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“Inspired by Cumbria, Ready for the World”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Greetings from Cumwhinton School! As we come to the end of another week filled with learning, growth, and joy, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you. I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. I must begin this week's newsletter with a sincere apology for the absence of our weekly update last week. Unfortunately, I fell ill with a bug that seems to be making its rounds, but I'm delighted to be back on my feet and ready to reconnect with our wonderful school community. So, let's dive into this week's newsletter with enthusiasm and positivity, embracing the adventures and opportunities that our pupils have been taking part in the past 2 weeks.

Carlisle and District Musical Festival

We are thrilled to share the resounding success of our talented pupils at last week's Carlisle and District Musical Festival, held at St. Cuthbert's Church. Our school choir, under the direction of the incredibly skilled Ed Taylor, showcased the true essence of music with their captivating performances of "The Pirate Song" and "Defying Gravity." Their harmonious voices filled the air with joy, leaving a lasting impression on all who were fortunate enough to witness their brilliance. The choir's unwavering dedication and infectious enthusiasm truly exemplified the spirit of musical excellence.

In addition to our outstanding choir, we are overjoyed to celebrate the exceptional achievements of two of our Year 6 pupils, Florence and Bethany, who showcased their remarkable talents in solo performances. Florence's enchanting solo voice performance and Bethany's mesmerising cello solo captivated the audience, earning them both the prestigious accolade of Distinction. Their outstanding achievements are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for music. We couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments and commend them for representing our school with such grace and distinction. Congratulations, Florence and Bethany, on your well-deserved success!

British Science Week

Last week, our school embarked on an exhilarating journey through the realms of science, igniting curiosity and fostering a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the universe during British Science Week. Across all classes and throughout the entirety of our school, children were immersed in a myriad of scientific explorations and discoveries. A special thank you is extended to Dr. Gemma Warren and Nicola Nichol, two remarkable mums of children in our school, who generously shared their time and expertise to illuminate the fascinating intricacies of their professions, providing invaluable insights into the scientific endeavours that shape our world. Their dedication and passion undoubtedly inspired our pupils to dream big and pursue their own scientific aspirations. Furthermore, we express our deepest gratitude to our amazing Science Lead, Miss Johnstone, whose unwavering commitment and meticulous organisation ensured the seamless execution of Science Week.



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As we reflect on the enriching experiences of the past week, let us continue to embrace the spirit of inquiry and innovation, embodying the ethos of British Science Week throughout our school and community.

Year 5 Bright Stars

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 5 class is embarking on an exciting journey with Bright Star Young Enterprise, led by the passionate and knowledgeable Nicky Williams from Oak Tree Animal Refuge. Last week, Nicky visited our Year 5 class to introduce them to this innovative initiative, and this week marks the beginning of their participation in the program. Through Bright Star Young Enterprise, our pupils will have the opportunity to delve into the world of entrepreneurship, learning valuable skills in business and leadership while making a positive impact on our community. Nicky's expertise and dedication will undoubtedly inspire our young minds as they explore various aspects of running a business and develop creative solutions to real-world challenges. We look forward to witnessing the growth and success of our Year 5 class as they embark on this enriching journey with Bright Star Young Enterprise and Oak Tree Animal Refuge.

Year 6 and Rose Castle

We're delighted to share the exciting news that six of our talented Year 6 pupils had the extraordinary opportunity to participate in a unique work experience program facilitated by the Lake District Hospitality Association. This week, these budding chefs embarked on a culinary adventure at Rose Castle, where they were warmly welcomed by Executive Chef Noel. Under his expert guidance, our pupils had the privilege of stepping into the bustling kitchen to hone their culinary skills and craft delicious white chocolate cookies. This hands-on experience not only provided invaluable insight into the world of hospitality but also allowed our pupils to unleash their creativity and passion for cooking. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Lake District Hospitality Association for providing this enriching opportunity and to Noel for his mentorship and dedication to nurturing the talents of our young chefs. This unforgettable experience is sure to leave a lasting impression on our Year 6 children as they continue to pursue their culinary aspirations.

Easter Service

We're thrilled to announce that our school's Easter church services are fast approaching, taking place next Monday and Tuesday, both starting promptly at 10 am and lasting for 45 minutes. These special services promise to be memorable occasions filled with reflection, joy, and celebration of Easter. Our pupils will take centre stage, reading poignant extracts from the Bible, while we'll unite in song with uplifting Easter hymns and songs. Additionally, each class will showcase their talents with unique performances, adding to the spirit of unity and community. We warmly invite all parents, guardians, and members of our school community to join us in commemorating this significant time of year and sharing in the joy of Easter together.

Easter holidays

We'd like to inform all parents and carers that school will be finishing at the normal time on Thursday 28th March. We'll be taking a well-deserved break and returning for the start of the Summer term on Tuesday 16th April.

Warm regards,



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