

Sandside Lodge School Newsletter Spring 2016



HAPPY EASTER



Motorcycle Club Lay Eggs!

Ulverston and District Motorcycle Club donated a lot of Easter eggs. This is the Abbots Wood Group receiving their eggs from Bob Gerry. There was an egg and more for every student. Thanks Bikers! The motorcycle group also raised £630 that has been donated to the school fund.

Inside: Stories of Piracy on Windermere, exhaustion in Dubai, recumbent bicycles, fun at the YMCA and some important dates for your diary.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2016

Term Starts:	Monday 11th April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 5th May
Half term Holiday:	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
RDA Away Day:	Wednesday 8th June
Hoad Sponsored Walk:	Monday 20th June
Film Night:	Wednesday 6th July
Sandfest:	Friday 15th July
Term Ends:	Thursday 21st July

100 Club



This terms winners include are: listed below. They include Benjamin King and Linda Wood. Linda managed to win both first and third prizes. How lucky can you get?

Week ending date:	1st prize Number/name:	2nd prize Number/name:	3rd prize Number/name:
08.01.2016	26 – Rebecca Atkinson	22 – Mrs Gaskin	68 – Margaret Riley
15.01.2016	43 – Mrs Kelly	78 – Mrs Spibey	128 – John Williams
22.01.2016	2 – Mrs Smith	1 – Ann and Louise	22 – Mrs Gaskin
29.01.2016	23 – Joy Callison	63 – Linda Wood	42 – Louise Storey
05.02.2016	2 – Mrs Smith	121 – Karen Brackwell	32 – Mrs Todd
12.02.2016	44 – Mrs Kelly	32 – Mrs Todd	13 – Sharon Wall
26.02.2016	1 – Ann and Louise	2 – Mrs Smith	12 – Yvonne
04.03.2016	121 – Karen Brackwell	102 – Carolyn Crowe	111 – Heather Wilkins
11.03.2016	60 – Linda Wood	123 – C Livesey	107 – S Kelly
18.03.2016	86 – Marion Rigg	54 – Pam Segger	53 – Mrs Woodward
24.03.2016	63 – Linda Wood	118 – M King	60 – Linda Wood

If you would like to join the 100 club then please contact Pam Dymond. At the school.

Tour De Furness

By Sheila Mitton

Keira received 2nd prize and Harrison received 3rd prize for raising money when they did The Tour De Furness in September. They each received a trophy and a cash prize, which they kindly donated to Sandside.



Canoeing Club

By Sheila Mitton

Canoeing club starts again after Easter, 4pm to 6pm on a Tuesday evening, with Duddon Canoe Club at Barrow Docks. This is open to families and carers too, please let us know if you are interested.



Easter Workshops

On Friday 18th March and Monday 21st March, Gummings How and Abbots Wood invited their Mums,' Dads' and Grandparents to join them in making Easter craft activities. The children enjoyed preparing their classroom for the event and then cutting, sticking and painting with their relatives to make Easter gifts and decorations. They then got to offer them a drink and some Easter cakes or mini eggs which were made by the children earlier in the week.



Chelsea Peacock

23/2/16

The YMCA

On Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th February 2016, 21 students and a few staff went on a journey to the YMCA for 3 days.

Day 1

We all got our suitcases on the bus and the back of Mark's car and then at 10:30 we set off for the YMCA. When we got there we took all our suitcases to our lodges, by the time we sorted ourselves out it was lunchtime. After lunch we went to get our boots and waterproofs sorted then it was our first activity, I did Blue Tubes which I really enjoyed. That night I did a night line which was really fun.

Day 2

After we all got up and changed, we all went down for breakfast which was really yummy, then we all went back to our lodges to get our boots and waterproofs on, the first activities I did was a group canoe and search and rescue which were both fun but the canoeing was the best, lunch was really delicious. After that I did climbing which was fun but climbing up the wall was really hard. After tea it was a lovely campfire with some singing from people like Henry, Joe and Katrina. Then we all went back to the lodges to have a bit of toast and go to bed.

Day 3

After breakfast we did our last activity which was either the zip line or an earth walk, I did the earth walk it was really lovely, we also had a mini campfire. After we all had our lunch we packed all our things into our suitcases, took them down to the car park to either put them on the back of the bus or the back of Mark's car. At about 2pm we got on the bus to come back to school.

I really enjoyed it and I hope to go back there really soon



Sixth Form Residential Visit to the YMCA Lakeside

The three day residential to the YMCA was once again very successful with all the pupils taking part in a range of activities. These were coupled to the three challenges we had set ourselves in the ASDAN Residential and Adventure short course.

In order to find out about mountain rescue we carried out a search and rescue exercise which tested map reading and teamwork. We were able to compare the YMCA to where we live by exploring the grounds and lake by both day and night. Many teamwork activities were completed such as climbing, canoeing and ropes courses which built trust, support and leadership.



New Bikes and Trikes

The friends of Fred Whitton kindly bought us some new bikes and trikes.

Bike club are now busy planning Summer Adventures. If anyone would like to join us, we meet after school on Thursdays. Please see Sheila Mitton.



Piracy on Windermere!



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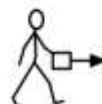


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Rights Respecting School Award update
spring term 2016.

This term we have held three assemblies for the whole school focusing on universal children's rights, a charity day for Unicef 'Day for Change' and I presented our work at a Global Learning Programme Partnership Network meeting in February.

The GLP network is led by Dowdales School and includes a number of local primary schools as well as Sandside Lodge School. One or two slide from the presentation accompany this article, so you can see for yourself our work.

One of assemblies focused on messages about friendships in school and beyond. This included messages about behaviour which may be upsetting to others. The second assembly reminded our pupils and staff about the important work of Unicef in preparation for our fund raising at the 'Day for Change' events, and the third shared our work on this day.

The Day for Change helped our pupils understand the meaning of the word change, why change is needed to make life better for some children around the world, and what we can do to help children who do not have access to such as clean water, food, health care, etc. We made metre strips of small coins (change in your pockets), baked cakes and made things to sell as well as organising a tombola and a raffle for the afternoon tea. We have been able to donate in just over £75 to Unicef. A huge thank you to all who supported us with donations, the small coins from your pockets and were able to join us for our afternoon tea.

Susan Gill



 A slide about UNICEF. It features the UNICEF logo (a globe with a mother and child) and the text:

UNICEF
 Founded 1946 as the :
 "United Nations Children's Emergency Fund"
 Now "United Nations Children's Fund"
 3 functions:
 1. Fund-raising
 2. Advocacy
 3. Baby friendly programme / RRSA

 There is also a small image of hands raised in a gesture of support or participation.

 A slide defining a child and listing key provisions. It includes the text:

A 'child' is defined as every human being below the age of 18.

 Next to this text is a small photograph of a young girl. Below the definition, it says:

The key provisions are:

- The **right to a childhood** (including protection from harm)
- The **right to be educated** (including all girls and boys completing primary school)
- The **right to be healthy** (including having clean water, nutritious food and medical care)
- The **right to be treated fairly** (which includes changing laws and practices that discriminate against children)
- The **right to be heard** (which includes considering children's views)



Foodbanks in Ulverston, Millom and Barrow

When school holidays are looming, some parents and carers might struggle to provide their families with the additional food required at lunch times. We work closely with the foodbanks. If you think you would qualify to receive food-bank vouchers and currently do not, please get in touch with a member of the senior leadership team and we'll see if we can help out.

Furness Inclusion Festival

On Tuesday 15th March some pupils from Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 attended Furness College for the Furness Sport Inclusion Festival. Pupils enjoyed playing Boccia, Table Tennis and Table Cricket with other schools within the area. During the morning they had fun playing the 3 different sports then after lunch they chose their favourite and strongest sport to play competitively. Brady Clifton, Courtney Walden and Abby Edwards knocked out their competition and became Boccia champions! They will be attending the Cumbria School Games in Carlisle on 12th July to represent the Furness Area. A great achievement!



Sandside Lodge School Fund donations

Thanks go to the following individuals and organisations for your kind donations

Rotary Club £615, C Rigg £200, Miss Cartmel £100, Boarbank Hall Nursing Home £200, Thexton family £200, Furness Rotary Club £125, Gyrodate £495, Mr Kettlewell £203 and the Pennybridge After School Club £889.59. Jon Barber, who is related to Harrison Gaskin, a pupil here at Sandside, completed a triathlon in Dubai and managed to raise a staggering £1373 for the school. His picture is attached. Thank you Jon – and well done you!

We banked over £1500 from our Christmas Fayre, our decorated tree at the Dalton Tree Festival collected £72.56 and our recent Unicef fund-raising day raised £116.44 – this being split between our school fund and Unicef. Everyone had a good clear-out and donated lots of items to our Skycycle appeal. This saw us banking £493.22 into our fund. Thanks go to our parents, carers and their families for supporting our school and giving generously. We do appreciate it.



HEAD TEACHERS COMMENTS SPRING TERM 2016.

What a topsy-turvy term – the weather does not seem to know what it wants to do and just as we become used to some sunny days it turns stormy again. On these days staff have to sometimes alter plans for a visit or not go out at all. Such decisions are only made to keep our pupils safe and thankfully do not inhibit their learning too much. We try hard at all times to ensure our pupils can go into the local community and beyond to practise their skills and achievements in school in real life situations.



We continue to make the best sense we possibly can with all the changes the National Government and Cumbria County Council place on us. This term we have been developing our assessment systems to be able to better reflect the progress of those who experience greatest difficulty with learning and also our older pupils who have access to external accreditation and qualifications. Assessment without levels has been a significant challenge for all schools, and we believe we have worked our way through some of these successfully, but to make sure we are currently running two pilots in school to enable us to assess how successful we have been. No doubt this will feature in our January parents evening next year.

This year we enjoyed a higher number of parents attending our January parents evening, where we presented information about our new ASC resource provision, our developments to the curriculum, our out-of-school and after school activities and clubs, but perhaps the biggest attraction was a first chance to see the proposed plans for the new school building. After all the information and updates had finished parents were able to visit their child's classroom.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see information about our routine and daily work alongside our enrichment days, charity days and other events.

We continue to work closely with the other four Cumbrian Special Schools and the Local Authority as well as our mainstream school neighbours through the Furness Education Consortium (secondary schools and colleges) and Furness Primary Collaborative (primary schools). These are valuable links for our work as they facilitate visits to share good practise, training courses, and inclusive learning opportunities for our pupils. With the governments' recent announcements these links will be vitally important in helping the school find its way through the next set of challenges we are given.

In the meantime we continue to build on the excellent practise we have at Sandside Lodge School, continue to meet the challenges every day and longer term, and plan for an even better and brighter future for the school.

Happy Easter – enjoy the school holiday.

Susan Gill

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. M. Gill".

Susan. M. Gill

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