

'We lift our eyes to the hills'



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June/July Newsletter 2024



What a Summer Term!

This term's focus has been on the Christian value of **courage** and we have definitely seen some courage! The children have shown lots of courage on our recent residential trips; staying away from home, trying new activities and meeting new friends from Lindale CE Primary School! They also showed lots of courage and determination on Sports Day. The children have really moved on academically, physical and emotionally and are ready for their next steps

Congratulations!

Well done to our Year 6s for all working so hard this year and making great progress! All their hardwork has paid off. They shone in their KS2 assessments with pupils reaching the highest standards in Mathematics and Spelling and Grammar.



SUMMER CONCERT

This week we had our Summer Concert where we celebrated our childrens' school year with awards and trophies, and shared memories from our year 6's time with us. Rev Michelle presented them with bibles from the congregation of St Thomas Church, Selside, along with bookmarks from OTB (see later); books from the SSA and personalised OS maps from us all. We are going to miss them very much and wish them all the best for their next chapter.

Thank you to all parents, families and friends who were able to join our celebrations and enjoy the musical performances and the fabulous songs; the singing was fantastic!

We were delighted to receive a gift of 3 fruit trees from the Year 6 students and their families which we look forward to nuturing and growing.

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Selside Team Updates

The children and the team will say a goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs Poole on Friday and wish her all the very best for the future.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Pendleton who will join Mrs Corbett in the Adventurers for one day per week. She would like to share this message:

My name is Miss Pendleton, and I am really looking forward to teaching the Adventurers with Mrs Corbett. As well as teaching and caring for children, I love being outdoors, climbing mountains and swimming in the lakes. I also love gardening, crafts, and caring for the environment. I have a big fluffy angora rabbit and I love all animals! I also enjoy languages and am learning French and Italian. I am really excited about meeting you all in the Autumn.



We are happy to report that Miss Mortimer is to continue supporting our Music lessons. Presently, we are hiring flutes but are trying to build our own set instead. If anyone has a flute we could borrow, or knows of any available ones, please contact the school office.

Grand Opening - The Nest

We enjoyed a rather wet but fun outdoor learning day in and around The Nest which included pond dipping, putting up our weaved crafts, tasting our elderflower cordial, and camp fire with marsh mallows. We are thankful for all the people who have made The Nest project possible.



St Thomas's Day at Selside Church

We walked to church in the sunshine and joined together to share songs, memories and prayers to celebrate St Thomas's Day, reflecting on how we have grown in our courage this year, as St Thomas did.

EXPLORING & DISCOVERING - TRIPS



Farm Open Day

The Explorers and Discoverers enjoyed a visit to a working farm, organised by Westmorland County Agricultural Society Ltd. We saw and experienced lots of farm animals and learnt about food production, farming skills and different technologies used in farming.



Explorers Residential - Sedbergh



The Explorers, enjoyed their 2 night, 3 day residential starting with canoeing on Windermere in the sunshine. On Day 2 they did a 6 mile walk up Winder followed by a well deserved icecream and making camp fires. Day 3's challenge was caving in Yordas Cave - all the children again showed courage and determination.

Discoverers Residential - Ingleton

The Discoverers demonstrated their perserverance, courage and resilience throughout their 3 night, 4 day residential. They went paddleboarding and canoeing on Lake Windermere, climbed Ingleborough (despite heavy rain and high winds!), went caving and rock climbing.



From our Classes



Adventurers Class

Adventurers have been outdoor learning on Friday afternoons at The Nest. They used natural materials to make hapa zome butterfly prints and made willow pencils which they tested out with charcoal.

OUTDOOR LEARNING



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Explorers Class



Discoverers Class

ENERGY PROJECT

Year 5 and 6 students worked on a brilliant Energy Project kindly led by one of our parents who is an energy assessor. They surveyed the school building to see how our school can save energy and be more sustainable. The children used lots of real world Maths to take measurements and experienced using different equipment such as a laser measure and hydrometer. The children shared their results and recommendations in class and look forward to presenting this to our governors in September.



JUNIOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME

Year 6 attended the Junior Citizens event with Miss Lace at Kendal Police and Fire Stations. Joining other local primary school children, they took part in informative and interactive sessions on fire, water and road safety, knife and cyber crime, vaping and stranger danger.

Class organisation for September 2024

Adventurers Nursery, Reception & Year 1	Mrs Corbett and Mrs Pendleton Supported by Mrs Clare Thomas	
Explorers Years 2, 3 & 4	Miss June Lowther Supported by Miss Alison Lace	Explorers and Discoverers will be taught by Miss Mia O'Callaghan supported by Miss Alison Lace. With specialist teachers to support the curriculum: Sports teacher (Mrs Nicky Jones), Music teacher (Miss Mortimer).
Discoverers Years 5 & 6	Miss. Mia O'Callaghan	

Summer Reading Challenges

This Summer holiday we are inviting our school families to participate in an *extreme reading challenge!*

You can take a photo of your child/ren reading in any interesting, intriguing or unusual places. Be as creative as you wish! We can't wait to see what you come up with - there may even be a prize for the most unique examples.

Please send all photo entries to the school email address admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk



The library is also running its own simple Summer Reading Challenge which begins on the 19 July and ends in the middle of September, so there is plenty of time over the Summer to borrow and read 6 books of your choosing to receive incentives and a certificate once you have completed the Challenge. You can read fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books or graphic novels. Audiobooks and eBooks can all be used to complete the challenge and Westmorland and Furness Libraries Borrow Box service is a great way to get free access to eBooks and audiobooks for this challenge.



Further details on the Summer Reading Challenge website [Summer Reading Challenge](#) and also Westmorland and Furness Libraries Facebook pages for library activities.

Sports Club

Sportivos were with us again this half term for an Olympic themed Sports Club which included golf, athletics on the playing field, baseball, football. Participants received a certificate.

Clubs in the new school year

Clubs will run as usual next school year, as follows:

- Morning Club at the Zen Den from 8.15 am (no charge)
- After School Club (ASC) from 3.20 pm to 5.30 pm.
- Sports Club with Sportivos will continue on Wednesdays
- Further info on other after school clubs, and lunch time clubs to follow in September.



Over the last school year, your child may have come home wearing a sticker like this. Open The Book (OTB) are a group of Christian volunteers from Kendal churches who visit our school each week to share Bible stories in an engaging way with drama, props, costumes and pupil involvement. Our children have fun watching and listening to the stories and reflecting on them.

Selside School Association (SSA)

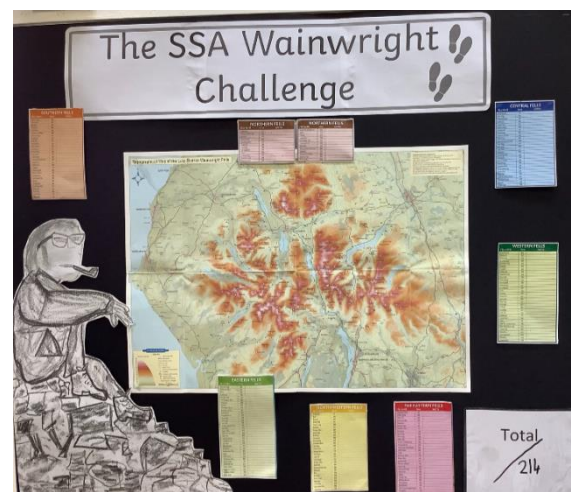
The SSA have been very busy these last 2 months with a hugely successful Potter the Fell event in June.

This weekend marked the launch of the Selside School Wainwright Challenge with the first group conquering Hallin Fell (no 1 out of 214). The aim is for the school community to climb every Wainwright. Summer holidays would be a good opportunity to climb a few more Wainwrights and remember to take a photo at the top. Please use the link to record any Wainwrights you bag- [The SSA Wainwright Challenge](#). Alternatively photos can be sent to the school office admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk We can't wait to see your photos!

Please share the 'Wonderful' link with your friends and family to raise funds in support of this challenge:

<https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/N1mz5#charity>

Progress will be recorded on a Digimap and on our display in the school hall.



Tepee Tots toddler/parent group

Thank you to all the parents and families who have joined us for Tepee Tots this term. We will restart after the Summer break on Friday 13 September at 9.30 am.

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Parent View Survey

At Selside School, we are continuously striving to work closely with parents and carers to provide the best education for children attending our school. Thank you to everyone who took part in our Spring Parent Questionnaire, here are the results which are also posted on our school website - [Parent and Carer Survey Results](#).

As part of our response, we have already started to expand cultural opportunities through Penpals in Manchester and Quebec, and the Year 6 trip to London. To allow us to keep extending our cultural awareness in 24/25, we will not be attending the County Show in September.

Selside School RECYCLING We would like your help to look after our environment by continuing our school recycling efforts: -

Used batteries Thank you for recycling your batteries using the Battery Collection Box in Reception. We are entering a competition to win book vouchers for our school. Please bring your batteries to recycle at school before the end of November so we can enter.

Uniform Swap We still have a small stock leftover from our last Uniform Swap. Please contact the school office via Seesaw if you need anything.

Plants We are aiming to plant more fruit bushes, perennials and small evergreen plants in our garden areas. If you are having a garden tidy and have any spare plants, including pond plants, our keen Selside gardeners are always grateful for any donations.

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As this is our final Newsletter of the academic year, I would particularly like to thank everyone for all their support this year. We are very lucky to have such an active and thriving school community, including governors, parents and staff, who all help in lots of different ways to make our childrens' school life and journeys here at Selside happy and memorable.

We extend a very warm welcome to new families who have joined us this month and will be starting in September, and look forward to seeing all the children back in school on **Wednesday 4 September**.

Happy Summer holidays! With very best wishes



June Lowther & all the Selside School Team

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