



'We lift our eyes to the hills'
March Newsletter 2024

What a busy term! We have enjoyed some of the sunny days as we stepped into Spring time and have been extremely busy in school discovering, growing and thriving together.

We enjoyed dressing up and wearing pyjamas for **World Book Day**. We adored listening to Michael Rosen through a live link, had a book stall and shared stories together. Some of our older children attended the **South Lakeland Pupil Parliament** and developed their presenting and debating skills. Thank you to everyone who came along to our **Mother's Day Service**. After walking to Church, the children sang beautifully, read their poems they had written and handed out posies they had made to Mums. School Council organised **Red Nose Day** to raise money for charity and we discovered that Beck Bingo is our new favourite fundraiser!

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A huge thank you for all your donations for our Red Nose Day - £77 was raised.

The children enjoyed Dressing to Express and Beck Bingo.



Cooking Club

Thank you Mrs Leeming for providing two half terms of a very much enjoyed Cooking Club. Our Selside Chefs learnt about preparation, hygiene, allergens, healthy eating and safety in the kitchen. Everything from vegetable soup to vegetable samosas to pizzas were made - which was your favourite? We look forward to blending our newly learnt cookery skills with use of home-grown produce through our gardening club later in the year.

Gardening Club

Selside Gardeners worked really hard and showed great team work and enthusiasm - well done! You can see the results of their work around our school grounds. We have sowed seeds, planted daffodil wellies, prepared our pumpkin patch rhubarb and fruit patch, started work on rejuvenating the bird hide, and planted willow cuttings to create a willow den/hide. We learnt about different soil types, creatures in the soil and those important for growing, We always aim to re-use (left over herbs from Cooking Club were potted on) and recycle (e.g. milk bottle mini-greenhouses) and look forward to working on our unusual planters next. Thank you for your donations of plants and fruit bushes.

Sports Club

We welcomed Robbie from Sportivos again this term to lead a variety of different activities in Sports Club from archery to football. Archery is our new favourite!



After-School Clubs are still to be finalised and will be announced in the first week back.

Lunch-time Clubs -Children have decided upon their Lunch-time Clubs for next term which will be posted on Seesaw.

The Adventurers

This term we celebrated Chinese New Year with a delicious banquet and performing Chinese Dragon dances. We had an exciting visit from Kendal Fire Station to learn about what the Fire service is like today.

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We then investigated what the fire service was like in 1666 when the Great fire of London happened. We have been creating artworks using different printing skills and writing beautiful poems about dragons.



The Explorers and Discoverers

The Explorers and Discoverers had an adventure to Manchester. They visited our pen pals at Ravensbury Community School. The children continue to reflect on this trip and their insight into seeing a city school and its cultures within. We look forward to welcoming our new friends to Selside when they come and visit us! At Manchester Museum we saw the Egyptian artefacts and mummies we had been learning about in class.



Science Week Competition

Everyone in school was involved in Science Week. The theme this year was 'time' and we explored this through a range of time-based experiments including; water clocks, pendulum swings, sand timers, growing plants and observing decaying fruits. The children made some fabulous posters for homework.

The winners of our school Science Week poster competition are: Sienna, Layla, Bea, Arons, Emma, whose entries have now been entered for the National Competition - Good Luck!

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Selside Church
BLUEBELL WALK & CREAM TEA
 Sat 11 May, 2-4 pm: Bluebell Walk
 and Cream Tea to raise money for
 Selside Church. Please come along and
 join us.



Selside School Association (SSA)

The **Family Quiz** is just around the corner. It is the first Friday back after the Easter holidays. Potter the Fell is on 1st June. If you are available to help on the day, please use the Google document to sign up-
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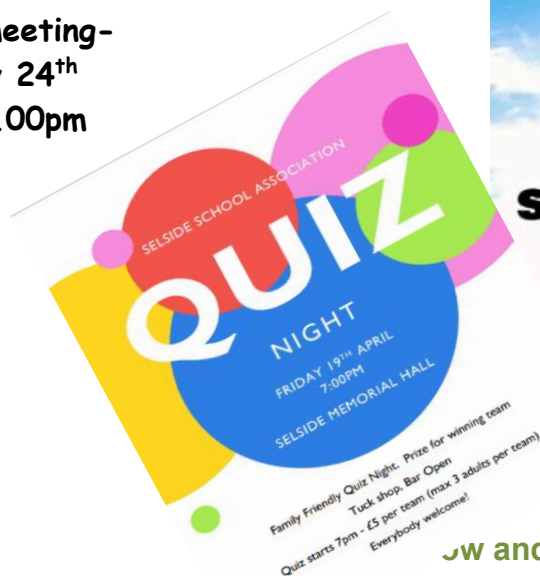
SSA Up and coming events

19th April - Family Quiz night
 26th April - BagsSchool collection
 (please bring bags to school from Mon
 22nd April).

1st June - Potter the Fell

Next meeting-

Monday 24th
 June 7.00pm



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Summer Adventures and Residentials

The **Adventurers** are going on a one-day adventure with Wood Matters to St Catherine's Woods on Friday 24th May! Information to follow soon.

The letters for the **residentials are out** - they have been sent home in bags, and posted on Seesaw. Please note we require the permission form and accompanying information back via the paper format on this occasion please.

The **Explorers'** residential will be at Sedbergh and the Discoverers will be at Ingleton. Parent's Meetings are on **Friday 26th April**. Explorers 3.00 to 3.30 pm; Discoverers 3.30 to 4.00pm.

We will be sharing both residential trips, and the London Trip with Lindale Primary School providing opportunities for children from both schools to experience meeting new faces and developing new friendships.

For our Year 6 children, we are planning a **London trip**. The date is tbc as we await confirmation on our application for tickets to the Houses of Parliament. More details to follow.

PE kits

Next term, we would like to resume PE kits being in school all week. Please ensure a **PE bag** is brought to school on Mondays to include: gym shoes/trainers (black or white), white T-shirt, black shorts. All articles should be clearly marked with names. The PE kit will then be sent home on a Friday. This is important to enable us to continue the '**mile a day**' running sessions and gives us the flexibility to fit in extra **sports day practises** when Summer weather arrives.

Tepee Tots

Tepee Tots toddler/parent group will continue to run every Friday, from 9.30-11.30am from Fri 19 April. We ask for a donation of £2.00/child, to include refreshments throughout the morning. If you have any friends who you feel may enjoy the group, please spread the word (leaflets are in the Zen Den, or contact Helen in the office).



Thank you for all your help and support, especially for your time completing our school and Ofsted parent surveys. We strive to take on feedback and make our school even better. The children were proud to talk to the inspectors about our lovely school and the report will be out early in the Summer Term.

Thank you to all those in our school community who have helped us with donations, be it an item or their time.

With very best wishes



June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff



School Dates for your Diary . . .

Mon 15 April:	Welcome back to school
Fri 26 April:	Parent Meetings for Residentials: Explorers (3 - 3.30pm) & Discoverers (3.30 – 4.00pm)
Mon 6 May:	Bank Holiday Monday
w/c 13 May:	SATs Week for Year 6
Tues 21st May:	Sports Day
Fri 24 May:	Adventurers Adventure Day St Catherine's Wood with Wood Matters
w/c 27 May:	May Half Term holiday
Tues 4th June:	Reserve Sports Day- just in case!
Wed 19 - Fri 21 June:	Explorers Residential Trip
Tues 2- Fri 5 July:	Discoverers Residential Trip
Tues 16th July	Leaver's Concert
TBC Sat 13 July:	Camp Out

Holidays: Bank Holiday Mon 6 May, w/c 27 May – May Half Term,
Fri 19 July Break up at 1.30 pm

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