



# HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

## Newsletter Number 3 Summer Term, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Dear Parents,

Gosh what a start to the week! We may have had a Bank Holiday weekend, but we have very much packed 5 days' worth of work into 4 this week with STEM activities happening, as well as our key stage 1 cross country to boot.

But first, however, thank you to all those who came to the ball – a great deal of fun was had by all, but special mention to Mrs Forster, Mrs Rowley and Mrs Morison for doing so much of the organising. As part of the evening an auction was held which raised a staggering £3340 for school funds! This money has already been earmarked for a ride on mower for our 'estates team' (namely Mr Ellerton), who whilst he does his best to keep the grass down, along with Mr Hetherington's cricket square looking trim, this will help them both immensely with their tasks! Thank you all for your generosity.



Speaking of sporting events, our KS1 Cross country saw us host 21 local schools on Tuesday. There was an enormous amount of camaraderie and spirit amongst the schools and runners and all the children can be very proud of what they achieved, as well as all our year 6 who were ambassadors for the event, either helping with



refreshments, marshalling, or haring. A special mention to Henry in Year 2 who gained a silver medal in his race and our Year 1 girls who won the team silver medal position. Medals were awarded in assembly this morning.



All the children from pre- school through to year 6 have benefitted from a plethora of STEM activities this week – from mathematical challenges to volcano production, experimentation with a Van der Graaf, to working with Bunsen Burners and chemicals - studying reactions. Special thanks to St Bees who produced a super carousel of activities for upper school on Thursday – their science department were amazing and SO passionate about their subject, whilst Professor Price (our very own Mrs Price) produced a mad science show for our little ones. Mr. Spooner, our Head of Science has also led the trip to the Life Centre in Newcastle this week and all staff have joined in with science-led activities on Friday morning to finish the week. The photos tell the story better than I could ever convey, but it is safe to say the children loved it and are all scientists (or mathematicians in the making).



Next week a hush will fall on the school as SATs begin for year 6 and assessment for year 2. Exams are part of school life and hopefully the children will find it a positive experience.

I have heard on the grapevine that our school blazers are now in stock at Sam Scotts HURRAY! Avoid the stampede and get down there quick!!

Do not forget to secure your tickets for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary music concert next Saturday evening too – if you cannot manage online and would rather do it in person and buy tickets via the office, please pop in. Mrs Wrightson and I visited the Methodist Church to check out the venue earlier this week and I think it will be a wonderful evening. Remember canapes are served from 6pm with the concert starting at 6:30pm.

And finally, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and our Jubilee day (the last day before half term – details to follow later) in school is edging ever closer. A reminder from the newsletter back in November .....'.*On a separate note, we have also taken delivery of a sample of a commemorative platinum Jubilee coin from the Tower Mint – see image (I still have my coin from her silver jubilee)! Our parents' group would very much like to offer one of these for each child in school and pre- school with money raised from our parents' breakfast event. However, if you would rather not have one for your child, again please can I ask you to contact Amy.'* Have a good weekend,  
Mrs D Vinsome



## Pre-School News

This week we have again been very busy in pre-school.

We started off the week by planting our own seeds, following instructions and making sure we had everything we needed.

We have been learning all about 'The Gingerbread Man', as well as joining in with STEM week.

We have created our own Gingerbread men, using lots of different materials and patterns. As well as this we made our own puppets for the story to retell it in our own way.



We helped reception create a big volcano and learnt some important words such as: magma and lava. It was very exciting when we went outside and watched the chemical reaction happen to create our very own volcanic eruption!

The children have also helped to celebrate Zak's birthday and we need to say a big thankyou to Zak for bringing us all a gift to take home too!

*Mrs Parker and Miss Graham*

# Dates for Cookery Club Summer Term 2022

## **Year 3 and 4**

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  
Amélie  
Emma  
Quetzi  
Josh  
Thomas R  
Jack  
Hettie  
Hermione  
Toby

## **Group 2 (8)**

Darci  
Lindi  
Anna  
Hubi  
George  
Cecily  
Lucy M  
Lucy W

## Parents' Group

### **Spring Ball**

Many thanks to all those who attended the Spring Ball last Friday; a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Rachel Forster, Charlie Morison and Lucy Rowley for their superb organisation. And a big thank you to those who donated items to be auctioned and those who helped raise the amazing sum of **£3340** for the school.

### **Jubilee Big Breakfast**

The next Big Breakfast is on Friday 27 May and coincides with our whole-school Jubilee celebrations. Everyone is invited to come along for bacon/egg rolls, croissants and pancakes.



## Missing...

### **A missing cake box**

Amélie brought in a loaf cake, in a brand new grey based loaf cake box for the Easter Fayre, and the box has not yet been returned. They would be most grateful if you could all have a good look in your cupboards and return to Amy in the office.

Thank you.



# Week ahead

## SATS WEEK

### Monday 09 May 2022

09:30 - 12:00	Richard Evans - Drums
14:00 - 17:30	U9 Girls' Cricket v Barnard Castle @ HH
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14:00 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson - Voice, violin and piano
15:00 - 16:30	NO LOWER SCHOOL SPORT CLUB
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Choir
16:30 - 17:30	Band

### Tuesday 10 May 2022

	Outdoor Education – Year 3&4 Group 1- Sailing
10:30 - 11:00	Lower School Swimming @ Penrith Leisure Centre
12:45 - 16:15	Y6 Trip to Sheepmount Athletics Stadium - Coaching with Lenny Miller
15:00 - 16:30	Barbara Gilbertson - Voice, violin and piano
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School – Athletics - CANCELLED
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Chess and Backgammon
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Drama
16:30 - 17:00	Exam Prep Year 5 (NOTE CHANGE OF FINISH TIME FOR THIS WEEK ONLY)

### Wednesday 11 May 2022

08:00 - 09:00	Ian Butterworth (brass)
13:45 - 15:15	U11 Wilson Cup - Tennis Competition (Intra school competition) @ HH
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Languages
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Drama

### Thursday 12 May 2022

	Outdoor Education Year 5- Sailing
08:30 - 16:00	Barbara Gilbertson - Voice, violin and piano
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindfulness colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Board Games
15:00 - 16:00	Lower School - Football
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Hardball cricket nets
16:00 - 17:00	Upper School - Football
17:45 - 18:45	Chojinkai Karate Club

### Friday 13 May 2022

	LAMDA
11:00 - 12:30	Music rehearsal at Methodist Church
14:00 - 19:00	U11 Girls' cricket @ Sedbergh Prep
15:15 - 16:15	Lower school - Tennis
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Free play
15:30 - 16:30	Cookery Club - Group 2
16:25 - 17:25	Upper School - Tennis

### Saturday 14 May 2022

18:00 - 20:00	Celebration of 30 years of Music @ Penrith Methodist Church
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