



# Newsletter

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year. The children have all settled back in to school life brilliantly after Christmas and the new term has begun well, despite the challenges that the weather has thrown at us! It's been a busy half term and the children have really embraced their learning and thrown themselves into their activities. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 have enjoyed weekly sessions of Gymnastics with Lucy from EVSP and Active Kids at After School Club; 3 of our children represented the school at the Cross Country County Championships; 2 teams of children from Year 1 & 2 and Year 3 & 4 entered the EVSP Eden area competition and Year 5 & 6 have taken part in a fantastic STEM workshop with the RAF where they became engineers for the day.

## A County Champion!

Well done to Sadie in Year 6 who finished 6th out of 112 runners in her Cross Country race at the County Championships! She will now go on to represent Cumbria in the national competition in Northampton on the 22nd March.

Good luck Sadie - what an amazing achievement!

Although the Year 4 races didn't lead to any further events, Rory and Caleb did a fantastic job representing our school. They showed great resilience to make it round a challenging course with 106 runners and helped the Eden team to earn second place overall.

Well done to you all!



**1st Place in the Year 1 and 2 competition!**

## Fabulous Gymnasts!

On Friday 7th February, a team of Year 1 & 2s and a team of Year 3 & 4s entered the EVSP gymnastics competition at Penrith Leisure Centre. Both teams were brilliant and earned a first and a second place! The Year 1 and 2 team will now go on to represent Eden in the county final on 31st March.



**2nd Place in the Year 3 and 4 competition!**

## Lunchtime Clubs

The Year 6 children have been trialing running some new clubs at lunchtimes. After listening to the things children across the school were interested in during one of our assemblies, they have thought about what they could offer. They have designed posters, planned their own sessions and gathered their resources together. To see their confidence and enthusiasm for running the clubs has been absolutely wonderful. So far, some of the older children have been able to try Arts & Crafts on Mondays, Chess on Tuesdays, Spanish or British Sign Language on Wednesdays and Netball club on Fridays. The Year 6 children are going to review how it's all gone so far and put a plan in place to open up the clubs more widely and to include the younger children when they are confident their clubs are ready for a roll out to a wider audience.



Sign Language with  
Holly



Trying out some new  
learning



Netball with Eve, Alice  
and Sadie



Spanish with Bella and  
Mabel

## PE

PE days for the second half of the Spring Term will be as follows:

**Nursery & Reception** - Thursday

**Year 1 & 2** - Monday & Thursday

**Year 3 & 4** - Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 5 & 6** - Thursday & Friday

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kit on their respective days. **Children in Reception should bring their forest school clothes to change into on their PE days.**

*Please ensure that **earrings** are either removed and left at home or taped **before arriving at school** on PE days. From Year 3, children may bring their own tape to school if they prefer **but must be able to apply this themselves** before the lesson.*

## Forest School

**Reception** will have a block of Forest School starting on **Thursday 27th February**. They should bring appropriate outdoor clothes, waterproofs and wellies to change into after PE.

Thurs 27th Feb

Thurs 6th Mar

Thurs 13th Mar

Thurs 20th Mar

Thurs 27th Mar

Thurs 3rd Apr

## After School Club

After School Club continues to be well attended and it's always so lovely to see children from all ages across the school mixing together so well. The younger children showed such enthusiasm in their Active Kids sessions and I saw several future Bake Off stars at Baking Club! Baking has proved very popular and we hope to include some more sessions in the summer term for those who missed out this time.

**There are still some families who are not booking. This should be done on School Hub preferably or via email. I must remind you to book, wherever possible. This is essential to ensure we have the correct number of staff on site.**

Any queries, please get in touch with us via the school office, or ask one of the team at ASC.

## World Book Day

This year we will celebrate World Book Day in school on **Wednesday 5th March.**



Children should **bring their favourite bedtime story** with them to school or a book that they would choose to wind down with in the evenings. If they would like to, they may **dress in their PJs, onesies or their comfiest clothes** for snuggling with a book.

The children will enjoy some book themed activities in their classes across the day as well as some time to share their books with their friends across the school.

## KS1 Maternity Cover

We are delighted to have appointed Miss Erin Higginson to cover Mrs Sinkinson's maternity leave. She is an experienced teacher and is thrilled to be joining the team at Skelton School after the Easter Holidays.

## Parking Outside School

We have once again been contacted by one of our local residents about inconsiderate parking. Even if for a short time, please do not park across driveways or block access to properties. Thank you.

As always, you may use the village hall for parking to ease congestion outside school.

## 48 hour sickness rule

A reminder that children with vomiting and/or diarrhoea symptoms should not return to school until at least 48 hours after they were last sick or had diarrhoea. This helps to prevent the spread of infections among children and staff.

## Nuts!

Please be reminded that we are a completely nut free school. Nuts and nut products **of any kind** are not permitted in school. Please always check the labels of your products before sending them into school. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

## Attendance

We are aiming for 95%+

So far our attendance this academic year is: **96.1%**

Thank you to all of our families for supporting such positive attendance and punctuality.

Contact us via email on [admin@skelton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@skelton.cumbria.sch.uk), telephone 017684 84367 or speak to one of us at the school gates each morning if you need anything at all.

# Spring Term dates for your diary



Date	Children	Event
17th-21st Feb	All	Half-term
26th Feb	R-Y6	Movie Night at ASC - The Secret Life of Pets
27th Feb	Reception	Forest School afternoons begin for 6 weeks
3rd Mar	Booked Children	Dodgeball at ASC
4th Mar	Year 3 & 4	The British Museum - Virtual Visit
5th Mar	All	World Book Day - celebration of reading in school
6th Mar	Selected Y 3 & 4	Quicksticks Hockey festival, Penrith Leisure Centre
7th Mar	Y 5 & 6	Carlisle Archive Centre visit
10th Mar	Booked Children	Dodgeball at ASC
11th Mar	Y1-4	Centre for Life visit, Newcastle
17th Mar	Booked Children	Dodgeball at ASC
24th Mar	All	Parents Evening
27th Mar	Y5 & 6	Orienteering
27th Mar	R-Y6	Easter Baking at ASC - <b>FULL</b>
31st Mar	All	Library Van visit
1st Apr	All	Parents Evening
2nd Apr	Nurs & Rec	Keswick visit
3rd Apr	Selected Y5&6	Netball final
5th Apr	All	Break up for the Easter Holidays at 3.30pm
22nd Apr	All	Return to school