



'We lift our eyes to the hills'

March Newsletter 2023

Pupil Parliament

This half term our collective worship has been on 'Our World.' We looked at the work of the fair-trade foundation and have been thinking about how we can do our bit to make our world a fairer place.

Members of our school council attended the South Lakeland pupil parliament. They had the opportunity to question the Mayor of Kendal and to find out how local town councillors make our local environment better. They also learnt about the new local government reforms and debated the new ID badges for voting.



Coronation at Selside School

On **Friday the 5th of May**, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III.

We will be running a best crown competition. Please can all entries come into school on Friday the 5th. We would also like to invite parents for Cream Tea from 2pm on this day, where you can see the judging of the crown competition.

Staffing from September 2023

At the end of the summer term, we say goodbye to Miss Plant, who has decided to leave school for adventures up in Scotland near family members. We would like to thank Hannah for all of her amazing work with us over the last 2 years and wish her well. She will be very missed here by everyone in our school community. We will be advertising for a full time Key stage 2 teacher to join our team. This will be advertised in the Easter holidays. Miss Plant will be hard to replace.

SATS

Year 6 SATS falls after the Coronation bank holiday weekend and starts on Tuesday the 9th of May. Any support you can provide for your child in the run up to their assessments is greatly appreciated. It is vitally important that pupils have a good night's sleep and arrive at school on time each day. As always, we will be holding our breakfast club in class to help them ensure they are prepared fully for their assessments. If you have any questions regarding any element of the SATs, please ask Hannah Plant or myself.

World Book Day

What a brilliant array of costumes on this year's World Book Day. Thank you to all the children (and parents) for their creations. The children enjoyed a session in the afternoon with Sophie Martin, who shared her new book and some of her beautiful illustrations. Thank you to Miss Lace for running the book fair after school.



Elleray running event

Well done to all the Discoverers you took part in the cross-country running event at Elleray School in Windermere. This is a tough course and needed a lot of determination to get round. All the children represented the school well and made us very proud they had Selside on their backs.



Teepee tots

Tepee Tots is on a Friday morning and will continue to run after the easter break. The group runs from 9.30-11.30am for a price of £2.00 per child, this includes refreshments throughout the morning. If you have any friends who you feel may enjoy the group, please spread the word or let Laura in the office know their contact details.

School Field Development Project

Thank you to the brilliant group of volunteers from our school community, led by Nic Williams, who have been coming into school on a weekend to help with the developments of the school field. The first phase to re-wild the bog was a success, already the ducks have moved in and the children enjoy running through the area on their daily mile.

The second phase, the bird hide roof has kindly been replaced by Greg Berresford and a team of helpers planted alder along the beck and trimmed tunnels through the dogwood.



School Reading helpers

We are still looking for parents or family friends in the community to come into school on a Friday afternoon from 2-3pm to help read with our school children. If you are able to help, please contact the school office on admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk

Reminders from the school office

Please ensure that any bookings for after school club are made by 12pm each day and sent to the email address asc@selside.cumbria.sch.uk This new account allows all staff members to see any ASC changes, which is important for the end of day if the main office is not manned.

Please also ensure, residential forms and deposits are handed back in and made by the start of the new term.

If no one is in the office, please leave a voicemail and a member of the team will come back to you as soon as possible.

Sickness

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, please ensure they do not return to school until 48 hours after the last symptom. This will help us to reduce any spread of illnesses throughout the school.

Selside School Association- SSA for short

Exciting things to come...

Easter Bingo- 21st April

Camp out on the School Field- Sat 15th July

Next Meeting date

Tuesday 18th April @ 7pm

Sadly, Amazon has discontinued their AmazonSmile donation scheme.

With very best wishes, have a great Easter break.

J. A. Lowther

June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

Dates for the diary - More information will be coming out closer to the time

Summer term dates:

- Coronation Event at school: 2pm on 5th May
- Bank holiday: 8th May
- SATs for Year 6: 9th to 12th May
- Explorers at St Katherines Wood: 10th May
- Discoverers Residential: 16th to 19th May
- **May half term 29th May to 2nd June**
- Discoverers Trip to Wordsworth's Museum: 6th June
- Adventurers Day at St Catherine's Wood: 9th June
- Explorers Residential: 21st to 23rd June
- KS2 School Swimming: 26th to 30th June.
- Sports Day: Wednesday 5th July
- Year 6 day trip to London: 7th July
- Back up Sports Day: Wednesday 12th July
- Summer Concert: Friday 14th July @ 2pm (Please note this has changed from an evening slot)