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## Newsletter #8 – Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

### SIAMs

Yesterday school was inspected under the SIAMs framework. The inspection went incredibly well. The inspector, Alison Lloyd, inspected school against the key question ‘How effective is the school’s distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?’ I was thrilled that Alison identified how inclusive school is, how our vision is the basis for everything we do at school and how amazing our pupils and staff are.

The final inspection report will be published in the coming weeks.

### Cross Country and Running Club

Well done to ten of our Year Five pupils for competing in the Elleray School Cross Country race on Tuesday afternoon. They all showed amazing perseverance and determination to complete the 2km course.

It is brilliant to see how many pupils come to school every morning at 8.35am to take part in running club. If your child would like to join, there’s no need to book they can just come along.



### Collective Worship



All the pupils in Class Three did a brilliant job planning and leading a collective worship to the whole school about last week’s residential visit to Barhaugh Hall in Alston. The pupils talked about the activities they completed and made links to our Christian values. The pupils also designed amazing posters about their residential experience. These pieces of work are displayed on our ‘Learning for life in all its fullness’ display in the school entrance way.

### **QKS Library Visit**

On Monday afternoon, Year 6 visited the Queen Katherine's School's Learning Resource Centre. The pupils had a great time with their lovely librarian who shared some wonderful stories, inspired the pupils' future reading lists and explored different genres with the group. Year Six finished the afternoon with a Q&A session with some very enthusiastic and friendly QKS pupils - from year 7 to sixth-form - who shared their love for reading also.



### **Swimathon**

Last Saturday a group of pupils from Class Four took part in the Kendal Rotary Club Swimathon at Kendal Leisure Centre. The pupils managed to swim over 200 lengths and raised an amazing £462.25 for the RSPCA! Well done to the pupils and Miss Harrison for such an incredible effort!



Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

### **Key Dates**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Year 5 Information Evenings at Queen Katherine's School	10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Mothers' Day gift stall in school	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
PTA movie night	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March

### **PTA Newsletter notes for March 2023**

#### **Pre Loved Uniform Sales**

- Hazel Cottam has taken over sales of pre loved uniforms (*Thanks Hazel!*)
- e mail [hazel\\_parsons@hotmail.com](mailto:hazel_parsons@hotmail.com) if you would like to purchase or donate pre loved uniform

#### **Grant Funding opportunity at Moto**

If anyone is employed at Moto they can apply for a £1000 grant for a charity of their choice. If you work for Moto or know anyone who does and might apply please let us know!

[oldhuttonpta@gmail.com](mailto:oldhuttonpta@gmail.com)

*Thanks to Sarah Spencer for researching this.*

## **Asda Green Token Challenge: Please vote weekly**

Please follow the link and vote for our PTA to get funds from Asda to provide books for the school library.

The first prize is £500, second, £400 and third £300 so we will win either way! We need to go online to vote only and everyone has a **vote per week!!** Until April 30th. 🗳️

I have just checked the stats and we are still second prize at the moment all votes will increase our donation.

Please vote now!

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4943>

*Thanks to Harriet for building this relationship with Asda.*

### **School Applications**

#### **Nursery applications for 2023**

September 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2023

January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

### **School Year dates 2022-23**

#### **Spring Term 2023**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### **Summer Term 2023**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June