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“Inspired by Cumbria, Ready for the World”

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Hey Cumwhinton School community!

Hope this message finds you all in high spirits and ready for another exciting week ahead! As we dive into the latest edition of our weekly newsletter, I want to extend a warm welcome to all parents and carers. Your ongoing support and involvement in our school community make all the difference, and I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to share some highlights, updates, and upcoming events with you. So grab a cuppa, settle in, and let's catch up on all the fantastic things happening at Cumwhinton School!

Poster competition

I am pleased to inform you that at the commencement of this week, Cumwhinton School had the pleasure of hosting a visit from the marketing team of Cubby Construction. This visit marked the launch of an exciting collaboration between Cubby Construction and Architect Plus, aimed at engaging our pupils in a poster competition. The competition is designed to foster creativity and inspire our pupils to explore the world of architecture and construction. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in such an enriching initiative, and we look forward to witnessing the creative talents of our children as they take part in this competition. Details regarding the competition were communicated with everyone last week, and we encourage all pupils to participate and showcase their artistic abilities.

School choir and Music Festival

With melodies soaring and harmonies blending, our school choir is eagerly preparing for their upcoming performance at the Carlisle and District Music Festival! The anticipation is palpable as they gather for one final rehearsal before taking the stage at St Cuthbert's Church this Thursday at 2pm. Their voices, honed through countless hours of practice and dedication, will resonate through the hallowed halls of the church, captivating all who are fortunate enough to attend. Please note that there is a £2 admission charge for audience members attending the festival, a small price to pay for the joyous experience that awaits. If your child is part of the school choir and has not yet confirmed their attendance at the festival, kindly email the school office at your earliest convenience. We anticipate returning to school by 3.30pm, but if you would like to collect your child directly from the church after the festival, please inform the office by emailing admin@cumwhinton.cumbria.sch.uk. Let us come together to support our talented choir as they share their passion for music with the community!

Natural England

Last week, Cumwhinton School had the privilege of hosting Sue Woodland from Natural England, who engaged our Key Stage 2 pupils in an enlightening discussion about habitats. Sue's expertise provided valuable insights into the intricate ecosystems that surround us, emphasising the importance of biodiversity and conservation efforts. Through interactive activities and thought-provoking discussions, our pupils gained a deeper understanding of the delicate balance within various habitats and the vital role they play in sustaining life on our planet.



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Furthermore, Sue generously shared educational resources from Tullie House Museum, enriching our pupils' learning experiences beyond the classroom. This collaboration not only expanded our pupils' scientific knowledge but also inspired them to become stewards of the environment. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sue Woodland and Natural England for their invaluable contributions to our pupils' educational journey.

World Book Day 2024

World Book Day 2024 at Cumwhinton School was a whirlwind of literary magic and imagination! From the moment children stepped through the doors adorned in their favourite book character costumes, the air was charged with excitement. Throughout the day, our classrooms transformed into portals to fantastical realms as teachers led engaging activities centred around beloved literary works. From interactive storytelling sessions to character role-playing workshops, every corner of the school pulsed with the energy of creativity and exploration. We owe a debt of gratitude to our school's English Lead, Mrs. Moxon, whose meticulous planning, and unwavering dedication brought this day to life. Her passion for literature ignited a flame within our pupils, fostering a love for reading and storytelling that will undoubtedly endure beyond the confines of World Book Day. As the sun set on this remarkable day, we bid farewell to the characters that graced our halls, but the memories and inspiration they sparked will continue to fuel our literary adventures for years to come.

Building update

I am pleased to provide an update on the new build project underway at Cumwhinton School, which will provide our Key Stage 2 pupils with a brand-new classroom and toilets. Last week, I had the opportunity to meet with the builders, architects, and engineers involved in this exciting endeavour. I am pleased to report that the project is progressing according to schedule, and we are on track to deliver these much-needed facilities for our pupils. Throughout the construction process, I will continue to share pictures and updates on our school's Facebook page, allowing our school community to follow along with the progress over the coming weeks and months. We are thrilled about the positive impact this new build will have on our school and look forward to seeing the project come to fruition.

NISCU puppets

Last week, our Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils were treated to a mesmerising performance by the puppets from NISCU, who brought the Easter story to life in a truly captivating manner. With their colourful characters and enchanting storytelling, the puppets transported our young audience on a journey through the heartwarming tale of hope, redemption, and new beginnings. As the puppets danced across the stage, weaving together the narrative of sacrifice and triumph, our children were spellbound, their imaginations ignited by the magic unfolding before them. Through this artistic and creative rendition of the Easter story, the puppets from NISCU not only entertained but also imparted valuable lessons of faith, resilience, and the enduring power of love. It was a performance that will linger in the memories of our children, inspiring them to embrace the spirit of Easter and its timeless message of renewal.

School bell at 8.45am

There will be a small change to our before-school routine, effective starting from tomorrow. Instead of using a whistle to signal the start of the school day and the need for children to line up, we will be using a bell ring. This change aims to provide a clearer and more audible signal for our pupils, ensuring a smoother transition into the school day. We believe that this adjustment will enhance the overall efficiency of our morning routine while maintaining a positive and organised environment for our pupils. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implement this change.

Yours sincerely,



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