



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 2 Summer Term, 29th April 2022



Dear Parents,

It has been good to be back in school this week following an unscheduled absence last week! It's lovely to catch up with all the children again and hear all their news.

Our training day prior to the start of term seems like a while ago now, but as part of our training we began to strategically plan for the next phase of using ICT within the school. As a staff we analysed how we wanted to use ICT within our lessons and the hardware and software we would need to deliver it. More information will be given on this later in the term as we streamline our ideas further.

Prior to the break, we completed the term with our Easter fayre, proceeds of which were donated to DEC to help those caught up in the Ukrainian conflict. You will be pleased to know that money raised from the easter fete, including the sale of the children's sunflower portraits, added to the bake sale earlier in the term and other donations, helped raise a whopping £1162.24! Thank you everyone. The money has now been banked with DEC.

Anyone who did not make the Easter fayre but would like to purchase their child's sunflower creations, please contact Mrs Tarrant who can arrange delivery of the said prize-winning portraits.

Ella.tarrant@hunterhall.cumbria.sch.uk We will add any further proceeds from the sale of these to DEC.



Yarick has also now joined us in school making the trip from Ukraine along with members of his family. He is settling into our reception class and the children are delighted to have a new playmate!

School is becoming a busy place after hours these days too; the archery team is back, keep fit and pilates classes take place, and we are soon to welcome a karate class for children. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter if you would like your child to take part.

You should have now found your invitation to our 30th anniversary music concert on Saturday May 14th in your child's bag. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible there if you can make it and help celebrate music in school. This concert is open to the whole of the Penrith community not just school, so please get your tickets as soon as possible if you don't want to miss out.

[Click here to get your tickets!](#)

Academically, we are now in exam preparation season with exams spread out across the year groups for upper school over the next few weeks. Form tutors will be sending home revision lists and information in due course. For your information please be aware that the exams will be as follows:

Year 6 and Year 2 SATS - May 9th – May 13th

Year 3 and Year 4 exams – May 16th – May 20th

Year 5 exams – June 6th – June 10th

Assessments for lower school will take place throughout the term.

Next week (on Tuesday) we have our Key Stage 1 cross country taking place – all of lower school will have a chance to compete along with 21 local schools. Please feel free to come along and cheer your children on and many thanks in advance to all of you who have volunteered to help Mr Hetherington and ensure this event runs smoothly.

We also have STEM week - WHIZ,BANG,POP, starting on Tuesday, and Mr Spooner has been busy organising along with the science department a series of wonderful activities for the children to experience based on chemistry. In addition, as it is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Mr Sturgess along with the maths department, will be hosting a mathematical day on Tuesday.

Today's 100 club was drawn in assembly this morning, a big congratulations to our winners:

1st Felicity Griggs, 2nd Alfred Raven, 3rd James Antrobus.

Tonight, is the first parent organised event of the summer term with a ball at the Roundthorn. I am sure this will be a lovely way to welcome in the Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you there this evening.

Enjoy the extended weekend,
Mrs D Vinsome

And finally, if you are wondering what to do with the bonus day on Monday - Harrogate Ladies College are hosting an open day. Please see details below.

Open Day - Monday 2 May, 10am-12pm

We'll be opening the doors to College again on Monday 2 May. It's a Bank Holiday, which is a normal teaching day for us, so a perfect opportunity to come along with your daughter and see our school in action! You can find out more and register online [here](#) or alternatively, call our Events Team on 01423 537045 or email events@hlc.org.uk

Pre-School News

This week in pre-school we have had a great time learning all about Jack and the Beanstalk!

We all sat and listened to the story and then we discussed what happened and who each of the characters were.

We then had a go at creating our own beanstalks by using lots of different materials. We used sticklebricks, Duplo, wooden blocks and foam blocks. The children were very excited to measure them all and see if we could build a beanstalk taller than us!

We have also painted our own beanstalk, cow, golden hen, golden eggs and magic beans for our very special display board.

We are looking forward to planting our own beans next week and see how many beanstalks we can grow!

As well as all of this, we have also spent a lot of time outside on the climbing frame, practising our climbing skills and taking turns.

Well done pre-school 😊!

Mrs Parker and Miss Graham



Dates for Cookery Club Summer Term 2022

Year 3 and 4

Friday 29 April Group 2
Friday 6 May Group 1
Friday 13 May Group 2
Friday 20 May No Cookery (Year 5/6 Residential)
Friday 27 May No Cookery (Jubilee Day)

HALF TERM

Friday 10 June Year 3 only
Friday 17 June No Cookery (Sports Day)
Friday 24 June Group 1
Friday 1 July Group 2
Friday 8 July End of term

Group 1 (10)

Tate
Amelie
Emma
Quetzi
Josh
Thomas R
Jack
Hettie
Hermione
Toby

Group 2 (8)

Darci
Lindi
Anna
Hubi
George
Cecily
Lucy M
Lucy W

Sport

Hunter Hall KS1 Cross Country- Tuesday, 3rd May 2022

Following the long weekend, our first day back will see us host over 20 local primary schools for our annual Year 1 & Year 2 cross country championships. Reception children are welcome to run if they choose. It is an amazing afternoon with the first race starting at 1.15pm. We should be all wrapped up by 3pm and parents are welcome to spectate on the school field.

To help the afternoon run smoothly we require volunteers for the following roles:

- Serving cake to the finishers from the tent on the school field.
- Marshalls
- Finish line- keep the children in line
- Helping Mr. Sturgess total the team scores in the pavilion.

If you are able to help please email me –
andrew.hetherington@hunterhall.cumbria.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Andrew Hetherington
Director of Sport



PENRITH CHOJINKAI **KARATE CLUB**

RE-OPENS on THURSDAY 5th MAY 2022

First established in Penrith 1976 by our founder/chief instructor Doug James 9th Dan

Hunter Hall School Hall - Frenchfield

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS – 4 years plus – LITTLE DRAGONS

*Classes led by Mark Heaton 5th Dan & Lewis Heaton 2nd Dan
Mark & Lewis are enhanced DBS/CRB checked & first aid trained*



*Mark has been training 23 years, since 14 & a direct student of Doug James 9th Dan
'Cumbria Sports Coach Award' Winner 2020*



Lewis has been training 14 years, since age of 4 years old



Class numbers will be small - booking is essential

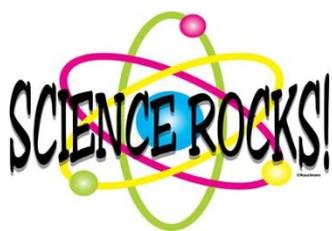
First 5 Weeks – Free 'come & try' Classes

Phone Mark on 07732 352

Website: www.chojinkai.com

Facebook: Chojinkai karate Penrith





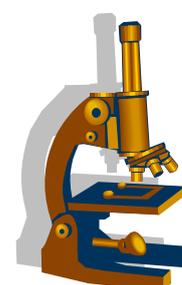
Hunter Hall STEM WEEK

3rd – 6th May 2022

'Chemistry'



Date	Activities
Monday 2 nd May	*Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 3 rd May	*Spectacular Maths Day!
Wednesday 4 th May	*Upper School visit to Life Centre, Newcastle – museum and chemistry workshop – Children need to be in school 7.45am for 8am departure. *Lower School volcano making and the science of eruptions
Thursday 5 th May	*Upper and lower school 'Whizz, Pop, Bang' science shows *Science themed cross-curricular lessons
Friday 6 th May	*Science rotation lesson morning. (Year 6 on history trip)



Week ahead

STEM WEEK

Monday 02 May 2022 – BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 03 May 2022

ALL DAY	Spectacular Maths Day. Outdoor education – Year 3&4 Group 2
10:30 - 11:00	Lower School Swimming (Penrith Leisure Centre)
13:00 - 15:00	HH KS1 Cross Country Championship (School Field)
15:00 - 16:30	Barbara Gilbertson - Voice, violin and piano
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Drama
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Athletics
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Chess and Backgammon
16:30 - 17:30	Exam Prep Year 5
17:00 - 19:00	U11 Hardball Cricket v Appleby CC @ Appleby CC

Wednesday 04 May 2022

07.45 - 16:00	Upper School Trip to Life Centre – Depart at 8am prompt
08:00 - 09:00	Ian Butterworth (brass) - CANCELLED
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School – Languages- a short session after the trip.
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Drama

Thursday 05 May 2022

ALL DAY	Upper and Lower school ‘Whizz, Pop, Whizz, Bang’ science shows
ALL DAY	Science themed cross-curricular lessons
	Outdoor Education – Year 6
08:30 - 16:00	Barbara Gilbertson - Voice, violin and piano
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindfulness colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Hardball cricket nets
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Board Games
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Football
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School - Football
17:45 - 18:45	Chojinkai Karate Club (Hall)

Friday 06 May 2022

AM	Science rotation lesson morning
ALL DAY	LAMDA
09:00 - 12:30	Year 6 History trip to Brougham
12:30 - 14:00	Governor meeting (TEAMS) DV and NH
14:00 - 18:30	U11 Boys' + U11 Girls' Cricket @ Barnard Castle- note late finish
15:15 - 16:15	Lower school - Tennis
15:30 - 16:30	Cookery Club - Group 1
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Free play
16:25 - 17:25	Upper School - Tennis