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### **Headteacher's Headlines**

We have a lot to celebrate at the end of our penultimate week of the Spring Term at Newtown. Well done to our Year 5 pupils from Crummock Class who successfully completed their intensive swimming course at The Sands Centre — feedback from the swimming coaches about pupils' resilience and perseverance was incredibly positive.



Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended our Spring Parents' Evening in the sports hall. It was fantastic to see so many of you in school. If you were unable to attend this session and would like to speak to your child's class teacher about how your child is getting on in school, then please get in touch with our school office.

Our Fri-Yay celebration saw all of our pupils come together in the sports hall for an unusual 'art challenge'. Using their hands and feet as inspiration, they worked together to create large pieces of 'graffiti' artwork, which we hope to use to decorate our newly-painted small hall.

Reading across school remains a key priority for us. We are delighted to have received additional funding from The Orgill Hub which will enable us to buy some new reading books for our class libraries.

#### Headteacher's Heroes

This week, our Headteacher's hero reward was awarded to Coniston, Crummock and Loweswater classes for earning the greatest number of house points. Congratulations- enjoy your extra playtime.

#### **Attendance Stars**

This week our attendance rose above our target of 96%. This week's attendance is 97.1%.

Our winning class for attendance is Year 3 Windermere Class with 99.1%.

Please remember to report absences to the school office with a phone call each day of absence.

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 15**<sup>th</sup> **April** – INSET Day (no children in school)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Return to school

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Class Photos

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – School Closed

13<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week Year 6

## **Class Updates!**



## **Buttermere Class – Reception**

Buttermere have been out in our local area this afternoon for an very important reason! We went to the traffic lights on Newtown Road to learn about road safety. We pressed the button and waited for the green man so we walk across to the other side in a safe way





#### Coniston Class - Year 1 and 2

at Carlisle Castle! A great tour, with our guide Emma, this morning. Then an afternoon spent exploring the rest of the castle. Lots of fun had by all, exciting learning and some memorable moments!





## Windermere Class - Year 3

Year 3 had a fabulous time during their Egyptian Workshop. Tully house brought lots of exciting activities and artefacts for us to explore. The children got to dig for artefacts and crack codes to open boxes. They got dressed up in Egyptian clothes and jewellery and mummified a body. At the end of the session they all took part in the burial ceremony to support the king to travel to the underworld.



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#### **Derwent Class - Year 4**

This week in Derwent, we have finished writing our poems about nature and animals using similes and metaphors. We have been getting really creative and have really impressed the adults in our class with our ideas. As you can see from the pictures we are extremely proud of our work.





#### Crummock Class - Year 5

On the way to swimming this week, Crummock sent off their amazing letters that they wrote to Sir David Attenborough. After our visit to Engine Lonning, the children were shocked and disgusted by the amount of litter they seen and decided to take action. Therefore, they all wrote amazing letters to David Attenborough encouraging people to stop littering and how to make our planet a better place for everyone! Hopefully we may get a reply from Sir David Attenborough!





**Loweswater Class – Year 5** 

Loweswater went on an animal hunt in French this week. Searching the classroom and matching the French names to the animals.



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## Ennerdale Class - Year 6

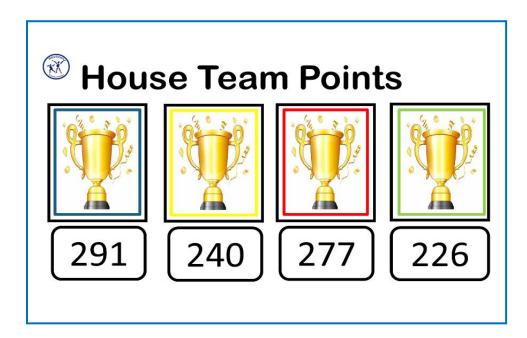
This week, year 6 have worked incredibly hard to write, edit and redraft their adventure stories. They are all very proud of their work and some pupils even chose to type them up! They have also been revising lots of grammar and spelling on Rollama.





# **House Points Winners of the Week**

Congratulations to the Blue Team



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see below an email we have received from Carlisle Police to make parents aware.

If you have any concerns please either contact school or 101.

We have recently received information from Northumbria police of a WhatsApp group called 'everyone you know x' which is going around North Tyneside aimed at year 6 students. There are currently 500 members. This group encourages members to self-harm.

We have been told schools in Northumbria have been sending out letters to parents to be alerted to this. There has also been an update that there are 3 girls in hospital who have taken overdose, 2 are from Gateshead and 1 is from Northumberland therefore the concern is wider than North Tyneside.

This information has been given to police by medical staff in one of the Northumbria Hospitals. The girls have disclosed that there is a social media trend whereby young people are being encouraged to take overdoses on a point scoring system. e.g., if admitted to hospital, if needing N-acetyl cysteine - NAC (a drug used to combat Paracetamol overdoses), if a liver specialist has been contacted.

The hospital is yet to assess them and will explore this further during assessment where they will complete an incident report.

Currently there are no reports of incidents of this type have occurred in Cumbria that we are aware of. However, due to the nature of social media we have been encouraged to pass this information on to all schools to make them aware and pre-empt any potentially dangerous behaviour.

If you do hear of this WhatsApp Group being mentioned by students or have any concerns regarding certain students self-harming for a trend, please can you make police aware on 101 or 999. This is highly dangerous behaviour and could have major consequences to the individuals, family, friends, and the wider community.

