

January '24

After all the excitement of Christmas, you may have thought the pupils would be ready for a rest... But no, our classes happily bounced back into school with just the same vigour, eagerness and energy, ready for the new year ahead. Their positivity is a wonderful reminder that looking forward to 2025 is a chance to grow and embrace new challenges – bring it on! On return to school, we were thrilled to receive news that Mrs Hartropp's Eco Club had been awarded a Bittern Certificate from the Arnside and Silverdale National Landscape Trust. This acknowledged the hard work and efforts of our pupils promoting environmental awareness and we are looking forward to forging new plans for the year ahead.

The Big Schools Birdwatch is an initiative by the RSPB that invites schools to record and observe bird species on their grounds. Our Otter Class were extremely keen to take part and the bird feeders around school were topped up in hope of plenty of sightings – super twitching everyone. The sporting calendar looks set to be an exciting one and our pupils recently enjoyed a chilly cross-country competition at Casterton School. Frozen ground and freezing temperatures didn't deter them and everyone ran their hearts out. A special well done must go to Esme in Year 6 who managed to qualify for the County Championships.

Mrs Henneberry has been working hard to develop music in school and the pupils of the Musical Theatre group were thrilled to have been given the opportunity to take part in the Young Voices project. The initiative involves pupils learning a range of songs, culminating in a special day of rehearsing and performing alongside a large number of other schools at the Coop Live venue in Manchester. With unforgettable performances in prestigious arenas, Young Voices offers children a chance to shine, create lifelong memories and foster a sense of community through the power of music.

"Where words fail, music speaks." Hans Christian Anderson

Our carefully designed curriculum aims to encourage the children to learn about, understand and embrace diversity in all aspects of life. Earlier this term, we were thrilled to welcome Imran Kotwal from the Muslim Learning Service who delivered a fascinating workshop about Islam to the infant pupils – you're never too young to develop a love and respect for our multi-faith world. The juniors certainly won't miss out and will soon be heading off to the Buddhist Temple in Ulverston to enrich their learning experiences about Buddhism. The annual infant celebration of Chinese New Year will take place at the end of January and we're looking forward to a day of song, dance, craft and maybe some food tasting if we're lucky... The year of the Snake is here!

Our wonderful FOANS group had a fantastic Autumn term of fundraising and we're looking forward to purchasing new science resources and developing a school cooking trolley with everything needed to create and bake some tasty treats. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We started the year off with our winter movie night, a lovely chance to head back into school with PJs, pillows and Onesies for a night curled up with friends in front of the big screen. Next will be our half term disco and an opportunity to dance the night away. Always keep an eye on the broadsheet for future events – we'd love to welcome you into school.

The Year 6s will soon be starting their dancing sessions with the charity, 'Dignity in Dementia' and our KS2 pupils will be heading off to Dallam School for a languages enrichment session. Busy, interesting and exciting times ahead.

Take care, Mr Sharp