



'We lift our eyes to the hills'

## May Newsletter 2023

We have had a great start back to the term, and even been blessed with some sunny weather this week! The Summer term is always an exceptionally busy time of year – trips, residentials, sports days, SATs, leavers treats and service, etc. which is really enjoyable for all the children and staff. Please see the dates at the end of this letter to be able to update your diaries.

The summer term is here! We had a fabulous virtual talk with an adventurer! Sarah Outen told us all about her amazing journey- London2London: Via the World. It took her four years. She talked to us about the people she met on the way, how she needed perseverance to keep going and the problems that she faced and overcame. It fit in perfectly with this term's school value of **courage!** We really enjoyed hearing about her adventure and it has inspired us all to be as adventurous as we can be!



### Coronation Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who joined us, made a crown and baked a cake! It was lovely to see so many people at school and the sunshine even made an appearance.



### Staffing from September 2023



We were delighted by the high standard of candidate that applied for our KS2 position. The governors and I, are happy to announce Ms. Mia O'Callaghan will be joining our team in September. She will be doing some transition work this term so the children can get to know her and she can get to know the children. I asked Mia to write a little bit about herself to share with you:

"I was born and raised locally in Kendal. I completed a 4-year BA (Hons) in Primary Education at Nottingham Trent University and SENCo Award at Edge Hill University. I have 15 years teaching experience and have taught in three different schools in Manchester and Sydney, Australia. Over the last 8 years, I have lived in Sydney but I recently moved back to Kendal with my 18-month-old daughter, to be closer to my family and friends. I love the outdoors and often spend my time walking in the fells, camping and exploring the Lakes. I am so excited about working at Selside Primary School in such a beautiful environment and close-knit community."

## SATS

It is that time of year for formal assessments. Well done to our amazing Year 6s for completing their SATs this week! They have all been working so hard and they definitely deserved a treat. They got to pick their books for the end of year present from the SSA and then we went to a cafe for a sweet treat. Thank you to all the parents that joined us and congratulations to our Year 6s and Miss Plant!



The year 2 will be doing their SATs over the next couple of weeks. These will be carried out in small groups with the class teacher and formal assessments with be also be supported by teacher judgement and all the hard work that they have done all year!

After May half term, year 1 will be sitting the Phonics Screening check. This is carried out 1:1 with the class and Year 4s have the Multiplication Check. This is a short online test.

You can support your child by making sure they are well rested when they come into school and by going on the online platforms: Reading Eggs (particularly fast phonics for Year 1s), math seeds and times table Rockstarts, to make sure they have those basic skills to support them with their assessments. If you have any questions, just ask the class teachers.



## School Field Development Project

Exciting news! The school have purchased a new shed which will be delivered shortly. Nick Williams is getting together a working party to help put it together. Please get in contact with Nick if you can help.

In the meantime, Gareth, from Wood Matters, is coming to work with the children to make mallets, roman benches and workhorses to furnish our new shed and help us get set-up. Some of our older children have just visited WoodMatters at St Catherine's Wood and had a fantastic time! Gareth has a wealth of knowledge to share with both staff and the children.

I am excited that Gareth will be in school on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** working with the Explorers (Years 2 &3) and Adventurers (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) and **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** with the Discoverers (Year 4, 5 &6). If any parents or grandparents are able to help, please let me know.

## Swap Shop

I have had a few enquiries about PE hoodies and how to get new ones. Sadly, school will not be able to keep funding hoodies going forward. You can buy them from One Identity- <https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/selside/>. Although there should be plenty of hoodies in the school community. A parent approached me about doing a swap shop in the last day of term which I think would be a brilliant idea! Please keep this in mind. If you have any old uniform to put it to one side. There will be more details to follow.

If you would like to use [www.Mynametags.com](http://www.Mynametags.com) for your clothing name tags, school get 24% of your purchases total towards our Selside School Association. Our school ID to use when buying is **35828**, this will then link to our fundraising account.

### Teepee tots

Tepee Tots is on a Friday morning and will continue to run to the summer term. 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Selside School Association- SSA for short

#### Exciting things to come...

The SSA are holding a school School Disco on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> .....

Camp out on the School Field- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July

With very best wishes,



June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

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

#### Summer term dates:

- Discoverers Residential: 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May
- Baptism school drip St Thomas Church- 17<sup>th</sup> May
- WoodMatters Day 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- School Disco Friday 29<sup>th</sup>
- **May half term 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June**
- Multiplication check/ phonics screening check in school- W/B 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Discoverers Trip to Wordsworth's Museum: 6<sup>th</sup> June
- Adventurers Day at St Catherine's Wood: 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Explorers Residential: 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Adventurer's Farm trip- 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- School Swimming: 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June (Year 2 to Year 6)
- Sports Day: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 day trip to London: 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Back up Sports Day: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Summer Concert: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July @ 2pm (Please note this has changed from an evening slot)