



A message from the Chair of Governors, Elsa Mason

Well, there's certainly been a lot going on this term! Those of you who have been following the Facebook page will, I'm sure, have seen the breadth and quality of the achievements at Millom School, ranging from local, national and international sporting successes, music and drama achievements and performances, engagements in the local community to name but a few.

Do please take some time to read through the newsletter as we celebrate all that our students are doing, being and achieving. They are students to be proud of and so very well supported by our dedicated staff. Thank you to all who have played their part in these successes.

Wishing you a peaceful and joy-filled Christmas



A message from the Headteacher, Mr Savidge

"It has been an incredible term at Millom School with so much happening for our students. We returned in September to celebrate the excellent results from the outgoing Year 11 and 13 students with multi-award-winning broadcaster Terry Abraham. The DfE performance tables highlighted how well the students performed this summer as the results have placed us 5th in Cumberland. The support we give our students through personal development lessons, our enrichment programme, the careers strategy and the raft of trips and other experiences that students have at Millom School means that 99% of the students have gone onto education or employment and have secured the next steps in their lives.

We launched our new school values which can be summarised as follows-

- Empathy- understanding yourself and others
- Equity- supporting and looking after each other
- Empowerment- Taking responsibility for yourself, your learning, behaviour and organisation
- Excellence- being the best you can be

Each week subjects take it in turns to nominate students for each of the values and congratulations to those students who have received an award this term.

The leisure facility build on the school site continues apace and this term saw the steel signing ceremony with four Millom School students amongst children from the schools in the area to sign the new leisure hub building. Their names will be part of that building for ever.

We have supported a number of charities this term including Jeans for Genes, Young Minds as part of World Mental Health Day, Odd Socks Day in support of the Anti-bullying Alliance, Children in Need and on the last day of term Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

As ever the newsletter is a snapshot of the work we do for our students at Millom School and I would like to thank staff for their continued dedication and hard work.



On the 11th September there was the signing of the steel structure of the new leisure hub, currently under construction on site. Students were invited to add their names to the steel so the heritage and culture of the local schools will be captured within the fabric of the building. A wonderful addition!



“LEARNING IS A LIFELONG PROCESS”

Rememberance Assemblies



Some of our students (and staff) climbed Great Gable yesterday to take part in the Service of Remembrance. They bravely battled the inclement weather to show their respects and remember the fallen.



We held our Remembrance Assembly today to pay our respects to all those who made sacrifices during historical and current conflicts.

The theme of the assembly was 'Every Name A Story' in recognition of the people behind the sacrifices made. Every fallen person had family and friends who remembered them and every person had their own story to tell.

Students learned about the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey and how this had become a powerful and poignant symbol of that sacrifice, representing not just one unknown soldier but all of the unknown people who fell in the 1st World War.

They also learned about the different parts of the Commonwealth at that time and how Allied forces comprised people of many different nationalities and faiths. Each person with their own unique story to tell.



A-Level Results

A massive well done to our year 13 students who collected their A-Level results in August.

Congratulations and very well done to all of our 6th form students who received their results today! You have done so well and we are all very proud of you. We will miss you all but wish you the best of luck for your very bright futures



Reminder—Uniform

Just a polite reminder to all our students/parents/carers.

Please label any items of uniform, coats, pencil/glasses cases etc. We have a number items handed to Reception daily with no way of identifying the item to a student.

PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL OF
ANY STUDENT ABSENCES
BEFORE 9.30AM.
THANK YOU.



GCSE Results



We celebrated some fantastic results in summer that represented five years of hard work for our students. There have been some exceptional individual performances including Jess Plane, Emily Gray, Phoebe Mullen, Emily Dawson, Sylvie Lancaster, Eva Chapples, Sam Adams, Maya Hughes, Ellie Dixon and Ben Falconer. These ten students achieved a staggering 57 top grades (GCSE grade 9-7 or equivalent) between them!

We are very proud of each and every one of our students and recognise that it isn't all about the grades achieved but also the learning journey that all students have been on, their interests and talents outside of school and the strong, kind characters that they have developed on the way!

Well done to all on their fantastic results!





Enrichment Wednesday's.

On Wednesday afternoon all students take part in Enrichment Activities. These activities are run by teachers, support staff and by visiting agencies and companies who are experts in their field. Students will participate in up to 6 enrichment activities over the course of the year, mixing with students from all year groups.

Enrichment allows our students to develop interests and talents in a range of areas. From Lava lamps to mountain biking– there is something for everyone!

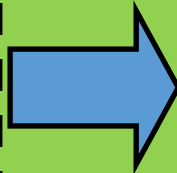
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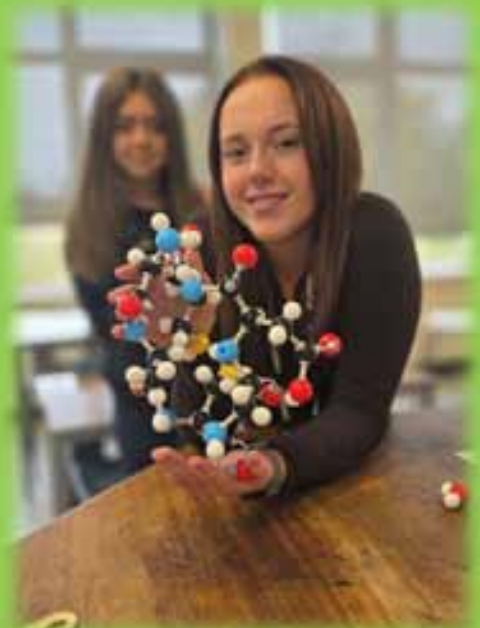
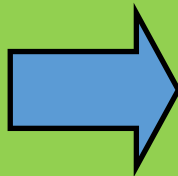
Great day in Glasgow with the sixth form at the UCAS discovery event. Lots of valuable information gained and plenty of freebies secured.



Year 10 students have completed their first GCSE required practical in science lessons today. They took samples of their own cheek cells and onion cells and stained them before using the microscopes.



Year 12 biology students have been using molecular models today to learn about how proteins are made in cells! Fantastic job girls!





Phoebe signed with Whitehaven AFC! Well done Phoebe!



Emie who was part of the Great Britain Cycling Team in October! She is currently ranked as world number 3!



Devon and Alexis were selected for the U15 Player Pathway! What an achievement! Train hard, play hard girls!



Year 13 senior student Amelia received a bursary from Barrow and District Association of Engineers after submitting an application outlining her passion for STEM subjects and how her future career might involve STEM. She was then awarded a further prize after being named "Best of the Best" of all the applications



E Team of the week!

In September we launched 'E Team', which recognises students each week who demonstrate the school values within school. Four students are chosen each week by departments for Empathy, Equity, Excellence and Empowerment! Well done everyone for following these val-



Year 10 Geographers Explore Leeds: An Unforgettable Adventure!

This year's Leeds fieldwork trips were a smashing success, even with the second group braving temperatures that dipped below zero! The city centre transformed into a frosty wonderland, adding an extra layer of excitement to the day.

A big highlight was once again the Art Hostel, which wowed our pupils with its quirky themed rooms and relaxed, self-service breakfast. From pedestrian counts to land use and environmental quality surveys, students explored the city with enthusiasm, even squeezing in some high-street shopping along the way.

Leeds Market, as always, was a treasure trove of cultures and cuisines. Pupils had a blast choosing lunch from a vibrant selection that included Vietnamese, Thai, Turkish, Indian, Jamaican, and Italian dishes. A true feast for the senses!

Huge thanks to Ricky's Coaches and our heroic driver, Neil, who skilfully navigated a closed M6 to ensure we made it home on time. A round of applause for avoiding an unexpected overnight stay in Leeds!

Well done to our Year 10 geographers for their hard work and fantastic attitude !



Year 11 Field Trip to St Bees: A Perfect Day for Coastal Studies

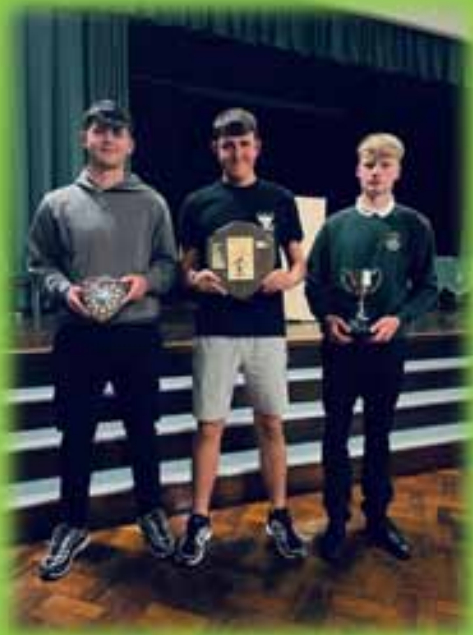


Year 11 students enjoyed a glorious day of sunshine at St Bees, exploring the effectiveness of the area's coastal defences and its fascinating geological features. The visit provided an excellent opportunity to study the contrasting fragility of the boulder clay and the striking red sandstone of St Bees Head.

Students walked across the wave-cut platform, a natural coastal defence, and examined the condition and effectiveness of various man-made features, including the now-defunct wooden groynes, the sea wall, rip rap protecting the café, and geotextile netting on the boulder clay.

To round off the day, students sampled the café's treats, with cake and ice cream proving to be firm favourites. It was a fantastic combination of hands-on learning and enjoying the best of what St Bees has to offer!





In September we got to celebrate the amazing students we have the pleasure of teaching at our school.

GCSE and A Level students were congratulated over their fantastic exam results and our outstanding students across the school were awarded for their talents, attitudes and generally astounding approach to life. We were lucky enough to have award winning film maker Terry Abraham as our guest speaker who was brilliant to listen to and utterly inspirational!

Year 5 and 6 Information evening



What a fabulous night for our Year 5/6 Information Evening. Hugely busy with over 200 visitors at 5.30 and still arriving throughout the evening! Thank you so much for coming! So busy we didn't get much time for photos!

A MASSIVE thank you to our wonderful students, who came back tonight in their droves, to show parents around and demonstrate in Departments - they are the very definition of amazing and make us so proud.



Christmas Enrichment



The Christmas Craft group on Enrichment Wednesdays have been making hand stitched cards, snow globes, hand painted glass bottles– that light up! Gonk decorations and crackers. They then enjoyed a lovely warming festive hot choc !

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Ecology Enrichment

The Millom and World Ecology Enrichment group had a fantastic day at Miterdale Forest in October.

We supported the nature Rich Miterdale project with removing old plastic tree tubes. This is vital to support the growth of new oak trees that no longer need their tubes and also ensures plastic is not photodegrading in the forest and finding its way into the soil, rivers, the sea and ultimately our food!

The students also enjoyed a walk through the forest and learned lots of interesting facts. For example, a "shaggy inkcap" mushroom will shrivel down and turn itself into ink at the end of it's life, which people in years gone by





MADE are back! Year 10 and 11 worked with MADE on their Marginal Gains and Independent Learning workshops.



Year 12 BTEC Sport class checking they know their bones



Year 9 students spent the afternoon at [Tornado Wire UK & Ireland Ltd](#), exploring the factory, speaking to employees and learning about the business. It was a really insightful afternoon, big thanks to Tornado for having us.



Some of our wonderful students and staff embracing 'Hello Yellow' on world mental health day.

Sixth Form Open Evening



A fantastic evening in November for our Sixth Form information evening. Huge thanks to the staff and students who helped make the evening a success. We hope it was useful for those year 10 and 11 students who attended. More information about the courses available post 16 on the school website.

Applications now open for students in year 11 wishing to apply for September 2026.

<https://millom.cumbria.sch.uk/.../ApplyingtoMillomSixthForm>

Catering

Some fantastic food has been made by our students this term in catering! Cooking is a wonderful life skill that these students have easily taken too. The children are learning knife skills, how to make fresh pasta, beef curries and so much more!



Christmas Concert

We are all still absolutely buzzing from our Christmas Musical Extravaganza tonight! We have such talent in our school community, there were brilliant performances from each and every one of our students contributing this evening, all of them embodying our school values . Thank you to the community who came along tonight to support our performers, especially our own students who turned out to support their family members and friends! ,Thank you to all of the staff who made this event possible, in particular the Music Department (Mrs Gibbon, Mrs Cullen and Mr Lowdon). Also to Mrs Myers (lighting), Mr Grange (photographs), Mr & Mrs Park, Miss McGoldrick and Mrs Vance. Thank you to our wonderful compere, Isabelle, to Josh and Ellie for their fantastic sound work, to Myla for assisting with the lights and Mr Grange's photography students. A huge well done to all our performers, it takes great courage to stand up in front of an audience and you all did so well! A special well done to the beginners and first time performers.



Staff Leavers

Tim Lounds

URGENT REMINDER!

Products that contain nuts, including chocolate products such as Nutella, Dairy Milk etc. are **NOT** allowed on site.

Please check the ingredients of products before packing them for lunches etc. We have students with severe nut allergies.

School Reminders

To access Millom School's Main Reception, please use the main entrance at The Millom Hub.

The school phone line opens at 8:15am and closes at 16:00pm. Voicemails can be left before the line opens and after it closes.

If as a parent/carer you would like to make an appointment to see/speak to a member of staff. Please contact the school via telephone in order to do this.

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.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhea they need to be 48 hours clear from the last bout to be able to then come back into school.

Any medical appointments need to be made out of school time where possible. In order for us to authorize 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.

We can accept forgotten packed lunches, money, books etc. but it is the responsibility of your child to collect these from Reception. We cannot get messages to students. If your child has forgotten their lunch or money for their lunch they will be able to get something from either of the refectories and the money spent can be paid back the following day.

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