



'I lift my eyes to the hills'

May Newsletter 2021



Developing Courage through outdoor Learning

This term we are having a focus on our school value - **Courage**. The children have already been to St Catherine's Wood and we have lots of adventure days planned for the children to challenge themselves, encourage perseverance and opportunities to build resilience.

Class 1 enjoyed a fun packed day in the sunshine. First they explored St Catherine's wood looking for special places, they climbed rocks, created fairy gardens and watched birds building their nests. They then went dipping in the nearby beck, did a nature walk, practised fire lighting and whittled their own tongs to eat their fire cooked popcorn.

Class 2 collected water from the nearby stream and worked together to filter and purify the water, to make it clean and drinkable. They also played trust games and then went on a nature walk to find some edible plants to try. In the afternoon they made some damper bread around the campfire. There were lots of happy smiling faces.

New Wood Store

Our last year 6 leavers, kindly gave us a donation to build a school wood store for our outdoor campfire area. The current Year 6 worked hard this week on building the store with Gareth from Woodmatters. They developed a range of new skills and also built on some existing skills they had developed previously at other outdoor workshops.

Thank you Year 6, it looks fantastic and we can't wait to start gathering wood to store.



Lunchshop & Snack

A new lunch menu has been agreed with Orian recently and the new menus will be emailed this week, We now have a choice of 4 main meal options daily, which is a great improvement on the current limited options. The new options are available from the 24th of May.

Class 1 have a daily fruit snack provided by the government, however, if any Class 2 children do wish to bring a snack to school we encourage fruit.

Relationship Education

As part of the PHSE programme, all classes will be taking part in school Sex and Relationship lessons.

- Years 5 & 6 will be focused around puberty delivered by the school nurse.
- Years 3 and 4 will be focusing on valuing difference and keeping safe.
- Years 1 & 2 will be focusing on growing and caring for ourselves.
- EYFS will be focusing on family and friendship.

A letter has been sent to parents via email to give you more information on what this entails.

Uniform

Just another reminder about adhering to our school uniform Policy. Children wear a royal blue sweatshirt/jumper, grey/black trousers or skirt, white/grey shirt/blouse, with flat black school shoes/boots (not training shoes).

Our Sweatshirts, white T-shirts and polo shirts with the school logo can be ordered directly from One Identity, 64-68 Cavendish Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 1PZ. Tel: 01229 823584 or via their website. Upon ordering you will be able to select to home or school delivery (please note school delivery is free).

Our link to the One Identity Website is <https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/selside/>

Thank you to all the children and parents for everything you have done to help support our school, our staff and each other across this last year whilst we have all been faced with tougher times. We are looking forward to a bit more normality resuming and welcoming you all back in to school properly soon. Please find below dates for your diary for the fun term ahead.

With very best wishes



June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

Key Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 20 th May	Class 2 Real Adventure Day
Friday 21 st May	Class 1 Real Adventure Day
Thurs 10 th & Friday 11 th June	Benrigg Lodge – Whole School day trips
Monday 14 th June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 23 rd June	Sports Day (TBC)
Friday 25 th June	Farmvention Day – Whole School
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th July	Class 2 Swimming lessons (daily for the week 1pm-2pm)
Thursday 8 th July	Leavers Concert (TBC)



Saturday 10 th July	Selside School Association Community Camp Out (TBC)
Thursday 15 th July	Selside School Association Summer Fair from 2.30pm (TBC)
Friday 16 th July	Break up for Summer Holidays – 1.30pm

