

December 2021

Millom School In the News

A message from the Chair of Governors

It has been great to see such a positive start to the academic year, with all the contributions and success of the autumn term at Millom School. Some of our extra-curricular activities and sports fixtures getting up and running again is a real positive for the students and the energy they have given has been exemplary. The success flown from that effort has also been both inspiring and encouraging for others to see.

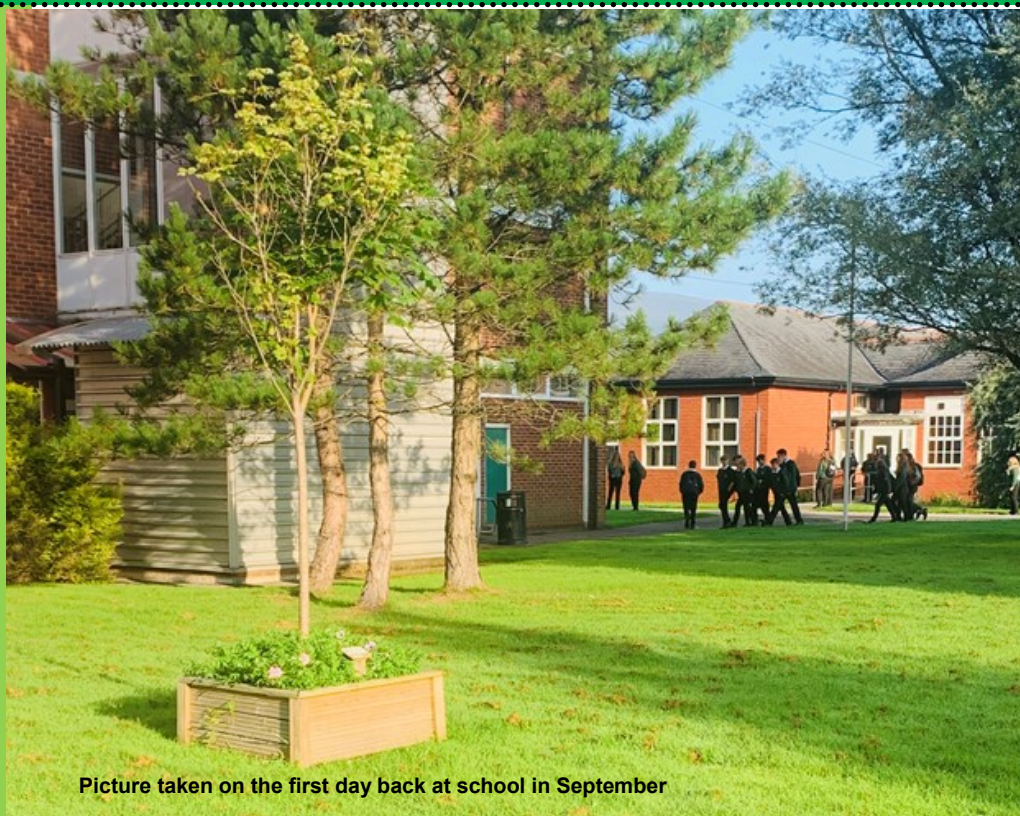
By the time you read this, we will also have been able to celebrate the achievements from the last academic year through the virtual Presentations Evening, albeit not the normal scale of the event we would usually have. It is also important to keep noticing the celebrating the amazing things our students achieve, be they in the classroom, in school clubs and fixtures, in their spare time, or in support of one another as they navigate in what continues to be unprecedented times.

As the term draws to a close, I'd like to say well done to all involved, including the staff who support and encourage the students, and wish you all joy and peace filled Christmas.

Elsa Mason

'If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.'

Henry Ford



Picture taken on the first day back at school in September

A message from Mr Savidge the Headteacher

Our priorities for this year are Take Part, Read More and Better Learner, and what has been particularly pleasing this term has been the focus given by staff and students. In this newsletter you will see some of the many wonderful opportunities that staff provide for our students to take part in, activities which are returning the school and students to greater normality. The have included the Duke of Edinburgh Award, sports fixtures, a drama visit and performances, taking part in outdoor pursuits, music events and a return to assemblies, including marking remembrance.

We have been promoting the importance of reading with students through tutor time with Year 7-10 and their tutors reading books together. All of these are a vital part of our students' development and I would like to thank all the staff for all they have done this term. Many of our students' achievements have been celebrated through out virtual presentations evening which can be viewed on our website.

I have been impressed by the way the students have approached this term and thank them for continuing to follow the procedures we have in place to try and keep everyone as safe as possible as the pandemic continues. Recent announcements from the government have highlighted the importance of lateral flow testing at home before we return to school in January and would urge you to take part in this.

Finally, I wish you a restful break over the Christmas Period and thank you for your ongoing support for the school.

New computers donated by Sellafield Ltd.

Millom School welcomed 32 computer towers which were kindly donated to us by Sellafield Ltd back in the summer.

A representative from Sellafield made comment to The Mail with regards to the donation;

“An opportunity was identified for Sellafield Ltd to make a lasting contribution to the education of our local communities”.

“Computers started to become available as a result of the company’s migration to the Windows 10 platform which include a large roll-out of new machines to all our employees”

“Sellafield have over the past 18 months been able to provide a substantial number of devices to local schools spanning from Silloth to Millom. From laptops during the pandemic to classroom desktops providing advance IT capacity”.

The equipment donated has been deployed into two classrooms to improve the whole school’s IT robustness.

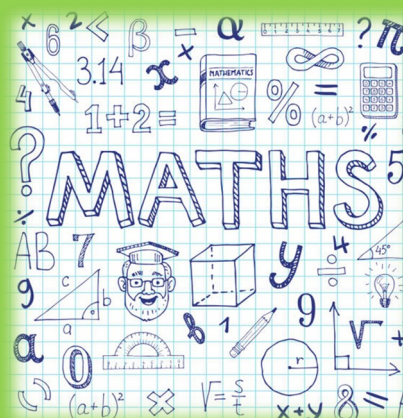
The first classroom has been set up for staff and students are bookable suite of PCs for classwork and research. The second classroom is Media Studies and five of the more powerful PCs have been set up for video and post-production editing.

A big thank you to Sellafield Ltd for the equipment and to Mr Phillips our IT and Network Manager for the installation of the equipment.



Interesting Maths Facts...

- The word “hundred” comes from the old Norse term, “hundrath”, which actually means 120 and not 100.
- -40 °C is equal to -40 °F.
- The only Shakespeare play to contain the word ‘mathematics’ is the Taming of the Shrew.
- In a room of just 23 people there’s a 50% chance that two people have the same birthday.
- A pizza that has radius “z” and height “a” has volume $\pi \times z \times z \times a$.
- Mount Everest weighs an estimated 357 trillion pounds.
- Zero (0) is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman Numerals.





Students from Millom School who took part in the Keswick to Barrow and Coniston to Barrow.

A huge well done to all the current, former students and staff who took part in the 40 mile Keswick to Barrow and the 21 mile Coniston to Barrow walks back in September.

It was a wet early morning start but it soon dried up and became warmer and the students powered on through.

There were some very sore feet and legs on the Sunday morning but a truly fantastic achievement, raising money for various charities including 'A Skye Full of Stars', in memory of Millom School student Skye Mitchell.

Open Evening 2021

A big thank you to all the prospective students, and their parents who joined us at our Open Evening in September, we hope you all got the feel for the Millom School spirit.

The Open Evening allowed both students and parents/carers to visit classrooms and take part in activities being conducted by both the staff and students at Millom School.

We thoroughly enjoyed chatting to you all and answering any questions you may have had.

If you do have any questions in the run up to transition to Millom School please give us a call.

A second thank you to all the students who helped out at the evening, your dedication to school life shone through.

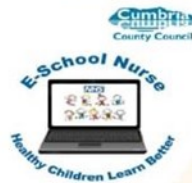


Please visit our website for any current job vacancies at Millom School

www.millom.cumbria.sch.uk > Vacancies



NHS
North Cumbria
Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust



E-School Nurse Video Clinics

Twice weekly **online health support** and advice for **parents**, carers and professionals, **supporting children** and **young people** aged **5-19** years old.

Tuesday and Thursday
During school term only

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link that is private, secure, confidential and convenient for you. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic** please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 (Monday - Friday 08:00-16:00)

French Language Facts

- **There are around 220 million French speakers worldwide.**
- **About 45% of modern English words are of French origin.**
- **In French the word "you" can be formal or friendly. Generally one should use the "*vous*" term but if you know someone well you can use "*tu*".**
- **The word "salut" means both "hello" and "goodbye".**



Oreo's + Geography =

Mrs Johnston's Class

Mrs Johnston's class had a rather different way of learning about the movement of tectonic plates.

The students used Oreo's to replicate the movement of tectonic plates, its fair to say the lesson was enjoyed by all, even more so that normal!



Coniston Old Man

The students and Mrs Drage had a very soggy October trek up Coniston Old Man back in October.

Millom School received some funding from an Outdoor Education company for Year 9 students

The students were brilliant despite some of them never having climbed a mountain before. They worked really hard and never stopped.

What an amazing effort from the students even in the awful weather, soaked through but a fantastic day had by all.



Pumpkin Carving

Thank You to Haverigg Prison for the donation of pumpkins.

Year 9 and 6th Form students supported our Year 7 students in designing and carving the pumpkins. Excellent teamwork! The designs and finished products were great.

Once complete the pumpkins were gifted to a range of places within the community.

School Term Dates can be found on the school website > Community >

Information—Non Statutory

Polite Reminder about Nut Products

We have a small number of students in school who have a nut allergy.

We would like you to remind your child of the importance of not bringing nuts or products containing nuts into school, even if products state 'may contain nuts' just as an extra precaution, please do not bring them onto school site.

A reaction to a nut allergy for some of our students can be very serious and cause anaphylaxis, even if the product is not directly consumed or touched by them. Some nut allergies can also be airborne.

Millom School will not use nut oils in any lessons, nuts and nut products are not used within any catering options and nuts have been prohibited within the Refectories and all eating spaces.

If a student presents as unwell staff have been educated on the signs and procedure to take in order to respond to the student and request urgent assistance.

Students who have a nut allergy have a detailed Health Care Plan which is updated on a parents request and then circulated to staff for their information.

Staff at Millom School have a red card attached to their lanyard which is worn at all times, the information they need to follow in an anaphylactic reaction situation is written on the red card.

Now the festive season is upon us and students may be exchanging food products as gifts, we cannot stress the importance on this enough and we thank you for your cooperation in helping to make our school a safe environment for all students.

What is Anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to a trigger, such as an allergy.

Symptoms of anaphylaxis include feeling faint, finding it hard to breathe, a fast heartbeat and feeling anxious.

Anaphylaxis needs to be treated in hospital as soon as possible. Use an adrenaline injector if the person has one and call 999 for an ambulance.

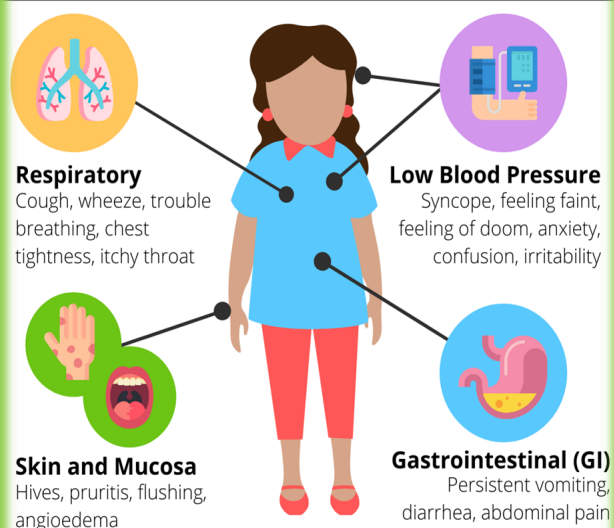
Anaphylaxis is usually caused by an allergic reaction. Common triggers include foods, medicines and insect stings.

You can help prevent anaphylaxis by avoiding any triggers you have and carrying your adrenaline injector at all times.

More information can be found on the NHS website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/anaphylaxis/

How does anaphylaxis present?



What is most common cause of anaphylaxis in UK?

Common anaphylaxis triggers include: foods – including nuts, milk, fish, shellfish, eggs and some fruits. medicines – including some antibiotics and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like aspirin. insect stings – particularly wasp and bee stings.

Millom Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band

Some members of the Millom Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band (junior section), who are also part of Whit Spirit Brass Band, joined Pipe Bands, Drums and Bugle Bands from all over the county, for a special service and city centre parade at Manchester Cathedral on Sunday 24 October hosted by The Boys Brigade in Manchester District.

Whit Spirit was a national initiative during the lockdowns where brass bands and individuals from all over the world were invited to join.

After the virtual band was formed during lockdown, the organiser in London managed to get everyone together in person for the first time to play at Manchester Cathedral.

The bands took centre stage marching through Deansgate and Whit Spirit Brass Band provided incidental music and hymns inside the cathedral for the service.

What a great experience for our town's young players, marching through the city centre in Manchester whilst playing, changing music and overcoming the obstacles of moving traffic and construction work!

You will recognise some familiar faces of current and ex-students of Millom School in this picture.

A huge well done to everyone.

New or returning members are always welcome at Holborn Hill Brass Band. If you would like anymore information regarding this then please contact Mrs Cullen at Millom School for more information.



Keep us up to date

It is important that we have up to date contacts for students. Please call school with any changes to information (telephone numbers, mobile numbers, change of contacts and their contact numbers, home addresses and email addresses.

Did you know?

**The first computer weighed more than 27 tons
Her name was ENIAC**

The computer took up a modest 1800 square feet of space.

omputerepr.com

An interview with Mr Higgins—Head of Computer Science and ICT

What is your first memory from school?

I think it was doing basic spelling in nursery—being called in from the sandpit to spell 'cat'.

If you could grow up in any decade what decade would it be?

I did love the 80's.

In what other teachers' class would you like to enrol?

Mr Baggaley's class, as I'm bad at maths.

How do you spend your summer breaks?

Holiday/Sofa. Oh, and designing curriculum.

What's the best thing about being a teacher?

The kids are great and genuinely funny.

What is your favourite dish from the refectory?

BBQ Chicken Wrap.

What is your dream vacation?

A sporting visit to Chicago—GO BULLS/BEARS!

What is your morning routine to get jazzed for class?

Coffee!

Fun things to do with friends and family this Christmas...

- > Make a holiday greetings video and send it to friends and family.
- > Watch a Christmas movie.
- > A games night.
- > Donate food products to a local food bank.
- > Design and make Christmas cards.
- > Design and name Christmas gift tags.
- > Get involved in decorating the Christmas tree.
- > Go on a walk.



Olivia in Year 7 gets creative

- After baking banana bread became to much during the lockdowns, the little passion project Belle Design was created.
 - With the support from her family Olivia has always been taught to find a sense of wellness and well-being through creativeness and hobbies.
 - Through the summer Olivia's Mum taught her to embroider and she began making her own t-shirts and bags, then making embroidered bags.
 - It was then decided to put the creative passion into a project, Belle Designs.
 - Olivia designs products in Design Space on the Mac and helps bring them to life in printing and embroidering, teaching Oliva new skills and opened her mind to different possibilities and ideas.
 - Over the last couple of months Olvia has helped in managing stock, digital admin creating, making, beautifully wrapping and sending over 1000 orders.
- Fantastic work Olivia



Lest we Forget

- In the run up to Remembrance Sunday the Reception window was beautifully decorated.
- Students' also were part of assemblies taken by Mr Prior—Teacher of History. A wreath was also laid at the cenotaph on behalf of Millom School's students, teachers, other staff and school governors.



Picture taken from www.mapcarta.com



Canoeing

Some of our Year 9 students had a great day canoeing on Coniston Water back in November.

During the afternoon the students practised their fire building skills and they made pizzas for lunch. Which they cooked over a fire.

A great day had by all learning new skills and some great teamwork.



Word Turning by Joe P in Year 10

Joe in Year 10 has been busy wood turning some amazing pieces.

Joe got a wood lathe for Christmas and has taught himself to make bowls, garden mushrooms, small ornamental mushrooms and occasionally benches and other things of that nature.

Thank you for bringing in the pieces in the picture Joe.



Year 10 Careers Event

All Year 9 students took part in a 'Careers of the Future' Day in November with Speakers for Schools and Inspira.

The day took part virtually and students had access to professionals and employers who covered wide range of topics to relation to the careers sectors that are seeing growth, or are expected to.

Students were actively involved in a wide range of tasks throughout the day, from social enterprise tasks, exploring job roles further, presenting their work and ideas to other schools and employers. The students had industry experts from the digital skills, green and health and social care sectors to discuss jobs and career pathways.



Year 11 Drama Trip

Year 11 Drama students took a trip to Liverpool this term to see 'The Goes Wrong Magic Show'.

One of our students, Jasmine, was invited onto the stage to take part in a magic trick.



Year 10 and 11 Drama Trip

Year 10 and 11 Drama students presented an evening of Gothic Horror, Edgar Allen Poe's 'The Tell-Tale Heart' and Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' frightened an audience in December.

The student's performance was great and enjoyed by all.

Children in Need 2021



We raised £195 at our Cake Sale in November.

Thank You for all your donations.



BDAE Bursary Awards Evening

Congratulations to Charlie in our 6th Form who was awarded a Barrow and District Association of Engineers bursary of £300.

Mr Jewell our Head of Design and Technology nominated Charlie for her participation in her STEM Project amongst other brilliant achievements.

Well Done Charlie.

Brain Teasers— www.sharpbrains.com/brainteasers/

Crosswords for Teens—www.whenwecrosswords.com

Word Searches—www.whenwewordsearch.com

Please see our website for details on our 6th Form and what we have to offer

The Christmas Prize Show for Sophie in Year 8

Sophie attended the Christmas Prize Show on 30 November at Ulverston Auction Market. Sophie was there to show her cow which she has looked after for the last 18 months.

The final process is the Christmas Prize Show, the final process in the food chain. Sophie's family have such pride in their farm and the process of the food chain. Sophie has been learning what happens when the livestock leave the farm. Sophie has learnt so much from her parents and understands why it is important to look after all the livestock on the farm, how to follow the health and welfare standards and is fully educated in the 'farm to fork' process.

Sophie was placed 1st out of 12 and even beat her Dad!

Well Done Sophie.



UCAS Virtual Apprenticeship and Careers Fair

On 30 November Year 9 and 11 students joined the virtual careers fair held by UCAS.

Students spent the time exploring apprenticeship opportunities, how to apply for roles, what the key was to a successful application and support from employers. The event also supported our Year 11 students with their application process and helped the Year 9's on their journey to considering their Post 16 and Post 18 options.

The students had a great day!

Christmas Cakes

Mrs Brocklebank's Catering class have been making Christmas Cakes for the residents at St George's Care Home in Millom.

It would have been lovely for our students to have visited the care home in person but we do wish them all a Merry Christmas.



Student reminder—Please remember that it is compulsory to wear a face mask in the communal areas in school.

The Iron Line Logo Design Competition

The Iron Line is a project that aims to transform the area around Millom's coastline and the sea wall into an inspirational, nationally significant visitor attraction.

As part of this, students at Millom School were invited to design an Iron Line logo that captures the spirit of the project.

All students from Year 7-10 took part and worked on the design in their Technology lessons. The results were fantastic.

Only 5 of the logos could be entered into the competition so it was a very difficult job to narrow it down as the quality of work was so high. Many teachers helped to judge and were very impressed with the work.

The following 5 students designs were successful and have gone forward to be judged in the competition up against other schools in the local area. We should hear the results before Christmas.

Good Luck to our students.

Jessica—Year 8



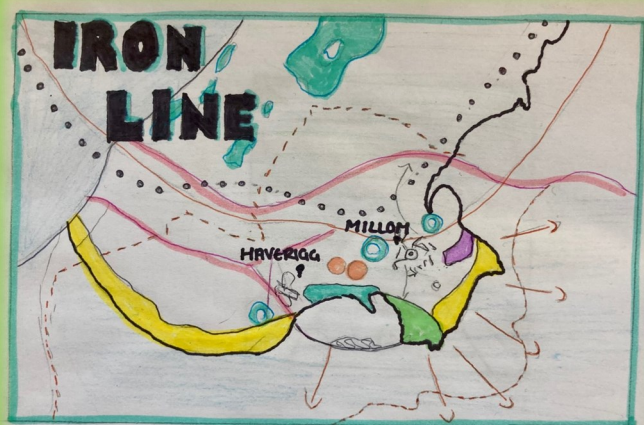
Bell—Year 7



Logan—Year 9



Leah—Year 9



Olivia—Year 10

January Window Display

Some of the other students designs will be displayed in the Reception window in January, allowing students to and staff to have a chance to look at others designs.

Well done to all the students who took part, the designs were amazing, we really do have some true artistic talent at Millom



Read More

To compliment the 'Read More' school priority, 7C have been making book marks with Mrs Coates to use when they are completing their weekly reading aloud sessions.

Mrs Coates decided to use the theme 'kindness' for their bookmarks following on from the anti-bullying weekly activities.

7C are focussing and promoting kindness during their tutor session and working on a 'be kind' wall display.

Good work 7C, this is such a lovely idea!

Goat Aid

This term students studying GCSE Geography in Year 11 have been learning about Ethiopia as a case study.

Part of this case study is understanding the impact of an aid project in the country. The Year 11 students have been investigating the impact of Oxfam's Goat Aid in Ethiopia, learning how the supply of just one goat to young children in the country can have a substantial, long term impact on their lives and the overall economic development of Ethiopia.

Since studying Goat Aid, the classes have been fundraising to purchase more goats to support this worthwhile aid project.

Mrs Johnston and her students successfully raised £41 which allowed them to purchase two goats. In addition to this, two students also made goat purchases, raising this year's total to 5 goat donations!

One of the goats will be helping a young boy called Omar through the provision of milk for drinking and selling, as well as manure to help grow crops.



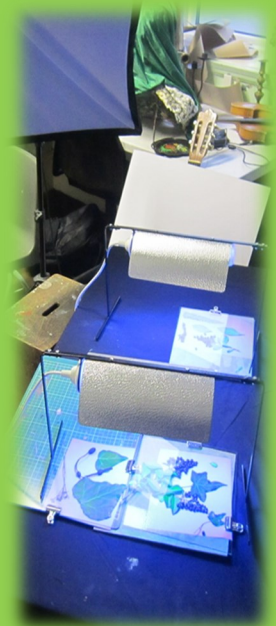
Photography Workshop

At the start of December Mr Grange's Year 10 Art/Photography group took part in a photography workshop with a company from Barrow in Furness called Signal Film & Media.

The students together with the help from the staff from Signal Film & Media, created work using the 'cameraless photography' process.

The students had a brilliant time and learnt some great things.

Thank You Signal Film and Media.



6th Form Art Class

Mr Grange's 6th Form Class hard at work with their projects.

Amazing work everyone!



Presentations Evening

Our annual Presentations Evening took place virtually this year.

This can be viewed on our website.

Well Done and congratulations to all the prize and certificate winners. Prize winners on P16.

Take Part, Read More, Better Learner.

Santa Dash on Tour

The Santa Dash on Tour came to Millom in December.

The Santa Dash took place on the running track on the Millom School field for the charity Cancer Care North Lancashire and South Cumbria (RCN—1120048).

Our very own Liam won the Santa Dash. Well Done to Liam and other students who took part in the event.



Presentations Evening Prize Winners

Best A Level Results—Jack T

Best Exam Results—Charlotte S and Daniel F

The Killick Cup—Matthew R

The Brown Award—Sophie M

The 50's Cup—Jack P

The Dame Enid Bibby Award for Outstanding Achievement—Jack T

The MADAS Drama Award for Outstanding Contribution to Drama in school—Charlotte G

Forte Music Award for Outstanding Contribution to after school Music—Tash M

Troll Cup for Music for Outstanding Contribution to Music in school—Preeya A-F

The Townsley Languages Award—Daniel F

Mike Coldwell Memorial Award—Amy J

The TESCO Achievement Award for Achievement in Maths—Charlotte S

The Adam Slack Award for Achievement in Technology—Charlotte S

Victor Ludorum 2020-21—Declan T

Victrix Ludorum 2020-21—Martha A

The William Stott Award for Art & Design—Callie B

The Joseph Poland Award for History—Edward W

The ICT Trophy for ICT—Daniel F

The George Burch for Science—Jack T

Subject Trophy for English—Lucy A

The Stewart Robinson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Personal Development—Paige C

Skye's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community—Bell J

The Endeavour Award—Libby E

The Endeavour Award—Layland

Presentations Evening Prize Winners

Top Subject Prizes—Year 11

Daisy C, Cassie D, Tegan T. Jack M, Tess C (4), Beth W, Macy M, Aria A, Paige C, Elize J, Charlotte S, Lucy A, Daniel F (2).

Top Subject Progress Award—Year 11

Jessica F, Libby C (2), Chloe C. Tegan T, Charlotte G, Alistair G, Macy Mc, Charlotte S (2), Jenny H, Lucy A (2), Daniel F, Preeya A-F, Ellis M-K.

Top Subject Prizes—Year 13

Sophie K (2), Jack T (2), Kiran T (2), Will S, Elizabeth R (2), Emily S, Amy J.

Top Subject Progress Award—Year 13

Georgia H, Amy J, Kieran T (2), Benn C, Emily C, Elizabeth R, Natalie DF, Edward W, Billy L.

Governors Award

Sam A, Zac M, Oliver T, Josh M, Cade H, Callum H, Sophie M, Madison T, Declan T, Martha A.

'Why I Write' - Bell Year 7

My Name is Bell, I'm 12 years old, and I write various stories and poems. Recently, I wrote two poems which I was noticed for, one being about Covid-19 and the other I wrote about WW1.

My first poem was noticed by my local MP, Trudy Harrison and my school. My Covid-19 poem was where it all started for me with writing poems, hopefully I have started something great.

What inspired my Covid-19 poem?

One day I sat in my bedroom on my computer, I was looking through my lockdown work when I came across some scribbled notes. These notes caught my attention and I opened the file to read them. The scribbled words said; 'Covid-19 is the worst, if it never happened no one would be hurt. I didn't do anything for the world, why should we care?'

After reading the words and thinking about them, it made me wonder; 'Do I really hate Covid-19?'. To this day I couldn't tell you the answer but, it did make changes on my life that have changed for the better, for example, climate change slowed down. Most importantly, we learnt to love each other.

That's where the idea of the story came to me. Learning to love each other, or as stated in the poem 'learn to appreciate each other more'. I fell in love with this idea and ended up looking through pages of work for any idea starters. I ended up going back to something I had made in March 2020, at this time I was planning on starting a diary so that I could write in it everyday and look back on it in years to come. That's where my inspiration for poetry writing starts.

BELL.

Bell's work has been posted on the school's Facebook account and has had great reviews and numerous 'likes'. Have a scroll through the Facebook page and you will find a couple of pieces of Bell's work.

Keep up the good work Bell, a big Well Done from everyone at Millom School.

Covid Reminders

We are still using a one way system in school in order for students to access their lessons safely and complying with the distancing guidelines. This system is working really well and the students are doing a fantastic job at following given instructions with regards to this.

We have many hand sanitizing stations around school, student must use this upon entering the school site and during the school day. As well as this, students are asked to clean their workspaces at the end of every lesson with the products provided, ensuring that the area is clean for the next students to enter the classrooms.

If your child is presenting the following Covid symptoms;

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Please follow the current Covid guidelines from Colin Cox, Director of Public Health Cumbria. School will inform you of any changes to the guidelines via more than one platform (text, social media, letter etc.)

Negative or positive Covid test evidence should be sent into school via the school email address—genenquiries@millom.cumbria.sch.uk

More information with regards to Covid can be found on the following website—

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Just a reminder that parents/carers/visitors to school should not enter the school site without an appointment. Please phone the school to arrange an appointment.

Masks/Face coverings should be worn in school in communal.

School Reminders

If your child is absent from school, please remember to ring in your child's absence before 9:30am. A reason for absence needs to be given.

Any medical appointments need to be made out of school time.

In order for us to authorise medical appointments please provide the school with a copy of the appointment card or letter, a picture or copy of this can be sent to school via email or given to your child to hand in to Reception where we will then take a copy of the document.

Holidays should not be taken in term time. All requests for time out of school should be addressed to Mr MD Savidge either via email, using the school email address or by letter.

Students should be wearing the correct uniform for school. Reminders with regards to uniform, hair and jewellery can be found on the school website and in the parent handbook.

Due to Covid restrictions we cannot accept forgotten packed lunches, money, books etc. If your child has forgotten then lunch or money for their lunch they will be able to get something from either refectory and the money spent can be paid back the following day.

*Visit our website to see our new
prospectus...*

*Community > Information—Non
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