for reading among the children, fostering a positive and vibrant atmosphere within our school community. Mrs. Moxon's leadership and the invaluable contributions of the PTA ensured the seamless organisation of this event, providing our pupils with access to a diverse range of literature. We extend our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Moxon and the PTA for their commitment to promoting literacy and cultivating a love for learning. Their tireless work has significantly contributed to the educational enrichment of our students, and we look forward to future collaborative efforts that continue to enhance our school's academic and cultural landscape.

Key Stage 1 Arts and Crafts Club:

Creativity has been at its peak as the Key Stage 1 Arts and Crafts extra-curricular club commenced this week. Our young artists have been busy crafting Christmas decorations and creating vibrant firework paintings.

Year 6 Cultural Capital Trip to Rose Castle:

Our Year 6 pupils embarked on a highly educational and inspiring trip to Rose Castle today. The visit provided an exceptional opportunity for the children to delve into the rich history of the residence of the Bishop of Carlisle spanning over a remarkable 700 years. This immersive experience allowed our

pupils to gain profound insights into Cumbria's historical and cultural heritage. The learnings from today's excursion will undoubtedly contribute to their academic growth and understanding of our local heritage.

Remembrance Service:

In a poignant display of civic engagement and historical reverence, four Year 5 pupils from our school participated in the Carlisle Remembrance service held in the heart of the city centre this morning, joining pupils from various schools across Carlisle. Under the attentive guidance of Mr. Davis, our pupils actively engaged in the solemn act of laying a wreath to honour the sacrifices of those who served. Accompanied by Mr. Davis, the students were delighted with a warming cup of hot chocolate, adorned with marshmallows and cream, courtesy of Costa after the service.

School Choir Rehearsals and Concert Announcement:

The harmonious melodies of anticipation filled the air this week as our school's choir fervently continue their rehearsals in preparation for an upcoming lunchtime concert at the illustrious Carlisle Cathedral. Under the dedicated guidance of our music director, Ed Taylor, the choir members have been diligently fine-tuning their voices and refining their harmonies, demonstrating a commitment to musical excellence and a passion for artistic expression. As they laboriously perfect each note and refine their performance, the students exhibit not only musical talent but also the discipline and teamwork inherent in choral endeavours. The forthcoming concert promises to be a showcase of the choir's dedication and the school's commitment to fostering a vibrant cultural and artistic community. Further details regarding this musical extravaganza will be eagerly awaited and undoubtedly enhance the anticipation surrounding this much-anticipated event.

Poppy Appeal Support:

I am delighted to share with you the commendable efforts of our Year 6 students and Miss Astell in supporting the Poppy Appeal. Over the past week, these dedicated individuals have been actively engaged in selling poppies to honour and remember those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. The funds raised through the sale of poppies will go towards supporting veterans and their families. I commend the pupils for their commitment to this meaningful cause and extend my gratitude to Miss Astell for guiding and inspiring them in this act of remembrance. This initiative not only instils a sense of responsibility and empathy in our pupils but also reinforces the values of gratitude and respect within our school community.

Upcoming Events to Look Forward to:

- **Carlisle Athletics Event:** Next week, we are proud to have pupils from Years 5 and 6 representing the school at a Carlisle Athletics event.
- **Year 3 Swimming Lessons:** Starting Monday November 13th, Year 3 will dive into a two-week intensive swimming program.
- **Anne Frank Trust Visit:** On Tuesday November 14th, and Wednesday November 15th, the Anne Frank Trust will work with 20 pupils from Years 5 and 6, exploring history for today.
- **Multi-Cultural Cumbria Visit:** We are pleased to inform you that on Wednesday 15th November, our Year 4 pupils will have the unique opportunity to engage with Multi-Cultural Cumbria, accompanied by two esteemed visitors from Iran. This visit aims to enrich our pupils' understanding of global perspectives, fostering cultural awareness and appreciation. The session will provide a first-hand glimpse into Iranian cultures and life, aligning with our commitment to broadening the horizons of our pupils (Inspired by Cumbria...Ready for the world). We anticipate that this cultural exchange will be both enlightening and educational,

contributing to the diversity of experiences offered at Cumwhinton School as we strive to create an inclusive and globally minded learning environment.

- **Reception Stay and Play:** We invite our Reception parents to join us on Thursday November 16th, at 2:30 pm, for our school's Reception Stay and Play event.
- **Visit from Reverend Cannon Michael:** Reverend Cannon Michael from Carlisle Cathedral will lead our whole school worship on Thursday November 16th.

Weekly Homework Commencement:

I am excited to announce that weekly homework has begun across all Key Stage 1- and 2-year groups this week. Pupils will receive one piece of handwriting/spelling homework and one piece of curriculum subject homework every Tuesday, to be completed and returned the following Monday.

I would like to extend my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we are creating a rich and engaging educational experience for our pupils.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and looking forward to another week filled with learning and celebration!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "S".

Mr Stewart
Headteacher