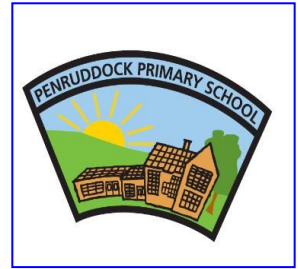


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Penruddock Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 2024 – Issue 6

Dear Parents and Families,

It is with some sadness that I write my last newsletter for Penruddock.

I have had an amazing few years as headteacher here and will miss all our children and families once I've gone, however we have an action packed term ahead and I look forward to creating many precious memories in my final term and will enjoy celebrating all our successes especially with our Year 6, many of whom started Penruddock with me in Year 1.

This term is filled with lots of activities including end of term activities and events, the FOPS summer fair and a range of sporting events.

Best Wishes

Mrs Johnson

CLASS TRIPS

We are looking forward to our class trips this term. Blencathra are linking their science led learning about animals with their trip to Walby Farm Park on 13th July.

On 20th June, Helvellyn and Skiddaw are combining their trips to link Year 5's learning on Earth and Space with a trip to the Life Museum in Newcastle whilst Helvellyn will be learning all about the Egyptians at the Great Northern Museum in the Egyptian Galleries.

Huge thank you to FOPS for subsidising the travel for these trips and significantly reducing the parental contribution costs. Without the donation these trips would be difficult to arrange as transport has become so expensive.

FOPS Summer Fair—Greystoke Castle

A reminder that FOPS will be holding their Summer Fair on Saturday 28th June at Greystoke Castle this year. Please bring your friends and family along to join us for the day, spend some money to support the school and soak up the lovely castle and grounds. If you are able to give up an hour or two to run a stall or help out in other ways, please let a member of the FOPS committee know as they are always short of volunteers.

Huge thank you to Tom for hosting us at the castle for this event.

Fingers crossed for lovely weather as this is a chance for us to raise more much needed funds to support your children in school.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is scheduled for **Wednesday 9th July** beginning at 1pm sharp. As always spectators are welcome, bring chairs, rugs and sunhats to keep yourselves comfortable and cool. The children will be in the shaded area by the trees so spectators will be quite exposed. (Reserve Sports Day, Tuesday 15th July)

A reminder that children should wear t-shirts for the colour of their house although yellow team wear white to prevent attracting flies!

Windermere (Blue) Derwent water (Green) Ullswater yellow (white) Ennerdale (Red)

The **Usbourne book lady** will also be visiting on sports day again this year. She will be available in the village hall after sports day, for parents to browse and purchase books. A percentage of all sales will come back to school in free books for our library.

Thank you to FOPs who are providing an ice-lolly for each child after the races.

SPORT

Well done to all our children who have competed in sporting events last term. We were delighted with the results we achieved. Our Year 4 tennis players performed really well achieving 3rd place overall against a variety of teams from many local schools. KS2 Tag Rugby competed well and KS1 enjoyed their Come and Try Tag Rugby Festival. Our older children made rapid progress during their intensive swimming week—despite a few wobbles on day 1. Fantastic job!

Forthcoming events this term include

Cluster Events

KS2 Penruddock Rounders Festival (with support from Keswick Young Leaders) - 7th July

Patterdale Cross Country— 4th July

Skelton 7's football—10th July

Greystoke KS1 5 a side football—2nd July

KS2 Greystoke Pool Swimming Gala—30th June

Eden Valley Sports Partnership

KS1 multi sports—18th June

Cricket (Year 5 and 6) - 10th June

Cricket (Year 3 and 4) - 8th July

AFFORDABLE UNIFORM

A reminder that our uniform shop is always available to source second hand uniform. Also children are permitted to wear yellow or white polo shirts to support families to source the most economical choice.



FOREST SCHOOL

A reminder that Forest School continues on Tuesdays this term for all years, except Year 4. Year 3 will be joining Blencathra for their forest sessions this term and **Year 4** will be at Forest School on **Friday** with Mrs Guy for the remainder of this term. Please make sure your child has suitable kit for showery weather as well as hot, these sessions go ahead whatever the weather!

AFTERNOON SNACK

We are aware that some children are feeling hungry towards the end of the school day. We are happy for children to have an additional afternoon healthy snack to ease this situation. As with morning snacks this must fulfil the healthy school criteria, so should be fruit or grain based. Sweets and chocolate are not permitted.

Early years and KS1 children receive a free healthy snack each morning but if your child requires an afternoon snack this will need to be provided.

A reminder too that we are a nut free school to protect children with life threatening allergies. Please check any snacks do not contain nuts.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to all parents and community friends who have donated plants and equipment to support us with setting up our new raised growing beds. We now have quite a collection of vegetables and fruit growing and look forward to watching them develop over the next few weeks.

A special thank you to Ben Davies and his helpers who have kindly donated their time and muscle to build and fill our new beds ready for our growing season.

These growing activities form an important part of our science and Forest curriculum work so this help is much appreciated.

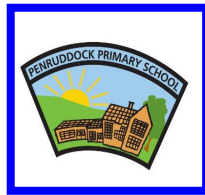
ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school to date is 96.84%. This is above the county target so a huge thank you to everyone for ensuring your children attend school regularly and that when this is not possible you inform us quickly to let us know.

A reminder that county have stepped up their attendance monitoring service and term time holiday will be identified by the new team and is likely to receive a fine. Parents who choose to take children out in term time must complete a request for absence form.

Officers are also quick to identify any patterns of absence and this may also lead to follow up from the team.

When attendance falls between 90% and 95% county requires school to notify parents so that higher attendance can be maintained.



END of TERM MUSIC ASSEMBLY—Thursday 17th July 2.30pm

We look forward to our forthcoming end of term events. Following the success of our Easter coffee event we thought it would be nice to share our music outcomes from this term with you at the end of the year. We will therefore be holding a performance assembly on Thursday 17th July at 2.30pm

SKIDDAW END OF TERM PLAY—Wednesday 16th July 2pm

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PICNIC—Wednesday 16th July 6pm

This year's play, based on the X Factor (their choice!) will be held at 2.00pm in the afternoon . In the evening, it's a bring your own picnic event for Year 6 leavers and their families, held on the field from 6pm followed by Year 6 prize giving. The annual leavers soaking will take place at the end of the evening. Make sure you source your super soakers and possibly a change of clothes!

LIFE BUS - 14th July

We are delighted to have booked a visit from The Life Education bus again this year. The bus is hosted by Corum Education and offers a range of inter-active workshops for the children on PSHE based topics. The focus for our workshops will be wellbeing and mental health. To find out more about The life Education Bus you can visit the website:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/what-we-do>

There will also be a parents Q and A session at 8.50am—9.00am on the day if you would like to find out more from the team.

UPDATES and REMINDERS

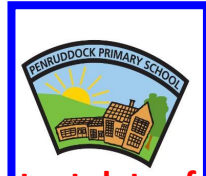
PE KIT Please can all families ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day, as sports practices move regularly at this time of year in preparation for the many sporting events.

EARRINGS A polite reminder that all children who wear earrings should be able to remove them independently or not wear them on school days. Children with newly pierced ears must provide their own plasters for sporting activities.

LONG HAIR Another polite reminder that children with long hair should have it tied up every day fro school to prevent accidents and prevent the spread of nits between children. Additionally all children must have their hair tied back fully for all PE activities so it is helpful if hair it tied up fully on PE days. Thank you for your cooperation.

SUNCREAM and SUNHATS On hot days it is important that children have suncream applied before their arrival at school. Children are not permitted to apply suncream in school and should not carry suncream with them in their bags as many children are allergic to certain ingredients and brands.

WATER BOTTLES Many children are still without water bottles. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day so they can keep hydrated in the hotter weather.



Important dates for your diary:

For further updates to the school calendar, visit www.penruddock.cumbria.sch.uk

Monday 9 June	Pyjama Drama—Road Safety Workshop (Year 1 & 2 pupils)
Tuesday 10 June	Mixed Dynamos Cricket Y5&6 (selected children)
Wednesday 11 June	QEGs enrichment event (selected children)
Friday 13 June	EYFS/KS1 Trip to Walby Farm Park
Tuesday 17 June	Forest School—Skiddaw
Wednesday 18 June	KS1 Multi Sports
Friday 20th June	Y3&4 trip to Great North Museum and Y5&6 visit to Life Centre
Tuesday 24 June	Girls Dynamo Cricket Y5&6 Forest School—Blencathra & Y3
Friday 27th June	Youth Climate Summit Barrow in Furness (selected children)
Monday 30th June	Greystoke Swimming Gala—Y3-Y6
Tuesday 1st July	Forest School—Skiddaw
Wednesday 2 July	Reception Induction morning KS1 5 Aside Football
Friday 4 July	Patterdale X Country
Monday 7 July	Orchestra Day
Tuesday 8 July	Dynamos Cricket Festival Y3&4
Wednesday 9 July	School Photos Teddy Bears Picnic for new Reception starters Sports Day from 1pm
Thursday 10th July	Skelton 7's
Monday 14 July	Life Bus
Tuesday 15th July	Sports Day Reserve
Wednesday 16th July	Leavers Play 2pm Penruddock Village Hall Leavers Picnic @ 6pm
Thursday 17th July	End of Term Assembly with music performed by our pupils
Friday 18th July	TERM ENDS @ 1pm

PENNY'S TRAVELS

Penny has been on her travels again over half term. This time following a trip to Edinburgh Zoo with Finlay and Elijah she flew across to Legoland Billund in Denmark. So far she has managed trips to the continents of Africa and Europe, visiting the countries of England, Scotland, Tanzania and Denmark. I wonder if anyone is going to Asia, North or South America or even Australasia over the summer? If you are let me know. It would be great if we could get her around the world. Thank you Finlay and Elijah for the lovely photos.

