HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 8 Spring Term, 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to spring! It is lovely to see a welcome return to lighter mornings and evenings and hopefully the weather will play ball too over the coming weeks. Interestingly, this time last year there was not a daffodil out anywhere in the school grounds when I covered Saint David's Day in my RE lesson. But, this year we have been festooned with them, as you can see from my year 5 RE groups, as we went on a 'daffodil walk' in pilgrimage to the man himself 😊

The next Headteacher of Hunter Hall has been announced today – Mr Paul Borrows, who will take up his position in September 2023. Today you should have received a letter from our Chairwoman Mrs Harling giving further details on the post. The calibre of candidates in this round of interviews was superb, and it was so heartening to see how much they all wanted the opportunity to lead this wonderful school. I am thrilled to hand over the baton to Mr Burrows in what I am sure will be very safe, creative and forward-thinking hands and look forward to working with him over the next few months as he gets to know us a little. His wife and family will also be joining us as they make the move from Sussex to Cumbria.

This morning the first LAMDA certificates of 2023 were awarded in assembly. A huge number of our children take part in these sessions, enhancing their reading and presentation skills enormously, and their results were just reward for their efforts, and those of Mrs Kate Walford - their teacher. Congratulations to them all.

Speaking of LAMDA Mrs Walford is not available on Friday 10th of March, but will make up the lost session at another time.

We are now close to Carlisle Festival Week, (week beginning the 13th of March) and the children are busy preparing their pieces for this music and drama festival. Transport arrangements for large group events are complex, so please check with the office if you are unsure if you are responsible for getting your child to the festival, (or indeed want to take them yourself), or whether they will be transported by school.

Before half term I was alerted by a parent to the fact that Sam Scotts had very few uniform items in stock for certain school items. However, it appears their website is not up to date, and they do have quite a lot in stock if you need to replenish school coats etc. They are addressing their error, but if you are unsure, it is probably worth a phone call to them, rather than relying on their website at present.

This Sunday marks another Parent Group event - it's a 'pudding festival' organised by Mrs Mashiter for parents. I am sure this will go down a treat – enjoy!

The new playtime games shed for lower school is now up and ready to receive new playground equipment - magic parent elves came to construct it over half term – thank you 😊. Hopefully, fingers crossed, their new toys will arrive in the next few days for all the children to enjoy.

For those off to Malvern this weekend for the cross-country championships, best wishes for a safe journey and a rewarding visit. It's great that our children can be exposed to events such as these, despite the distance involved, and many thanks to Mr Hetherington and all parents who are transporting our children down to Worcestershire – a great experience for our cross-country runners.

Next week we have our own cross-country event taking place on Wednesday (volunteers are need please, see Mr Hetherington or Mrs Robson), as well as a very special evening of 'Words and Music' on Tuesday. You are more than welcome to attend if you fancy taking an hour or so to relax out of, what is for many, very busy days.

Best wishes,

Mrs D Vinsome

Senior School Information

Dear Parent/Guardian

Giggleswick Senior School would like to invite you to their next Open Day on Monday 1 May 2023. Although a Bank Holiday, it is a normal school day for us, and the perfect opportunity for you to see and experience the school in action! Join us to meet our staff, pupils and current parents, tour the school with a pupil, visit a boarding house and enjoy a presentation from our Headmaster - Sam Hart.

To find out more and book the open day, or a personal visit, please click the invitation here. I look forward to welcoming you!

Kind regards

Katie Mallalieu-Black | Admissions Manager
Giggleswick School

Pre-School News

This week we started off on Monday by talking all about what we had all been up to over half term. We looked at pictures our friends had sent us to share too. Thank you very much for everyone who sent us pictures of their exciting half term.

We then moved on to explore our brand new topic - 'Marvellous Minibeasts'. The children have been so excited and interested to learn all about them all. First, we read a book that told us different facts about each one, then we had a go at moving like them. We had to move in lots of different ways such as: crawling, slithering, jumping, scuttling. We the helped Miss Graham decorate our very own minibeasts for our brand new display. We used paint, tissue paper, paper plates and pipe cleaners to design each minibeast before displaying them on the wall.

The children also joined in with a 'Guess Who' game, where they had to guess which minibeast was which by listening to the clues. Working as a team they got everyone of them correct!

This week, we went on a minibeast hunt too - being very quiet and careful, not to scare them all away. We created a house for them by using natural materials, whilst thinking about how to keep them warm and what were the best natural material to use.

We also celebrated St David's day by tasting Welsh cakes, chopping leeks, and building a castle for the dragons.

Finally, In the forest, we went on an observational walk to find any signs of spring, following our work on St david. We even found some frog spawn in the pond.

Well done Pre-School!

Mrs Parker and Miss Graham

Parents' Group

News!

The storage unit for lower school playground equipment has been built. Many thanks to Mr Henriksen and Mr Mason who came in during half-term. The new toys and equipment have been ordered, the goalposts are already in use. 😊

Sunday 5th March from 1 p.m.
(School Hall)
Pudding Festival

Bring along your favourite pudding and be in with a chance of being crowned Hunter Hall's first ever Pudding Festival winner!

There is also a separate children's pudding competition and the title of Young Person's Pudding Festival Winner 2023 is up for grabs.

Entry Fee (cash only):	Adults	**£5**
	Children	**£3**
	Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children)	**£14**

Included in your ticket is tea/coffee/juice and a choice of 3 puddings. There will also be a raffle.

Everyone is welcome so bring along friends and family.

Please remember that we are a **nut-free** school and ingredients must be clearly labelled in accordance with Natasha's Law. As children will also be partaking in the puddings, we would kindly ask that you refrain from including alcohol.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 7th March from
3.15p.m.
Meeting for the Wildlife Garden
Mrs Price is meeting with anyone interested in helping to revamp the wildlife garden.

Friday 24th March
(afternoon)
Easter Egg Hunt
A whole-school Easter Egg Hunt (Lower School during the afternoon and Upper School after school).

Friday 12th May
(evening)
Curry and Ceilidh
A curry and ceilidh evening at Askham Hall. A fun evening for all the family (no babysitter required). Details to follow.

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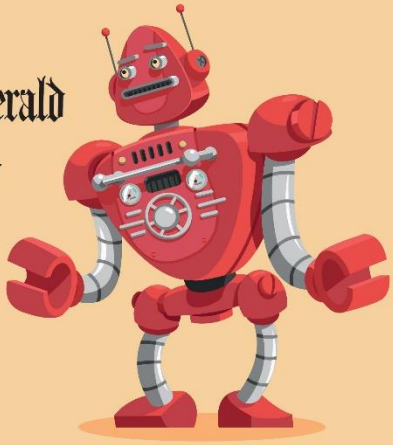
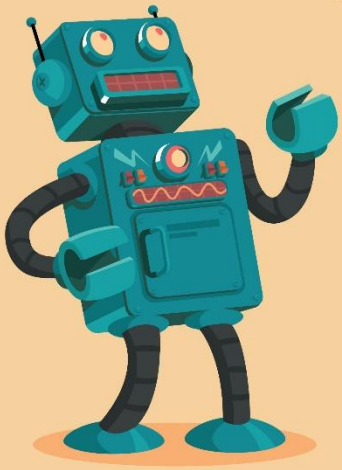


Prizes

A £20 book token and a £50 opening balance in a junior account at Penrith Building Society for the winning short story and illustration

All story entrants can see their stories in print, in a professionally printed A5 book too!*



Open to children 11 years old and under

See the leaflet for details on how to enter, or look inside your copy of the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald

Competition closes 6th March 2023

*T&Cs apply - see leaflet

ENTER OUR CHILDREN'S SHORT STORY COMPETITION

For children 11 years and under

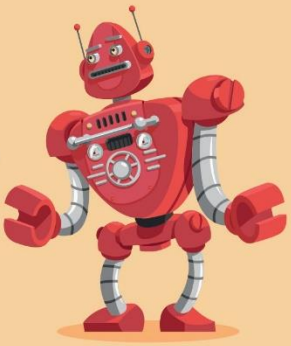
To mark WORLD BOOK DAY on 2nd March,

Cumberland & Westmorland Herald

is running its own special Short Story Competition

It is a chance for children's imaginations to run wild in words and pictures, and to see their work in print in a special book!

To enter, children (aged 7-11) should write a short story (maximum 250 words) inspired by either **Animals go wild** or **My friend the robot**.
Children (aged 6 years and under) should draw a picture on one of these topics, which could be used to illustrate the finished short story collection.



The Prizes

The best story and picture, as judged by our Editor, will each receive a £20 book token.

A Penrith Building Society junior account with an opening balance of £50 for the winner of the story and the winner of the illustration competition.

All the story entries will be included in a professionally printed, full colour, A5 book* along with as many of the picture entries as can be accommodated.

The winning picture will feature on the cover of the finished book.

10 of the best stories and a selection of drawings will be published in the newspaper on 11th March.

The Rules

- **Children must be aged 7-11 to enter the story competition**
- **Children must be aged 6 or younger to enter the illustration competition**
- **Entries must be received by Monday, 6th March, 2023**
- **Children should ask permission from a parent or guardian before entering**

A word from our sponsors

"All of us at Penrith Building Society are delighted to sponsor this competition.

We think it is very important for children to develop their imaginations and their artistic and writing skills.

To be able do so by having fun creating a story or illustration is something we are excited to support.

We are proud to represent and support our local community and we work closely with schools in Penrith to provide financial education.

And, we have offered a further prize to help the lucky winners start their savings journey.

We are already looking forward to reading the stories and seeing the illustrations!"

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Send your completed form to World Book Day Competition, The Herald Office, 14 King Street, Penrith CA11 7AH

Child's full name and age for publication

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Child's school (only if you would also like this publishing)

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Contact telephone number or email of parent/ guardian (these will only be used to contact you about this entry)

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ONLINE ENTRY
Stories and pictures can also be sent digitally by emailing them to **rose.atherton@barrnonmedia.com**
Please include all the information in the above form in the body of the email.

When the competition closes, all the stories and a selection of the drawings, will be made into a professionally produced A5 book*.

The book will be for sale for £10 including VAT - orders for the finished book should be made in advance.

If you would like to order a book, please tick this box ☐
If you would like multiple copies please write the quantity in this box ☐

Postage for this book will be £2.50; would you like it posting ☐
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**In the case that we receive more entries than will fit in the book, we reserve the right to select the stories to be included - we will prioritise the entries of people who have pre-ordered the book.*

Terms and conditions: 1. The closing date for entries for the competition is Monday, 6th March, 2023. 2. Entrants must be required age at time of entry. 3. The winners will be chosen by the Editor of the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald. The judge's decision is final. 4. There is no cash alternative to the prize and the prize is not transferable. 5. The winner will be notified by email or phone within 14 days of the closing date. 6. We will be unable to return originals of artwork sent in. 7. The winner will be announced across all Barrnon Media Ltd. platforms. 8. Employees of Barrnon Media Ltd and their families are not eligible to win the competition but may still enter.

A Reminder.....Junior Bake Off

My name is Hannah and I'm a Casting Researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 9th series of **Junior Bake Off;** a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old.**
Filming would take place from July 2023, but our **applications close on Sunday 12th March 2023**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

HUNTER HALL SCHOOL

(Parents v Pupils)
Monday 6th March 2023
Start: 4.00pm **Finish** 5.00m
Venue: School Field

PARENTS– PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE
This fixture is for all year 5 & 6 pupils who have chosen football this term.

Thanks, Mr. Hetherington

HUNTER HALL SCHOOL

(Parents v Pupils)
Netball
Wednesday 29th March 2023

Start: 3.30pm **Finish** 4.30pm

Venue

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PARENTS– PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE

This fixture is for all year 5 & 6 pupils who have chosen netball this term.

Thanks, Mrs Wilson and Miss Ecroyd

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Please see Mrs Robson for a booking/registration form.

Week ahead

Open Week

Sunday 05 March 2023

All Day	LAMDA Exams
10:30 - 16:00	U11 National IAPS XC Championship @ Malvern
13:00 - 16:00	Parents' Group - Pudding Festival

Monday 06 March 2023

09:30 - 11:30	Richard Evans (drums)
14:30 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin and piano)
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Art
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Choir
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Chess
16:00 - 17:00	U11 Parents v Children Football (for children NOT involved in band)
16:30 - 17:30	Upper school - Band

Tuesday 07 March 2023

08:30 - 09:30	Ian Butterworth (brass)
10:00 - 11:30	Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin and piano)
13:00 - 15:00	U11 Netball Triangular (Clifton/ Appleby) @ HH
15:00 - 16:00	U11 Football @ Beaconside School
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Multi-sports
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Running - CANCELLED DUE TO FIXTURE
15:30 - 17:30	Upper School - Exam Prep Year 5
18:30 - 20:00	**Evening of Words and Music**

Wednesday 08 March 2023

08:30 - 09:30	Ian Butterworth (brass)
09:15 - 10:00	Y3 Swimming @ Penrith LC
13:00 - 16:00	Hunter Hall X-Country Relays 2023, Years 1-6 (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)
15:30 - 16:30	Mindfulness colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - languages

Thursday 09 March 2023

08:30 - 15:30	Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin and piano)
13:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Outdoor Education – Year 6
15:00 - 16:00	Lower School - Football
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Colour and Craft
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Drama
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School - Football

Friday 10 March 2023

08:00 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
08:00 - 16:30	LAMDA - CANCELLED
09:30 - 15:30	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
09:45 - 10:40	Carlisle Festival rehearsal - CHOIR and Y1&2
13:30 - 16:30	Outdoor Education - Y5W
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Golden Time free play
15:30 - 16:30	Cookery Club - Year 5&6 (SEE NOTICEBOARD)