

17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Illness

Please be vigilant as Covid and sickness bugs are still doing the rounds.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kara who has secured the position of Head of School at Cumbria Academy for Autism. Kara has worked at Mayfield for 16 years. We wish her good luck in her new role.

I do hope you enjoy reading all about life at school this week.

Lakes 1 are practising their cutting and chopping skills, as they follow a simple recipe to make tomato salsa. Some of them were brave enough to taste tomato, lime and coriander. Each week they are becoming more independent in using their equipment and following the recipe.



Lakes 10 took trip to Paw Prints at Harrington last week where they enjoyed caring for Blue the dog. They enjoyed walking him, feeding him, making sure he had water and they loved playing with him. Some even followed him round the dog agility course and had a go on the dog agility course and had a go on the obstacles!

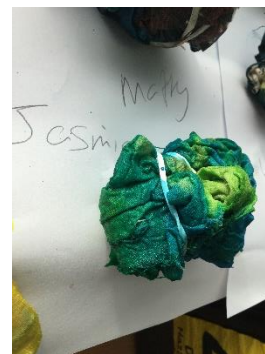




Mountains 5 had a great trip to see the spring flowers at Irton Church as part of their Seasons work.



Students in Mountains 7 and 8 have been learning to tie-dye and improve their sewing skills whilst using a sewing machine as part of a Textiles Project for DT.



On Tuesday 7th March we held a World of Work Day in school where we hosted a range of local employers. Mountains 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 all enjoyed visits from a large range of companies who came into school to speak about the work they do and to help promote employability skills. Students really enjoyed the different sessions and learned a lot about the World of Work. A big thank you to - INSPIRA, TSP Engineering, Osprey Inns, Cumbria County Council, North Lakes Food Bank, Northern Gas Networks, Kaefer, Mitie, The Outdoor Partnership, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project and West House.

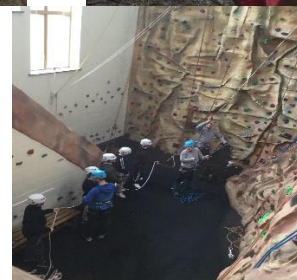




Last week we were visited by McDonald's staff from the Whitehaven branch. The visit was focused around our SkillsBlox project which aims to educate our pupils about the World of Work and develop skills linked to being at work such as teamwork, confidence, communication etc. McDonalds showed Lakes 12, Mountains 8 and Mountains 9 the uniforms they wear, some of the equipment they use and also ran a fun session making Big Macs using some of the real ingredients including the use of cardboard burgers! A great time was had by all and we are hoping to follow up with some visits to Whitehaven McDonalds to find out more about what they do at work.



6th Form students have had a fantastic time at Bendrigg this week, they have been climbing and abseiling, canoeing on Lake Windermere, ventured into deepest darkest Yorkshire to hike into the Dales and explore Yordass Cave, sang on karaoke in a traditional Mongolian Yurt, toasted marshmallows and ended the week with a disco.....what a week!





And finally....

Work at St Joseph's continues to progress well. We have a completion date for the end of June with a view to a September start.

The Local Authority have funded additional classroom space at St Joseph's and from September 2023, Year 11 pupils will be joining our 6th Form at the Cockermouth location.

Visits to the new site will be arranged for those concerned and in the fullness of time for parents of all pupils.

Diary Dates

Parents Evening will take place during the week of 20th March.

School closes for Easter on Friday 31st March at normal time

Yours sincerely

Sam and the team

