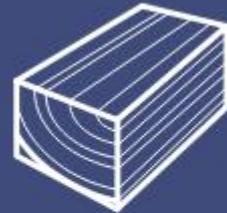


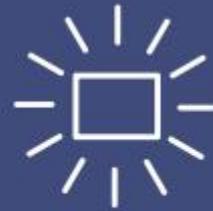
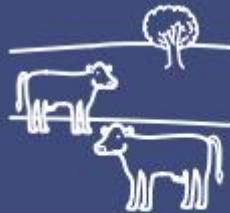
SANDSIDE LODGE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

# New Build!



Tomorrow to fresh woods,



and pastures new.

# New Logo!



**Sandside Lodge School**

## Term Dates for the Autumn Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 9th September (Delayed for move to new school)

Term Ends: Friday 20th December

Half Term: Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October

## School Fund Donations - Summer Term 2019



Donations to our school fund this term have included the following:

Plinston family and friends £144.37

O'Neill family and friends £179.35

Innerwheel, Ulverston £250.00

Liberata £68.00

Anonymous, Hope and Anchor, Ulverston £1750.00

Various Urswick folk (including bingo evenings) £1210.00

Ulverston Motorcycle Club £250.00

Additional K2B donations £346.00

Mr and Mrs Vickers (from the Tuesday club) an amazing £6043.91!

Betty Simpson £10.84

We received £200 from Gill, Asda's community champion, as part of their Green Token scheme. Many thanks to everyone who thought of us when in Asda. The 100 club has netted a profit of over £900, and the Giving Machine is currently at £160, with 35 givers on-board. Donna secured an amazing £20,000.00 from the Baily Thomas Fund. This will go specifically towards the new Multi-Use Games Area at our new school.

TA Sarah Cumberbatch once again organised a clothes pick-up by Roberts Recycling. Thanks to everyone who sent in bags of clothing, bedding etc. £130 is on its way to school.

Stollers from Barrow very generously donated a large amount of furniture to our new school. This included several sofa's. We are delighted with them and are chuffed that an independent local company could be so generous. Huge shout-out to them!

All our donations are very gratefully received and every staff member and pupil would like to say a great big **Thank You** for thinking of our school! Have a brilliant summer.

# What to do in the Holidays

Some local attractions offer discounts to residents with an LA (or CA) postcode. These include: **Lakeland Motor Museum** (includes cruises on Windermere), **The Aquarium at Newby Bridge** and **Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railways** (3 separate discount cards). Either apply online or telephone them to check what proof they need to see

Cumbria Tourism's 'MyCumbria Card'. [www.mycumbriacard.co.uk](http://www.mycumbriacard.co.uk) this costs £20 but it lasts for 12 months and there are lots of discounts on there, for the whole of Cumbria. Apply online or telephone 01539-822222

Old Hall Farm at Bouth near Ulverston. Proof of address will get you 20% off. Telephone them on 01229-861993

The National Trust at Fellfoot: lots going on there over the summer, including hiring an all-terrain wheelchair (check age suitability). You need to book before you go. Either telephone 0344-800-1895 or visit their website [www.nt.org.uk/fell-foot](http://www.nt.org.uk/fell-foot)

Vue cinema in Barrow – they have autistic-friendly screenings on the last Sunday of the month, at 10am. Check this out online or telephone 0345-308-4620. Also, ask them about a CEA card. This enables a carer to go along for free.

[www.auracumbria.co.uk](http://www.auracumbria.co.uk) (01539-736397) new sensory facility in Kendal

[www.oakleatrust.co.uk](http://www.oakleatrust.co.uk)

[www.calvertlakes.co.uk](http://www.calvertlakes.co.uk). Bit further afield near Keswick, this facility has an amazing sensory room and a hydrotherapy pool. Don't just turn up though – phone first to book a session

[www.cumbria.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/localoffer) check this website for offers around the county

Going further afield? Have you heard of the **Sunflower Lanyard scheme**? Staff at many airports (including Manchester and Newcastle), supermarkets (including Tesco and Sainsburys) and railway companies recognise that the wearer may need some extra support. To get one of these lanyards you can telephone the airport, go to the terminal assistance desk or ask at Tesco customer service. Alternatively, google it and apply to receive one by post.

Online activities: have a look at [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)

## 100 Club

Double draw was made by IT apprentice David Wells, pictured at the back. 1st place winner number 5 (£50) was Louise Coombs, 2nd place, number 63, was STA Linda Wood (£30) and 3rd place, number 54 was Pam Segger (£20). Many thanks to everyone who is a member of the 100 club. If you'd like to join next year, please get in touch with the school office in September. (We banked nearly £1000 in profit this year.) Likewise, if you'd like to come out of the draw, get in touch



## Friends of Sandside

We are a group of parents and school staff who have been tasked with raising £250,000 for much needed equipment and fittings for the new school which opens its doors in September.

We have successfully registered as a charity on the 1st May 2019 and the charity number is 1183213 thankyou to all those that helped contribute to this.

A big thankyou to those who have donated to Friends of Sandside Lodge. It will make a huge difference in the New School Build; the current balance is over £7,000

If you would like to be part of the group or would like to have more information please contact the school or email [fsandside@sandside.org.uk](mailto:fsandside@sandside.org.uk)

Thankyou :)



£5,000 Screwfix  
Caleb Staples - £100  
BAE Marketing Department – £220  
Booths Back Pack - £1504.71  
Athena - £260  
Furness and South Lakeland Boxing Group - £400

## Happy Retirement, Ann



Last term we said goodbye to our long standing teaching assistant Ann Johnson who took her retirement after 17 years in our school!

We wish her a happy retirement and thank her for all her hard work and commitment over the years.



Ann made many friends and enriched all the pupils lives she worked with!

Enjoy your many holidays Ann!

## Bike Club

Our bike club meet on Thursday after school. We have enjoyed some sun this term.



## Swim Safe



Some pupils from Bardsea class and Hoad took part in swim safe, in Lake Windermere. It was so cold...

## Ford Park

Students in Ford Park have worked very hard on their communication this year.

Between them they use high and low-tech augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) strategies such as gesture, eye pointing to symbols or objects, eyegaze with a computer system, eyegaze with an encoded communication book, auditory scanning (making a choice from a list read to you), developing consistent yes and no responses to answer questions, PECS and Makaton.

Some use a combination of these (multi-modal communication), choosing from their communication toolkit the easiest way for them to get their message across at any given time.

They can now make choices, voice opinions, tell us when they need something, make requests, ask and answer questions and lots more. Some have also taken the opportunity to ask for more challenging work!

Well done Ford Park, and keep it up.

## Didgeridoo

This term we have been learning about Australasia. In music we looked at the instruments played in Australia and decided to learn about the Didgeridoo. In Creative Art we decorated pictures using a pencil dipped in paint to make the dots. We painted the carpet tube and then stuck our pictures on. At the end of the tube we taped a balloon with a whole in it. In music we split into teams and made different noises down the tube, taking it in turns to conduct the group.

We then got to perform at The Show and Sandfest.

Ebony Buchanan



# Bardsea

I made a very large elephant in Art, it is made from newspaper, glue and making tape. It is enormous. I painted it with Phoebe and then helped her with her giraffe . My friends made different animals. it was good fun and marvelous.

Erin Albery



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## Message from Suzie High

My entry to the newsletter is to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to Sandside in some way past and present, because by doing so you have made my eleven years working here a very memorable and enjoyable place to be.

I am moving on to do a MSc in Occupational Therapy at the University of Cumbria which starts in September for two years. It is because of the experiences and training offered to me by Sandside that I have taken the leap to further develop my love for building functional lifestyles and delivering a holistic approach. I have so many special memories of all the students and the learning we have done together. I have an immense sense of pride about working at Sandside Lodge School.

I wish you all the very best for a new and exciting start in the new building and I look forward to hearing how you all are.

Suzie High

## Popstar



My favourite thing this term was when Amy G a popstar came to perform for use in the hall. I liked her songs and getting up to dance with my friends. She talked about keeping safe on social media and anti bullying. The best song she sang was one last time.

Jessica Sutton

## D&T Sizergh Castle Trip

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the D&T class went to Sizergh Castle near Kendal.

We went to have a fun day out as a reward for all the hard work we had completed throughout the year. We also had a look around a very old building which is in contrast to the new buildings we had been learning about.

The house was originally called Sizergh Hall and is owned by The Strickland Family.

We started our day searching the gardens trying to match up photos on a worksheet. This was great fun, we laughed lots and the sun was shining bright. “ ... best school trip ever..” said Michael.

We had lunch at the picnic tables and we all had ice-cream afterwards.

After lunch we got to go round the inside of the castle and see all the different rooms. Some windows are made from stone and some are made from wood. Most windows we have looked at are made of plastic.

The house is very old and some of the wooden floorboards have been eaten by something. Our worksheet asked if it was a ‘beetle’ or ‘Elaine’s puppy’. We had to ask the volunteer who said it has been eaten by a ‘grub which turns into a beetle’.

The lady said “dogs are not allowed in the castle...” so I knew it couldn’t be Elaine’s puppy. (Good thinking Phoebe)

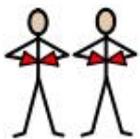
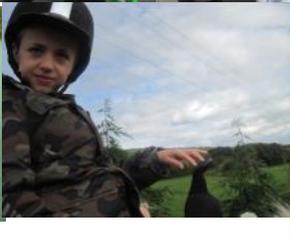
After we had been round the house and been in every room it was time to get back on the mini-bus and go back to school.

Saskia, Michael, Phoebe, Georgia, Brady, Mollie and Lee  
Staff: Linda, Clare, Theresa and Elaine

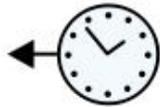




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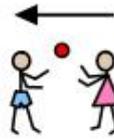
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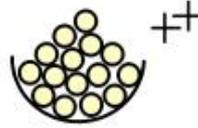
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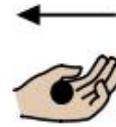
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## Tennis at the Sport Centre

We went to play tennis at the sports center. It was great fun, i was the best at serving and hitting the ball. Jenni said i was that good that i got to show all my friends how to do it. All the staff and my friends where surprised at how good i was. I hope to go again next year.

Phoebe Arnold



## Hoad Class



Hoad class enjoyed a day out at Williamson Park in Lancaster. We visited the Butterfly house and enjoyed time in the park.

## Tim Brock Reflects on Sixteen Years at Sandside

As I come to retire from my teaching career I am surprised to find that I have been at Sandside for sixteen years. Originally having arrived in 2003 my intention was only to stay for three years, gain some experience and then return to mainstream secondary teaching having spent the previous ten years at The Alfred Barrow School.

Obviously something made me stay! I think firstly as a teacher it was freedom from the national curriculum and being able to plan adapt and produce activities that met the needs of the children. Then of course the children themselves, over the years I have had a lot of fun teaching many different children with a range of different needs and abilities. This has always been the best bit of the job, it has meant that no two days are the same and children in mainstream school and special schools are the same, they like fun, friendship, interesting activities, clear boundaries and to be challenged.

The other key thing that made me stay are the colleagues I have worked with, they are a really nice bunch of people who are very skilled and work incredibly hard. I have organised many residential trips while at Sandside, probably in excess of 30. I have seen staff on these trips work solidly for 16 hours a day (and more) supporting children. They have done it to ensure that the children have the best possible experience.

I have been very fortunate to have done all these trips from Skiing to Duke of Edinburgh's expeditions to Paris to Calvert trust and YMCA. I thoroughly enjoyed them all and when I meet past pupils it is the residential trip that they talk about. These trips would not have been possible without the incredible support of the staff who give up their time to make them happen.

I have seen a lot of change including five Head teachers, all who have taken the school in different directions from Rights Respecting Schools to MOVE and Thrive to name but a few.

I have also seen the development of work experience and it is great to see the rounded curriculum that our sixth formers now get. The outcomes for our pupils as they move on to post 19 provision has improved and are generally good. Parents do need to challenge the Local Authority to make them better.

Over the past 5 years I have had the opportunity to work with parents during reviews, it has been a pleasure getting to know you during this process and thankful for the support that you have shown the school. I have also been very grateful for the support of the admin staff who have made the process go so smoothly.

The future of the school is bright as the school moves in to a new state of the art building. However, it is important to recognise that a school is not a building, it is the people within it. As I have said we have a wonderful dedicated staff and the future secured with the addition of our apprentices who have shown themselves to be capable, quick to learn, caring and when they walk into a room, light it up with their enthusiasm.

The school has a strong group of teachers and an SLT who are well placed to take the school forward. I don't think many people understand the challenge of managing a busy

school and how hard teaching staff now work to bring the best possible education to young people at a time of austerity.

With best wishes for the future

God bless you all

Tim

## Tag Rugby



This term we have done Tag Rugby. we went to a tag rugby event in Kendal on a rugby pitch on Thursday 27th June 2019. We played with Furness academy and we played Tag Rugby matches with other schools and we played two matches. it was a very hot day so we all had to wear sun cream. We didn't win a match but had a great time and would like to go again.

Keira Baggaley



# Conishead



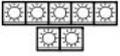
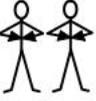








  
 Conishead class had a great term attending horse riding with the





  
 RDA every week. We developed our confidence and learnt to








  
 hold the reins and lean to each side. Thank you RDA!



## Head Teacher's Thoughts



Well, it's the end of an era! This term we retire the old building, the old logo and the ~~old~~ Assistant Headteacher Tim Brock.

After 15 years at the school the fountain of all knowledge, Tim, has chosen leisure as his topic for next term and will be having lots of adventures whilst we settle into the new school building. We will miss Tim and wish him health and happiness in his well-deserved retirement.

We also wish Suzie High lots of luck in her new chapter when she leaves us to return to University and retrain as an Occupational Therapist. I am confident she will return to us at various points to share her new learning with us.

The build we have waited 12 years for is now complete! It's been a long process but I think that you will be amazed by the facilities on offer for the students. As you are aware, there is a hydrotherapy Pool, Rebound Room (trampoline), Experience Room (3-D projector, wind machines, lights and smells), Sensory Movement Room, Soft Play, specialist teaching spaces and lots of outdoor facilities that will enhance our curriculum offer. I cannot wait for you all to see it.

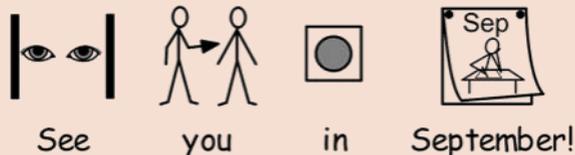
Friday 6th September between 1-3pm has been set aside for visits from the students and their families before they come back to school on Monday 9th September. I hope to see you there!

Aside from the new school it's been another busy term where we have again conquered The Hoad, danced and sang at 'The Show' at UVHS, the Sixth Form Prom and Sandfest. Alongside all the class trips and Sixth Form residential to Liverpool.

As a school, we were awarded the National Autistic Society Accreditation this term after working hard for the last two years to demonstrate what a wonderful provision we offer our Autistic learners. On 29th June, 15 members of staff went on day trip to The Autism Show and it brought home that we are doing a fantastic job and if we return it will be to present! A huge thank you and well done to the team and the Autism Advocates in each class that make experiences consistent across the school.

All that is left is for me to wish you all a wonderful summer break and I'll see you in the new school on Springfield Road in September. How exciting!

Donna





The Six Rotary Clubs  
of the Furness Peninsular

promote

# A Grand Gala

To celebrate the new Sandside Lodge School



**Sandside Lodge School**

Saturday 21st September 2019

10am – 3pm