



Sandgate October half term **Newsletter**

Autumn term letter from the Headteacher



Thank you all for the hard work that has been put in this half term. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Harvest Festival. Can I prepare you all for the next Church visit and the Carol service on the 15th December. The Lower School site from 9:45 - 10:45 and the Upper School Site from 11:00am - 12:00, please bring your singing voices with you.

We try not to introduce the idea of Christmas too early as we know that certain students find the idea and the change very difficult, however there will be a number of trips out to give a real fun end to the term.

We are being given a personal Sandgate viewing of the Kendal College panto - Sleeping Beauty on the 25th November and for those who prefer another option Sunbeams are coming into school on the 6th December for a musical extravaganza.

Please keep your eye on parent mail for other event dates coming out soon, such as the lower school Christmas performance and the Upper school choir. Thank you all for sending in your Christmas card designs for the competitions, I'm looking forward to seeing them in print!

I hope you all have great break and a well-earned rest.

Regards

Dan Hinton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Covid Booster Clinic



There will be a **Covid Booster Clinic** running on the Sandgate Site on **Tuesday 25th October 10 -1pm**. Open to parents and carers. Drop in - no appointment necessary.

A collection of various toys arranged on a dark wooden surface. In the center is a white teddy bear wearing a striped shirt. To its left is a stack of colorful plastic rings (red, orange, green, blue, purple, green, yellow) topped with a red cone. Behind the bear is a structure made of colorful plastic blocks with a toy airplane on top. To the right is a large green target with a red bullseye and a small toy train on a white shelf. In the foreground, there are several toy cars, a purple airplane, and a colorful starburst toy.

There are 2 sessions -

- **Morning** 9.30am - 11.45am
- **Afternoon** 1.00 pm- 2.45pm.

Parent Support Group Meetings



1. via **TEAMs** on 8th December at 6pm- '**DeciderSkills**' hosted by Chloe Powers of Barnardo's (more info will be shared in due course).
2. in person **at the Sandylands Methodist church** 11.45-12.45pm coffee and cake 18th November
3. in person **at the Sandylands Methodist church** 11.45-12.45pm coffee and cake 9th December

EVENT: *A Christmas Carol*



Eight Sandgate students will be taking part in a joyous festive performance, woven around our special adaptation of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' with its magical Kendalian twist.

Bring your families, your friends, your workmates, your social clubs for this spectacular and heart warming celebration of Christmas.

This exciting family show with dance, music and Christmas fun, will show us, as it did Scrooge, 'how to keep Christmas well'.

A Christmas Carol for Kendal is adapted by co-directors Chris Taylor and Ginny Moss from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol and is specific to Kendal and Cumbria.

For those attending the Pay What You Can Afford show on Thursday evening. **Please note that you need to book tickets to attend at no charge and then you will be able to donate what you can afford** at the Town Hall that evening

We have secured funding to offer 50p tickets to anyone experiencing poverty at the moment. This would include Pupil Premium students and their families. The funding is per individual, not per family. *Anyone or any family wishing to order a 50p ticket should email info@kendalcommunitytheatre.com stating the number of tickets they require and the date, and the tickets will be set aside. Alternatively, you should contact Julia McDonald who will organise the tickets on your behalf.*

New areas on the Sandgate Website



Those eagle eyed among you will have spotted some new areas popping up on our school website including:

- an area for these newsletters to be saved: [Newsletters - Sandgate School](#)
- an area for useful reading: [Reading Canon - Sandgate School](#)
- an area specifically for our Blog: [Blog Posts - Sandgate School](#)
- and an area with guidance and information to support with topics around Mental Health which is currently being built.

We have also developed the area on the school website for our parents regarding **important dates** for your diary which can be found here: [Parent's Calendar - Sandgate School](#)

Class Updates...

Catbells Class: Here are some pictures of Catbells settling in during the first half of this Autumn term.







Wetherlam Class: have been taking part in a range of exciting activities during this half term and learning lots of great skills including shopping, cooking, matching, letters and much more!









Grassmoor Class: have been enjoying exploring our pirate theme along with the story 'Pirates love underpants.' We have all settled in really well and had a great first 1½ term!















Bessyboot: have been looking at our Pirates theme with a very sensory twist! We have been exploring food-based 'sand', and lots of bubbles and water play. Here are some pictures of what we have been up to.









Blencathra Class: Here are Roman theatre masks that Blencathra made inspired by our class book *Escape from Pompeii*.







Blencathra have also been making Roman shields. They made a design and followed them carefully. They are so proud of the finished product!









Glaramara Class: have had an excellent half term, we have been settling in and getting to know a new class and building beautiful new friendships! We have had so much fun with our Bathroom Boogie story; lots of great writing, dancing, reading and personal care work. Cooking has been a hit too with everyone enjoying getting messy and stuck in!







Robinson Class: have been thinking all things harvest in preparation for the harvest festival. We focused on the country Spain. The children explored olives and were treated to a olive oil hand massage. Lots of dancing with maracas was involved, then we created paintings using our instruments with red and yellow paint. Everyone enjoyed our trip to Church for the harvest festival, which was a very successful first, class trip out. A big well-done Robinson Class.







Fairfield Class: have had a great half term; despite some very wet weather we've continued learning outside the classroom developing relationships, working together to build dens at Serpentine Woods and making campfire bread! We've written newspaper reports in English and enjoyed exploring print in theme. Emma from Lakeland Arts has continued to work with us with some great Comic Arts contributions!







It was great to see Sandgate students work included in the Comic Arts festival window trail!



Windows on Comic Art Trail

By the late 1940s, Swamp County was becoming a center for comic book publishing. The first comic book store in the area was opened by a local resident. The store was a small, one-story building with a sign that read "Comic Books". The store was a success, and it was soon followed by others. The comic book industry was booming, and Swamp County was becoming a hub for comic book publishing.



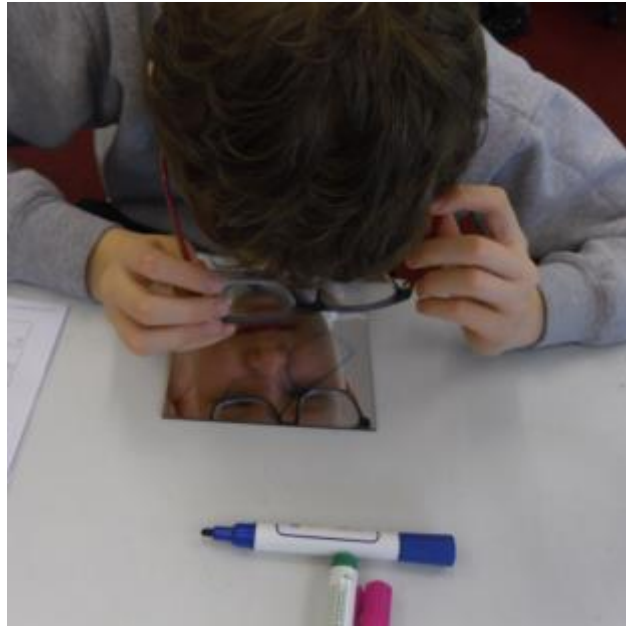
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Fells Class: We've had a busy time in Fells this ½ term. We've developed our Keyboard playing in Music, Produced lovely Italian food in Food tech, had some great adventures in Serpentine woods, played lots of football in PE and designed our own newspaper front pages. And that doesn't mention all the great Maths and Art we've done.



Helvellyn Class: we have been taking part in work experience, volunteering, cooking, shopping and other community visits. Within the community Helvellyn pupils develop personal safety, road safety awareness and using public transport, aiding the transition into adulthood and preparation for the 6th form class.





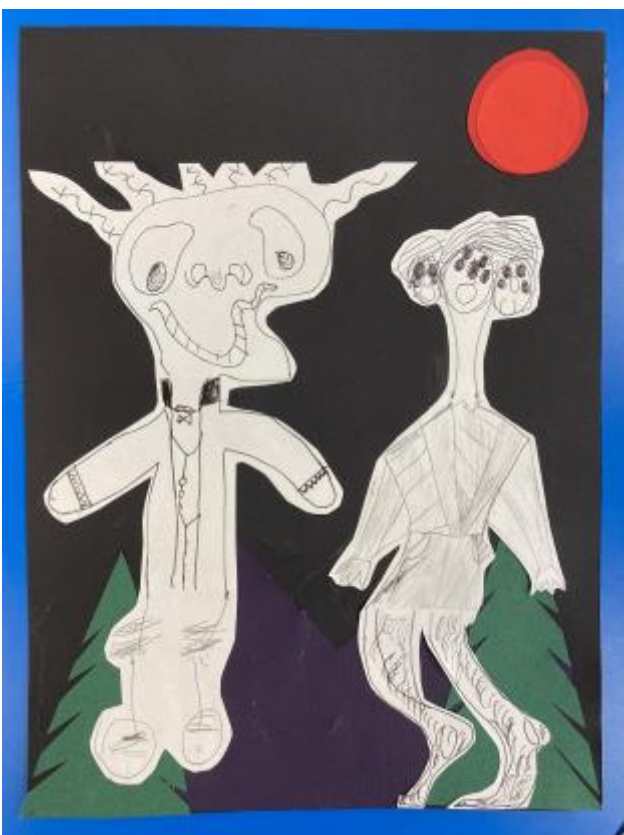
Pillar Class: For the past year we have worked collaboratively with Emma Robertson of Lakeland Arts. Emma is a qualified and practicing art teacher as well as the Creative Producer for Lakeland Arts. Over the last year Emma has worked in conjunction with Fairfield, Fells and Pillar teachers to generate art programmes and resources that complement the classes' themes within their curriculum. More recently, students in Pillar, Fairfield and Fells have produced surrealist comic art with a view towards the Lakes International Comic Arts Festival.













Bowfell Class: have been continuing working on getting to know one another. We particularly enjoy working with Scafell and Skiddaw Classes, we have hosted our first 'Bowfell Bistro' of the school year, a successful and delicious meal prep sessions and getting back to cycling with 'Wheels for All' at the leisure centre.





Scafell & Post 16 Lakes Students:

FOOD TECH

This half term some of our students have spent some time on Thursdays developing **food tech** skills. They have been working on understanding food hygiene, planning, shopping for and preparing their own lunches. They have worked on developing their personal skills understanding about costs and preparing foods, using the oven and hob as well as spending time understanding how to safely use the microwave.





WORK EXPERIENCE

Post 16 Students have started their **work experience** recently. We are working a Tebay truck Stop Junction 38 and Tebay Services Hotel.

This is our second year of working with the Westmorland Group and we've had a very positive start. Students are enjoying the challenges and opportunities offered and are working well with their work place mentors.

Anyone interested in finding out more about supporting us with a work place visit or work experience opportunity please get in touch.

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COLLEGE

Some of our students have spent some time on Thursdays at **Lancaster and Morecambe College** developing their food tech skills. They have been working in the catering department with the tutor/chef Steve. Over the last six weeks they have produced a range of tasty foods including pasta bake, Chinese Sweet and Sour, Savoury Pie and 'KFC' Chicken and cakes.

The group will be changing after half term and the new session will be in The Salon – learning all about Hairdressing!



FUNDRAISING

16 Students would like to thank everyone for making our MacMillan Fundraising event such a success. We had a great time working as a team, planning the event and meeting everyone for cakes! Our final total was £277.92. Thank you so much.

Look out for our next event..... **Children in Need**coming up in November!!



Skiddaw Class: Hello from us all in Skiddaw, the new post 16 class. We have had many highlights this half term but the visits to college and work experience placements have been particularly exciting. As part of our Lifeskills Challenge we chose to host a MacMillan Coffee morning with Scafell. We baked some lovely cakes both in school and at college and together raised nearly £280. So a big thank you to all who supported this worthwhile charity. The teamwork with students and staff was amazing and made for a really successful and enjoyable morning. As well as making delicious cakes and savouries, actually hosting the event provided many learning opportunities. Well done everyone!





Thank you!

More updates to come soon and for any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.
