



NEWSLETTER

And just like that, it's the end of the first half-term! We've had lots of fun with our extra-curricular activities and getting into our learning. In this newsletter, I have included some of these as well as some important dates and things to look forward to.

Year 5 & 6 Artist Workshop

Year 5 and 6 welcomed artist Hannah Maia into their class. She brought in a sample of sphagnum moss and used this to explain the conservation work that is needed to protect peatlands. When they added water, they discovered it can expand to 10x its size. They learnt about how moss was used in history such as in WW1 they used it as bandages when they ran out and as a fridge to store food. After learning about the layers of peatlands, they used collage to create their own layered pieces inspired by the blanket bog of Skiddaw.



Display at Greywalls Studio

You may have noticed the eye-catching art displayed in Greywalls Studio. The large piece is made up of printing and sewing that Reception and KS1 did in



the summer term as part of our KWoA project. The children walked down to see their work proudly displayed. It was inspired by Lindale's roads and we would be very interested in hearing from anyone who remembers when the Lindale bypass was built in the 1970s. The children would really enjoy your stories about what Lindale was like before the bypass, if building the bypass changed day to day life etc. Please email the school office with any information.

DT and Pumpkins!

I loved seeing this activity in school. The EYFS children hammered golf tees into pumpkins – genius!



Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of our families, governors and clergy who attended our Harvest Festival. Thank you for your donations to the foodbank which were greatly appreciated. We received a message from the foodbank that the food collected would provide 130 meals. We raised £19.20 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal with your silver coins.

Parents/Carers' Evening

Parents/Carers' evening is Tuesday 3rd November. Booking sheets are now available in the entrance.

Let your light shine

Remembrance

We will be going to the memorial on Wednesday 11th November at an earlier time of approximately 9:10am. This is due to swimming being on the same day. All families are welcome to join us at the memorial.

Role & Play Mini City

Our next preschool role play session is on Monday 9th November 9 – 11am. Please spread the word to friends and family with preschool age children.

Pick up Time

In the morning, we facilitate a drop-off system for cars. Unfortunately, this is not feasible at pick up time as it causes a build-up of traffic. We ask that parents/carers park and walk to the playground to pick up their child. Please do not park on the zigzags.

Inspiring Social Action

“Social action is about people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities. It can include volunteering, giving money, community action or simple neighbourly acts.” We have had some great examples of social action shared in school and our display is growing! Some examples of this are a community allotment day and walks for charity. It was lovely to hear about one of our pupils requesting to do a litter pick with his family as he had been inspired by school. If your child takes part in anything over half-term, please let us know.

Please see the table below for a list of dates.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and we'll look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November.

Kind regards,

Mrs Curwen

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Dates

Friday 23 rd October	School breaks up for half-term
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents/Carers' Evening
Wednesday 4 th November	Swimming starts for 5 weeks (you will receive a letter with details)
Monday 9 th November	CPS Science session
Monday 9 th November	Role & Play Mini City preschool session
Wednesday 11 th November	Swimming
Thursday 12 th November	Book Bus visit
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
Monday 16 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Wednesday 18 th November	Swimming
Wednesday 25 th November	Swimming
Wednesday 2 nd December	Swimming
Thursday 3 rd December	Role & Play Mini City preschool session
Monday 7 th December	School play dress rehearsal
Wednesday 9 th December	School play afternoon performance
Thursday 10 th December	School play evening performance
Monday 14 th December	Making Christingles in school
Tuesday 15 th December	9am Christingle Service – all welcome
Thursday 17 th December	R-Y6 trip to Lancaster Grand Theatre to see Red Riding Hood
Friday 18 th December	School closes at 2pm for the Christmas holidays – no Fun Club

NB. Nativity, parties, Christmas dinner TBC