

# Newsletter 22nd April to 18th July 2023

# Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3rd September 8:40am School Opens for Autumn I

Thursday 4th September 3:15pm PTA Meeting - All welcome

Tuesday 9th September 3:15pm Parent Meet & Greet Sessions

Thursday 11th September 9:00am RWI Phonics Coffee Morning

Wednesday I<sup>st</sup> October C2+3 to the React Science Show

Wednesday 15th October Individual & Family Photos

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October PTA Autumn Disco

Friday 24th October 3:15pm School Closes for Half Term

Monday 3rd November 8:40am School Opens for Autumn 2

#### School Summary

Well what a fun-packed and busy term it has been at Lowca School this summer!

It has been wonderful to celebrate our Year 6 pupils' SATs results and we are all very proud of how grown up and mature they were throughout the assessment period. Our Year I and 2 pupils wowed Miss High in their Phonics Screening Check and the Year 4s tried to beat the clock with their time tables knowledge in the National MTC. Now that the end of year reports have been sent home, I am sure everyone will agree that each and every child has worked their socks off and made so much progress both academically and personally, all whilst proudly demonstrating our values in everything they do. We are all very proud of their journeys and can't wait to see them grow even more next year! They have worked hard but they have also played hard too taking part in lots of competitions with other schools, enjoying various school trips, performing assemblies and of course the wonderful C3 play!

It has also been amazing to hear the wonderful comments and thank yous for our staff team too this year. They have all worked together as a fantastic team to make our school a happy, safe and exciting place to grow and learn!

I hope you all have a happy, safe and adventurous summer and look forward to hearing all about it in September!

Mrs Walker

#### Safeguarding

Our final attendance figure for the year was 96% which was slightly below the national target of 97%. However, we had 4 pupils who received our 100% attendance awards and a total of 23 pupils who achieved our 97% target! Well done to them and thank you for your co-operation in ensuring our pupils make the most of the learning opportunities available.

If you need any safeguarding advice over the holidays or would like to report a safeguarding issue about any child or young person, please visit <a href="www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk">www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk</a> to find out more information or call 999 if you feel a child may be in immediate danger.

# Muncaster Mayhem

Our Annual Trip to Muncaster before the half term, was once again a huge hit and the whole school thoroughly enjoyed their day exploring the castle grounds and watching the flying displays. Some of our children were also brave enough to stay the night, camping under the stars and enjoyed hot chocolate, camp fire stories and midnight fun and games, as well as a second day of exciting activities and exploration. The weather was beautiful and even Luna spent the day with us being part of our Lowca School Family.



# Learning beyond the Classroom

This term in our Character Curriculum, we have been valuing Cumbria and all that it has to offer! We are proud to be Cumbrian and of it's Heritage.

We built on our learning from last year where we studied the history of mining and Lowca village, the geography of the lakes and mountains and the famous author Beatrix Potter and this year focused on how science has shaped our landscape and employment, learned about musicians and artists from the local area and explored many locations from woodlands to rivers, lakes and beaches to find out more about nature and wildlife. Each class presented an assembly to say what they had done and what they had learned form their experiences, which was lovely to see.







We also extended our learning at home by asking families to upload their adventures for our Love the Lakes Challenge. This supported our wellbeing and physical health as well as allowed us to spend valuable time with loved ones ... without the distraction of technology! Well done to everyone who took part and won a medal.

# Goodbyes and fond farewells

This morning we held our final assembly for our Year 6 pupils and they shared some music and memories of their wonderful time at Lowca Community School. It was lovely to hear how friendships had grown and that they were filled with hope for their journey ahead. We will thoroughly miss them and wish them lots of luck as they move into Year 7, leaving their year 6 benches at the back of the hall!

They had an amazing trip to Manchester to celebrate and enjoyed touring the city, skiing, snowboarding, going to the cinema, visiting Chester Zoo and P Louise!



#### fundraising fun

This half term we have had lots of fun raising money for both our school and the wider community. It was wonderful to see so many people attending our Summer Fair and lots of fun was had by everyone. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for our raffle and tombola and to the PTA for organising the event. As a school community, we also donated lots of food to the Foodbank during our 'Wear in Green' Day which will help many families in our local area!





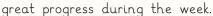




Miss Henderson has been working very hard to make sure all of our pupils have access to a wide range of sports, for all ages and abilities and that they have been able to take part in lots of competitive events throughout the year.

Our C3 pupils have attended Rugby sessions with the Lowca youth coaches at the Rugby League Club, as well as taking part in Multiskills tournaments and Orienteering events with schools across Cumbria. Our C2 pupils have been enjoying Cricket with Whitehaven CC Coaches and representing the school at Athletics and Rounders events as well as Football with the Reds in the Community. EYFS and KSI pupils have enjoyed their new outdoor area, including road markings for bikes and trikes, Rag Tag Imaginative Play equipment and their Forest School adventures throughout the local area to keep them active and healthy. Competitive elements will be introduced for our KSI pupils next year.

All of our KS2 pupils completed their swimming lessons at the Workington Leisure Pool and made





In addition, our Penathalon Team, came first in the County for their 'Inclusive Sports' Competition, and won a trophy for the school, and some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils took part in the Bike Ability sessions to learn how to ride their bikes safely on the road. Miss Henderson and her son, Theo, have enjoyed running a sports session as part of Tuesday's After School Club and C3 Keep Active sessions as part of Theo's Duke of Edinburgh Award with the Whitehaven Academy.

It has been wonderful to see everyone so active in enjoying learning new skills, competing and celebrating each others' achievements ... and for our Year 6 pupils to be involved through leading play time activities. We have loved having Jamie in from GLL to run our Lunchtime Sports Activities too! Our grand finale had to be our very own Sports Day which was enjoyed by children, staff and parents this year - thank you to the Lowca Rugby Club for hosting the event

All of this hard work and dedication has earned us the Gold Mark for 'School Games' which is amazing - so thank you Miss Henderson for everything you do to keep us healthy, active and engaged!



### Community Events

There's plenty of things on over the holidays to keep the kids entertained ... visit our Family Hub or the Cumbria HAF Website for many free clubs and offers available each week!





