



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after a lovely sunny half term break. How lucky we all were with the weather!

As always, it has been a busy week. The upper school have been completing independent projects; they have covered everything from William Shakespeare, to Michael Jackson to oak trees to Ada Lovelace! Children in upper school have also been getting their enterprise initiative underway. Well done to 3P for their delicious cakes and ice cream on sale to all of us on Tuesday. They wisely spent some of their £10 (presented in assembly by our Bursar Mr White on Monday) on ingredients for this project. Their chosen charity is Eden Animal Rescue.



It was also lovely to start the week with not one but two musical pieces - Quetzi playing on the piano for us and Emma singing. Mrs Wrightson is excited to hopefully have some kind of words and music concert in the next couple of weeks and we await the announcement from Mr Johnston hopefully next Monday so we can get ourselves organised for whatever news he gives us.

On Wednesday, as part of our Summer of Kindness, Kirby Stephen Mountain Rescue- of which Mr Spooner is a member- came to school to talk to the children about their job. They were presented with cakes from the children for their kindness shown to others and for all that they do to keep us safe on the fells. The 'Red Shepherdess' also paid a visit to our little ones after being nominated by the Hollidays whose land she farms and looks after the animals, showing how she and her dog Frazer work with the farming community. The children presented her with her very own sheep mobile and large sheep cake about which both she and her dog were overwhelmed!



We have made it onto the TV screen again if any of you have seen the news or listened to the radio, and we have also made it into the Herald - the children will be taking autographs soon at this rate! Many thanks to Mrs Bunting for orchestrating much of this.



Our academic governing committee has met this week as has our finance committee – the board of governors will meet for the first time 'in person' at school next week since the pandemic struck in March 2020, for a tour of the school and a meeting summarising the various committee activities and wrapping up what has been a most extraordinary year.

Next week is also 'Leaver's Week' for Year 6 and a number of local events are happening for them. This super group of children have but a few weeks left with us, and we want to try and make it as special as we can for them, whilst keeping within restriction guidance. They are off to Aira Force, Carlisle, mountain biking and water sports as well as camping in the next week.

Speaking of camping again, we need to wait until next Monday before making the parents' camping weekend a definite option - if restrictions stay at groups of no more than 30 then we will have to review organisation our plans and organisation 😞

Have a lovely sunny weekend again!

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre-School News

We have had such a busy week back at Pre-School this week. We began the week by talking about what we got up to over half term. It was lovely hearing about where and who people have been visiting.

As we had a very special visitor on Wednesday, we spent the beginning of the week creating some very special gifts to give to her.

We put our baking hats on and baked some sheep cupcakes and a large sheep cake using icing,

marshmallows and chocolate buttons.

We also wrote our names and drew pictures for a thankyou card and we even created a sheep mobile for her.

It was lovely to have The Red Shepherdess visit us, she brought her very clever sheepdog Frazer with her, and we asked her lots of questions about her job.

She was super grateful for our gifts and she even told us we can go to visit her at the farm some day!



Miss Borthwick

HUNTER HALL HOLIDAY CLUB – SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As we move towards the final quarter of the summer term, we are looking at our plans for holiday club during the summer holidays. Therefore, (subject of course to any changes the government may make due to COVID that is beyond our control) the weeks that we are planning to run the holiday club are:

- **19th – 22nd July 2021**
- **26th – 30th July 2021**
- **2nd – 6th August 2021**
- **9th – 13th August 2021**

Sessions will run from 08.30 – 15.30 each day and the cost for each session will be £22.50 per child with a 10% discount for siblings. As always, any children attending the sessions will need to bring their own snacks, cold packed lunches, and suitable clothing to wear.

Please see letter to follow by email.

Sports

Wilson Cup- Year 3 & 4 Tennis

Our year 3 & 4s took to centre court this afternoon to enjoy our annual tennis competition. With the boys and girls split into two pools, the group stages commenced. Base line rallies, powerful aces from George, stunning passing shots from Jack and the occasional air shot all graced courts 1-4!

Girls' Group Winners: Group A- Darci, Group B- Maggie, Group C- Tate, Group D- Orla

In the girls' draw, Tate, Niamh, Ellie and Orla all got off to winning starts. Niamh and Anna Forster were involved in a 7-6 thriller, while Pheobe and Amelie enjoyed their 7-4 encounter. The group winners progressed through to the semi-finals where Orla emerge victorious (7-2) against Tate and Darci edged passed Maggie (7-6).

Boys' Group Winners: Group A- Ezra, Group B- Ollie, Group C- Niall, Group D- Tomas, Group E- Carson

In the boys' draw, Ezra, Ollie, Niall, Carson and Tomas all started with a bang! Josh and Zach put on some sensational rallies that ensured their game went on for some time. Josh emerged the 7-6 victor. Carson continued his blazing run with a 7-6 win over Thomas, while Drew enjoyed his 7-6 nail biter with Oliver. In the quarter finals, Niall progressed past Ollie, before securing his place in the final with a 7-2 win against Ezra. On the other side of the draw, Tomas slipped past Carson with a 7-6 win to ensure his place in the final.

Both finals will be played next Monday afternoon- **Girls-** Orla v Darci **Boys-** Tomas v Niall

Dodgeball: Hunter Hall v Calthwaite

Outdoor conditions proved testing for our year 6 dodgeball players. The matches were fiercely contested and Calthwaite offered stiff opposition. Both schools claimed wins, however the Calthwaite team edged early in proceedings, their ferocious throwing and team play giving them the upper hand. As the teams split into girls and boys, our girls produced a fine display. Two games up, Poppy salvaged a match from the brink of defeat. With only seconds remaining she took a pivotal catch to revive a team mate, before dispatching a stunning throw which struck the winning blow! They emerged 3-1 victors. The boys fought hard but they had met their match: it was the sort of challenge they needed and one that provides far more leaning than a simple win!

U11 Cricket: Hunter Hall 307 v 220 Appleby CC

On Tuesday evening, a balmy summers evening greeted us and ensured a fabulous setting for another game with our friends at Appleby CC.

Hunter Hall won the toss and elected to bat. Anna and Joe got things off to a steady start. Anna struck two sweet singles and protected her wicket brilliantly. Next in, Logan and Harrison took their turn at the crease. Harrison smashed a couple of stunning boundaries to keep the score board ticking, but with wickets now falling, the score was pegged back to 213. Two of these wickets were taken by our very own Tomas Barr, who was playing for the Appleby U11 team. It was a great spell of bowling from this young cricketer. Matilda and Hugo then entered the fray, a crazy run out was not the best start, but they both struck a boundary to help the team out. The final 4 batters took on Appleby's best bowlers and produced a blistering finish. Fergal smashed a string of short pitched balls for four and Casey ran smartly between the wickets. The pair produced the most productive partnership of the afternoon. The final batting pair of Piers and Matthew faced the toughest challenge. With no wickets conceded, the two worked well together to push the score beyond 300, Piers striking boundaries, while Matthew skilfully pushed singles.

As Hunter Hall took to the field, it was Anna who was tossed the ball to begin our bowling onslaught. In her second over of the innings, she took 3 quick wickets. With such a devastating start to the innings, it took Appleby some time to bounce back. Harrison and Joe bowled well and the pressure just continued to build. Harrison produced a smart run out with an accurate throw, before Fergal repeated the feat. Appleby bounced back well plundering 10 runs off Casey's first over, before Matilda produced a truly exceptional hat trick of wickets! The achievement saw her keep the match ball as a memento of this rare achievement! Casey bounced back well to bowl a wicket maiden and the game was all but won. Fergal, Matthew, and Piers bowled out the innings in style to ensure Appleby finished on 220.

The whole team communicated brilliantly; they were full of praise for each other and applied skills brilliantly in a competitive environment. They were a real credit to the school and to themselves.

U11 Cricket- Giggleswick 215 v 297 Hunter Hall

It was fantastic to back playing sport at Giggleswick again. Our close friends gave a warm welcome and provided a stunning wicket on which to play. Anna, Poppy, Zara and Minnie bowled brilliantly and found their rhythm from the off. With four run outs in the first 4 overs, Hugo was kept busy behind the stumps and Hunter Hall were off to a flier. Casey then took the ball and produced a devastating over which saw 4 wickets fall, his line and length were perfect and the team rightly celebrated. A call up for the from the ECB is surely only a matter of time. Matilda and Matthew kept the pressure on with tight overs of their own and Giggleswick struggled to keep the scoreboard moving. As the last batters entered the fray, the runs started to flow more freely. Piers and Fergal found the going tough and while they both took wickets, one batter in particular, began to challenge them. Boundaries came thick and fast and that helped Giggleswick surge past 200 and on to a final score of 215. It was a stunning bowling performance that saw only 7 wides bowled and 0 no-balls throughout the entire innings.

The Giggleswick team gave it their all, but with so few runs on the board it would prove an impossible total to defend. Anna and Zara started the innings sublimely, both batters scoring several singles and neither batter saw the bails removed. Poppy and Minnie were more aggressive in their stroke play, but paid the price with a dismissal each. Hugo then struck the first boundary of the afternoon and the Hunter Hall team were cruising. Matthew struck another four and Casey pushed a couple of singles. Batting was not easy, largely due to the number of wides and no balls that each pair had to face. As the final 4 Giggleswick bowlers came into the action batting got tricky for a different reason (the pace and accuracy). Piers and Matilda struggled to keep their defence tight and wickets fell freely. Matthew and Fergal took different approaches to the same challenge. Matthew pushed singles brilliantly off the good balls and waited for the only bad ball which he punished for four, while Fergal took the attack to them. The final over was sensational and he plundered an impressive 3 boundaries against their strongest bowler. This strong finish ensured Hunter Hall finished on a huge 297. Anna (2), Zara (3), Hugo (5), Matthew (9) and Fergal (21) all finished on positive scores, the significant proportion of our runs coming from wides and no balls. The difference between the two sides was clear- the accuracy of our bowling! Well done to all those children who have represented the first team this year. We have remained unbeaten throughout all 6 games, created memories and enjoyed the journey.

Mr Hetherington





Rehearsals are hotting up for our musical spectacular of Matilda on 29th + 30th June and the 1st July. Please can pupils bring their costumes into school on or before 21st June? This gives us a week to check them and add costuming into our rehearsals when we're ready. Could I also ask if anyone has access to the following items, that they wouldn't mind us borrowing for the play? **A steering wheel for a car, 2 crates that are strong enough to sit on and 2 reasonably 'plump' beanbags, either plain primary colours or Minecraft themed?** If you feel able to lend us these items, please leave with Miss Fawcett. Thanks so much!

Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Wrightson

Next week

Monday 14 June 2021

All Day	Year 6 Leavers Activity Week
All Day	Art/English day at Aira Force for Year 6
10:40 - 11:30	Richard Evans (drumming)
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Cricket (Lower School)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Choir (Upper School)
16:30 - 17:30	After School: Band (Upper School)

Tuesday 15 June 2021

All Day	Year 6 Leavers Activity Week
09:30 - 12:30	Year 6 Waterstones
13:00 - 17:30	Year 6 Biking Afternoon
13:30 - 16:30	Outdoor Education (Year 3P Sailing)
15:10 - 15:20	After School: Athletics (Lower School)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Chess & Backgammon (Upper School)
15:30 - 16:30	Cookery Club (Yr 3S)
16:30 - 17:30	After School: Exam Prep (Year 5)

Wednesday 16 June 2021

All Day	Year 6 Leavers Activity Week
All Day	Year 6 Expedition prep and Watersports Day
08:20 - 09:00	Ian Butterworth (brass peri)
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Mindfulness Colouring (Lower School)

Thursday 17 June 2021

All Day	Year 6 Leavers Activity Week
08:30 - 15:00	Barbara Gilbertson (peri)
08:40 - 16:30	Lower school trip to south lakes safari
13:30 - 16:30	Outdoor Education (Year 6 Overnight Mountain Expedition)
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Languages (Upper School)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Cricket (Upper School)- cancelled due to overnight camp
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Football
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Mindfulness Colouring (Upper School)

Friday 18 June 2021

All Day	Year 6 Leavers Activity Week
All Day	Y6 Overnight return

Saturday 19th June 2021

09:00 – 12:00	U9 & U11 Athletics Competition at Sedebrgh Prep. -CANCELLED
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