



Newsletter



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St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

'Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.' Albert Einstein

I noted this very famous quote this week whilst visiting a school in Halifax this week. I was vividly reminded of the importance of making every effort to ensure each child discovers their talents and interests. Whilst our core business is to ensure our children move into their next phase of education both literate and numerate, our ethos and therefore our curriculum, should always offer so much more. We recognise how unique our children are and the need to see the good in all of our children. This week we have celebrated various sporting achievements and seen children trying new sports. Recently children have been trying out new instruments to see if they would like to pursue learning something different or new.

Our staff are constantly looking out for the potential talents of our children to help nurture and encourage their interests and passions as best as we can. Last week I had the privilege of watching children in After School Club taking part in a programming/scratch club – nurturing the computing talents of some of our Year 6 children who taught other children in school. It was also surprising seeing children taking part in the recent outdoor days, discovering new skills for the first time and boosting their confidence. The art and poems for Remembrance recently demonstrated the thoughtfulness and creativity of so many children.

One of our favourite songs in assembly is 'This Little Light of Mine' and we hope that there are many opportunities to enable our children to let their light shine. This week our Christmas calendar will be distributed and I hope the events and experiences at the end of term will allow all of our children to shine.

Thank you for supporting our two special days this week, Odd Socks Day to remind us about the importance of friendship in Anti-bullying week and Children in Need. I am once again very proud of our school family for coming together to think of these important issues.

Mr Jones

Drop in



Please come and join our volunteers who are offering teas and coffees on **Mondays from 2:00-3:10pm** in The Shed. The cakes are very impressive and the chat is up to you! All parents and families welcome. Why not come a little early on Mondays and pop in whether you are a junior or infant parent.

Children in Need

Wow – our children have really gone to town in supporting Children in Need once again this year. Thank you for such an amazing effort.



PTA Generosity – supporting all of the children in our school

Our PTA have been very generous already this term following their recent meeting. It may not be obvious how they are investing the money they raise. Year 2 would like to thank them for purchasing a brand new mat for the classroom along with many other resources. They have very kindly supported our new orienteering courses around school and new sheds which will be used for our outdoor work throughout school.

Please look at the attached letters to see a letter and publicity for the very special raffle tickets on sale.



Inspiring String Ensemble Performance



Year 3 and 4 were impressed with a wonderful performance of QES students all playing string instruments which was really inspiring. Thank you.

If your child would like to consider playing a string instrument and you would like them to try having lessons do get in touch and we can introduce you to the string instrument teacher who will happily discuss weekly lessons.

Christmas Information



We will be sending out our Christmas activities list for December next week. This sheet is a good poster to pop on the fridge or display in the house as we move into the very busy time of Advent. It lists the concerts and parties as well as Christmas dinner day etc. Please book your Christmas dinner in time. All children take part in the Candle Lit Service from Year 1-6 which is a special evening. The Reception Nativity is also a lovely performance.

The PTA Christmas Fair is also a great event to support and each year which ends up being standing room only!



Mountain Film Festival - Year 5



Year 5 have been hearing about various adventures with Lee Craige coming into school with her bike and did a Q and A with all the children, and they absolutely loved it. Jenny Graham, the lady who broke the world record for fastest self-supported time to ride around the world, is coming in on Monday as well which will be great, they are all very excited! They have also visited the festival this week and had a superb time taking in the atmosphere of the event and meeting more adventurers and explorers. Thank you to Mr Yates for arranging such a special and inspiring time for our children

Rugby Festival

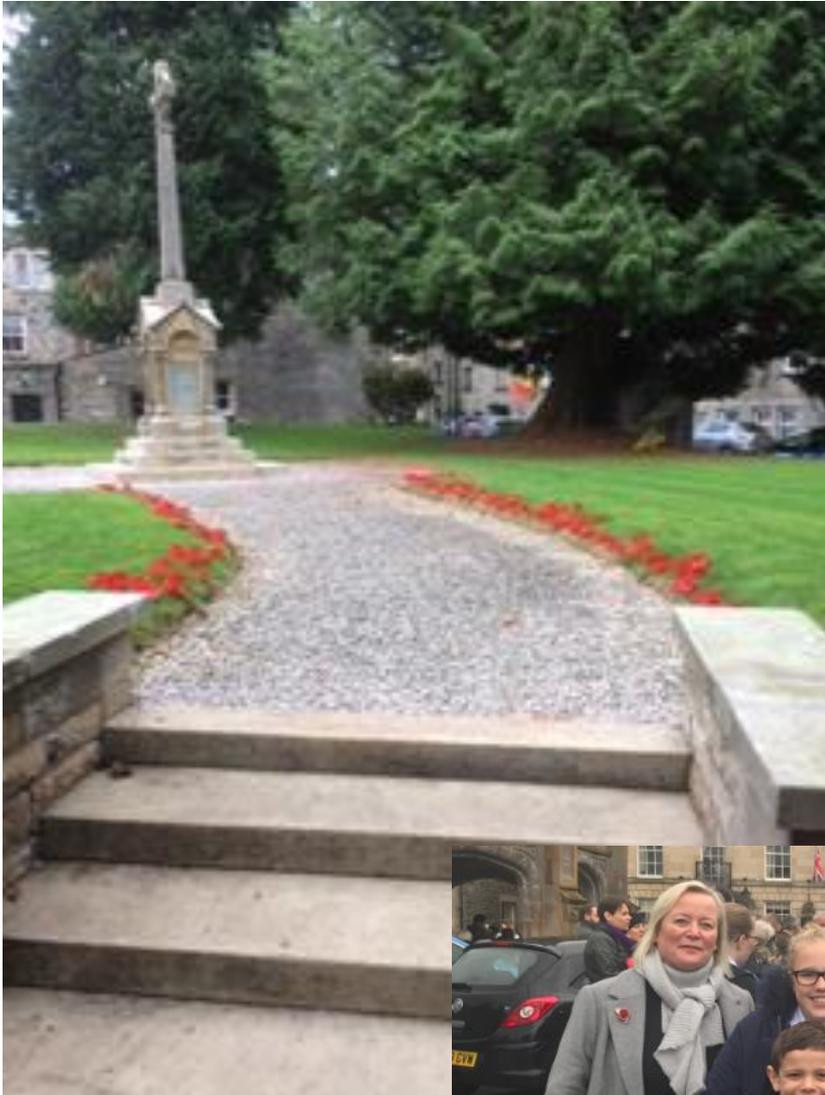
On Wednesday the 14th of November, the Year 4 rugby team took a trip to Casterton, Sedbergh Prep to compete in the Area Rugby Development Tournament. The eight children representing school showed off their skills and managed to win all 5 games they played. This included playing against some brilliant teams such as, Sedbergh Prep, Kirkham Grammar School, Dent, Giggleswick and Burton Morewood Primary School. The boys should be very proud of themselves as they upheld the schools values and played with great team spirit. A big well done! - Mr Watson



Important Dates:

21 st November	Final Rugby Coaching – Y 5 and 6 Pupils
27 th November	YR and Y6 Health Checks
29 th November	Y6 Residential to Liverpool Please ensure any final payments are made, thank you.
30 th November	Mufty Day – PTA

Remembrance – We will not forget.



Throughout the week our children have been writing various poems and letters reflecting on World War 1. They have looked at those who took part in World War 1 from Kirkby Lonsdale and family members.

The children all made poppies to line the route between church and the war memorial as well as create displays in school. Thank you to the staff and children who represented school at the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

