



7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, thank you so much for the lovely comments received from my own letter send out yesterday, they mean so much.

But onto the pupils - this has been an absolutely brilliant week with cake sales, Macmillan support and a visiting brass group to mention but a few. I hope you enjoy reading all about our activities.

Lakes 4 have been doing excellent work in their phonics lessons. Some of them have been looking at the picture side of our 'snake' cards. The rest have been working on their 't' sound. We have been building towers and looking at items beginning with the 't' sound.



Lakes 12 have enjoyed their first trip to Cafe West this week. The pupils enjoyed using their Literacy skills to read the menu and decide what they would like. They also used lots of Numeracy skills to work out cost and change they could get. The pupils had a great chat over drinks and cake. It was also lovely to see some familiar faces working there.





Mountains 4 have continued their independent living sessions by creating flapjack to sell at the Macmillan coffee afternoon. In our topic work on Weather we looked at the impact a hurricane can have on personal belongings, building boats which we floated on the water. We then added a hurricane wind (fan) and monitored the impact on the boats crashing together, sinking and overturning.



The pre-formal classes had a wonderful morning with the A4 Brass Quartet. This was provided by Sunbeams Music Trust and funded by 'Loud Music Now'. The hall was a lovely engaging environment as we explored songs from around the world including Mexico, India and Ireland using a range of instruments.







Sixth Form students for the first time since Covid began are able to take part in 'taster' courses at Lakes College on a Friday morning during Vocational Education time. A group of students from the three Sixth Form classes have started work each week doing Catering which is led by a specialist College tutor (supported by Mayfield staff). Further courses are planned for other Sixth Form students later in the year including Painting and Decorating and Art.



Mountains 8 and Mountains 11 teamed up with Kaefer (a local company that works on the Sellafield site) to work in school on the topic of recycling and litter. Kaefer kindly sent in staff to school and they delivered a presentation on the importance of recycling. Everyone then went out into the school grounds and picked up litter with equipment provided by the company. Students had an enjoyable time and displayed great levels of teamwork and concentration, while learning about how to help the environment.



What a fun filled morning Lakes 5, 11 and 12 had on Monday, they joined Gary McKee on his 276<sup>th</sup> marathon. It was such a lovely atmosphere cheering each other on and each child going at their own pace. Well done everyone. Thank you to everyone who had donated. Gary has already discussed future plans which may include a larger school event on our very own 'Mayfield Mile'.





On Wednesday we held a cake sale in support of Macmillian, each class baked cakes to sell. We raised an amazing £268.73, well done to everyone involved.



## Diary Dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - School Photos, Mountains Dept

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - School Photos, Lakes Dept

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween Disco/Party - dressing up optional but definitely very welcome.

Yours sincerely

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