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Our pupils are amazing. Their endless enthusiasm, curiosity, vitality, fun and warmth, never fail to make us smile and sharing their 'lightbulb' moments is one of the true pleasures of life in school. The settling in period is over and classes are working like well-oiled machines! The purposeful atmosphere in school is a credit to the hard-working staff and we're extremely lucky to have such a caring, dedicated team. The busy, varied diary says it all...

Mrs Shipperd has been extremely busy with PE development and there are some very exciting plans in the pipeline. This term, pupils have enjoyed a range of activities including dodgeball, netball, football and golf. The cluster competitions got off to a flying start with Dallam School hosting a joint football and netball tournament for local schools. Our teams loved the experience and were lucky enough to achieve 2nd place in each. One of the sporting highlights of the year is when we welcome the Cumbria Wheelchair Basketball team into school and this year proved just as exciting. All the pupils, including Nursery, had coaching sessions with Nat and it was wonderful to see the pupils embrace the sheer excitement of sport in a wheelchair. A huge thank you to Nat and his team and good luck in your future games. Bike2School week was an excellent opportunity to blow away the morning cobwebs and enjoy a healthy start to the day, and the pupils certainly rose to the challenge.

We have been working hard to promote 'Pupil Voice' in school and the hotly anticipated School Council elections have just taken place. It's a fantastic opportunity for pupils to have their say and help drive school development. Mrs Hartropp carefully guides the council and ensures 'Olympic size swimming pools' stay off their wish list! Our newly formed Ethos team is a group of pupils who will be helping school promote our Christian vision. Thank you to Mrs Pearce for developing RE in such an exciting and dynamic manner. At Arnside, we're proud of our Church school status and it's underpins who we are and how we work. Our annual Harvest Festival was a huge success and it was a pleasure to welcome so many parents / carers back to a whole school event; the church was positively brimming! As usual, the pupils stole the show and in particular, Emily Hartropp, who opened the service with a stunning singing solo. School Church is back to normal and all the pupils enjoy a weekly service in St James'. Please feel free to pop along and join us.

Green was the theme on the 6th October as pupils enjoyed a non-uniform in recognition of World Cerebral Palsy Day. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and support those living with CP and our very own Millie Hughes was the star of the show – a true inspiration and nugget of gold. Our Year 4 pupils will soon have an exciting opportunity to work alongside local artists to create lanterns for the 'Light up Lancaster' parade. AONB officers will be helping the pupils find inspiration by organising a series of activities in Trowbarrow Quarry – who knows what weird and wonderful creatures could be lurking there... The term is only just warming up – bake sales, dance clubs, PTA discos and even a virtual Parent's evening are just around the corner!

"We didn't realise we were making memories, we just thought we were having fun." Pooh.

Take care, Mr Sharp