



*Spring Term 2023*

## **Millom School** **In the News**



**Photograph—Enrichment—Spring Term 2023**

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” — Nelson Mandela*

One of our priorities this year is Take Part and this terms newsletter is full of examples of students doing just that. We have finished the term with a magnificent performance of Moana. Our students performed with real confidence and it was wonderful to see the Alex Hall full of members of the community there to support our young people.

Year 10 geography fieldtrip to Leeds took place before half-term, which is such a vital experience for the GCSE course, and the sixth form taking part in a competition against other schools supported by Cumbria Youth Alliance. This has involved our students creating a sensory garden on the school site between the school and the community hub and is a wonderful example of students designing and leading a social action project and seeing it through to completion.

Other highlights of the term include the ski course to Austria, the Year 7 Conway residential, Year 10 work experience, Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award practice expeditions and the careers fair for Year 11 which gave them the chance to speak to employers about their future options. I have been incredibly impressed by the way in which the students have approached all of these events with positivity and with support for each other. Thank you to the staff for their dedication in providing these experiences for our students.

Easter marks an important time for our Year 11 and Sixth Form students. The external exams start on 15th May, only four weeks after the Easter holiday. Year 10 also have internal centre assessments when we return and it is vital that all of these year groups use their time over the Easter Holidays for revision.

The new enrichment programme continues to expand its offer and will continue after Easter with students having been given their allocation of courses this week.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

Mr MD Savidge—Head Teacher

There has certainly been a lot going on this term and I hope you have also enjoyed hearing about it on the school Facebook page as much as I have. It's great to see so many talented students excelling within the school curriculum, the extracurricular activities, and those activities outside of school. It has been fabulous to see so many trips going on and hear about the benefits this is bringing for the students.

I was impressed by the energy, enthusiasm and creativity from the students when I toured the school during a Wednesday afternoon enrichment sessions. I'm thankful for the amazing work the staff have put in to create an excellent range of options which, when speaking to students, was clearly highly valued and appreciated by them.

Some of these enrichment activities culminated in the school performance of Moana. Having seen some of the exciting preparations for it in school, I was then really looking forward to watching it on stage and I hope those who came and joined us enjoyed a fabulous evening.

At the Moana performance we also relaunched the MORE Fund (Millom Opportunity Recreation and Enrichment), a charity that will be available to support individual students as well as provide funding to wider school initiative to improve the opportunities for all students. There was a raffle and refreshments on the night to raise funds for the charity.

At the beginning of the term we received the report from an external governor review we have participated in. I am delighted to confirm that we received some really good feedback on how well the governing body runs. I'd like to thank all my fellow governors, and in particular, the ones who have been here so many years, for ensuring we are in such a good position. We do still have vacancies for parent members of the governing body, we'd be delighted to hear from you if you'd like to know more.

I hope you enjoy reading more about the great things that have been happening this spring term in the following pages and wish you a joyful Easter break.

Mrs Elsa Mason—Chair of Governors



## Enrichment Wednesday's

On Wednesday afternoon's all students throughout the school take part in Enrichment Activities.

Enrichment allows our students to develop interests and talents in a range of areas, enhances personal skills and qualities desirable to future employers and further education, prepares students for future success, equips students to be responsible, respectful and be active citizen's and contributes towards the enjoyment of school life.





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## Year 11

Year 11 attended subject specific assemblies at the start of January. The aim of the assemblies was to provide the students with hints, tips and specific areas of revision.

Centre Assessments started in February for the Year 11 students.



## Ski Course—Students' View

"Personally I really enjoyed the ski course and I would definitely go again. We learnt how to ski, which is a skill I probably would never have gained if I hadn't have gone. We also spent a lot of time with other years in which we made new friends. Also, the night-time activities were also very fun." - Myla

"I really enjoyed the whole thing; the skiing, ski instructors, teacher and all the evening activities made it a great trip. It was fun to have lots of independence and experience being away from home without my parents. I loved swimming the most out of all the evening activities. The only thing I didn't like was the food but that's because I am a very picky eater".—Jess

"I really enjoyed the ski course and would definitely recommend going on it. The skiing was an early start, 6:30am. You got to ski in groups of the same ability and people could move up or down a group which gave you an opportunity to meet different people who you wouldn't normally be with at school.

All the instructors spoke English which made it easier to learn to ski. The long bus trip was 28 hours which was hard work but was worth it when we started to ski.

The evening entertainment was fun which included mountain roller-coaster, swimming, ten pin bowling and pizza night. Our hotel room was a good size and it held 4 people, it was fun rooming with your friends. I can't wait to go next year!" - Lucas

"The ski trip was really good, I enjoyed pretty much all of it especially when we did the human whirlpool at the swimming pool. I am really looking forward to going next year." - Emily





## Girls Football

Following on from last terms successes, both the U15 and U14 teams were in action in the County Cup Quarter finals this term.

The U15 team welcomed The Queen Katherine School from Kendal to Millom. After taking an early lead due to some spectacular "Martha Magic" and some exciting football at both ends, full time ended in a 4-4 draw. Extra time saw a depleted Millom team perform valiantly but sadly losing 2-1.

In the same week, the U14 team travelled to Netherhall School in Maryport. Again, we took an early lead and continued to be in front despite goals at both ends thanks again to some more "Martha Magic" right up until the last few minutes of time, when Netherhall managed to squeeze in an equaliser to take us in to extra time again! Once again Lady Luck was not on our side and Netherhall snuck in the winner in the last few minutes of extra time. This was a brilliant team performance with everyone really giving it their all.....not sure where they found the energy for all that singing on the way home!

## A message from M&T Adventures Ltd

M&T Adventures Ltd are hiring for Summer positions to work with M&T Adventure Ltd alongside an experienced outdoor instructor on their popular Summer Weeks which run from 24 July-25 August. If you are 15-17, passionate about the outdoors, enthusiastic, hardworking, reliable, patient and relish challenge, M&T Adventures Ltd would like to hear from you. You will be asked to attend a 20 minute interview and if successful a 3 hour training session.

Please send your CV to [info@mandtadventures.co.uk](mailto:info@mandtadventures.co.uk). The deadline for applications is 7 April.



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### 1<sup>st</sup> MILLOM SCOUT GROUP



CAMPING  
GAMES  
CRAFTING



We have places for boys and girls aged 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 14 years old.

We meet at Thwaites Village Hall, The Green from 7.15-9pm on Mondays during Term Time.



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BADGES  
OUTDOORS  
COMMUNITY



If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Brown (Scout Leader) on 01229 778553 or 07765594791





## Cross County Championships

- Congratulations to Emie, Bethany and Olivia who all competed in the Cumbria Cross Country Championships in January.



**“If you believe in yourself anything is possible.”**

**- Miley Cyrus**

## School Uniform

- Please can all school uniform (Inc. coats) be clearly named.

## Chill Zone—After School Extra Curricular Activities

- Any updates will be on the school website.

### Chill Zone Clubs – Spring Term 2023

Below is a timetable of extracurricular activities.

If you would like to take part in any of the clubs please go along, sign in and have fun!

Monday			
Time	Activity	Venue	Staff
15:00 – 16:00	Science revision Year 11	M14	PS/CS
Tuesday			
Time	Activity	Venue	Staff
15:00 – 16:00	Science revision Year 11	M16	NB/NT/LLF
15:10 – 16:10	Computing Catch up/ drop in Years 7 - 11	M7	LH
15:10 – 16:10	Dungeons and Dragons Years 7 - 13	M7	LH
Wednesday			
Time	Activity	Venue	Staff
Lunchtime	Choir Years 7 - 13	Music Room	CG
15:00 – 15:45	Choir Years 7 - 13	Music Room	CG
15:00 – 16:30	(From 25/01/23) Health & Social Coursework catch-up Year 11	U16	DJG
15:10 – 16:10	Computing Catch up/ drop in Years 7 - 11	M7	LH
15:10 -16:10	Warhammer/ Blood Bowl Years 7 – 13	M7	LH
Thursday			
Time	Activity	Venue	Staff
15:10 – 16:10	General Tabletop Gaming	M7	LH
15:10 – 16:10	Computing Catch up/ drop in Years 7 - 11	M7	LH
Friday			
Time	Activity	Venue	Staff



### Free School Meals & Clothing Vouchers

Go to [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk) > Schools and Learning  
> Apply for free school meals

This then takes you to a page where you can find information on free school meals and clothing vouchers. The page allows you to see if you qualify for free school meals and clothing vouchers, how to apply, reapplying and other useful information.

### Cashless Catering Information

Please remember to top up your child's account online where possible from home; if you are unable to do this and your child brings money into school, please ask them to use the machine outside the small hall to top up their account before 8.45am, where possible.

### Year 8

Year 8 enjoyed indoor curling as part of a PE lesson in January. The lesson was enjoyed that much the department have had to buy another set of stones.



### Student Notice—Millom School Choir

Every Wednesday lunchtime in the Music Room. Bring a packed lunch.

All welcome.

### Medication in School

If we hold medication in school for your child, please keep a note of expiry dates of the medication.

It is your responsibility as the parent/carer to ensure medication is in date and hasn't reached the expiry date.

If you need to check on expiry dates please call the school.



## Employer Engagement Event

Year 11,12 and 13 took part in an employer engagement event in February.

Local employers interacted with our students; having discussions about pathways into employment and apprenticeships at 16,18 and after university.

Work experience opportunities were discussed and some students made some excellent contacts.

Well done, the employers were very impressed with you all.



## Student Notice—Music Theory Club

Every Monday lunchtime in the Music Room. Bring packed lunch.

The club is for prospective and current GCSE Music students.

## Vacancies at Millom School

Visit school website > Menu > About > Vacancies

Please check out our website for any job vacancies and use the information provided to apply.



*"Books are a uniquely portable magic." - Stephen King*

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## Work Experience

- Year 10 students were out of school and into the world of work w/c 6 March for one week.
- Work Experience takes place every year for Year 10 students which allows them to pursue areas of career interest.
- Feedback from work experience was good and students really enjoyed their time in the world of work.
- BAE, Tornado Wire, local primary schools, Graham Dawson Physiotherapy, Spoilt for Choice, Blenheim Palace, PPM, Slacks Millom Ltd, Sellafield, ATOS, CNC, Stepping Stones Nursery and Haverigg Nursery were to name a few of the placements our students had gone to.
- Many thanks to all employers involved.



## Music Exams and Gradings

- Well Done to Alex D who passed her Initial Grade Piano Exam. Alex had some lovely comments about her playing from the examiner.
- Well Done to Emily S who achieved a merit in her Initial Grade Exam. Emily has some excellent scores on all her pieces and overall performance.
- A big thank you to Mrs Cullen, Mr Spoxton and Mr Lowdon our Peripatetic Music Teachers who teach Alex, Emily and other students who take part in School Instrumental Lessons.







### Duke of Edinburgh Award

- March saw a Duke of Edinburgh practise walk. The walk was a 10km loop. Look at those happy faces!

### Year 7 Conway Trip





## Year 8 & 9 Music

Year 8 & 9 have been busy playing the Djembe's during one of their Music lessons.

They have been learning different drumming techniques and how to play polyrhythmically.



## Tabletop Gaming Enrichment

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents/carers that have made the voluntary contribution of £5 for this enrichment group—your generous donation has allowed us to build up our library of resources over the course of the year, helping to keep the sessions fresh and exciting.

Students of all ages are engaging with each other to build and paint figurines, play involving role play board games and really push their creativity and imagination to devise and explore fantasy worlds of adventure and peril!

Thank You—Mr Higgins

## Young Enterprise, CADAS and ATOS

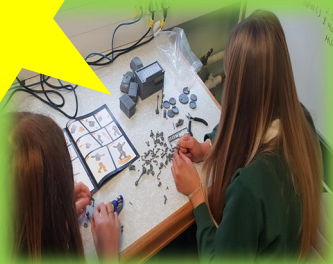
On 8 March, we were lucky enough to be working with 3 brilliant organisations here in school; Young Enterprise, CADAS and ATOS.

Young Enterprise were in for the day and worked with all of KS3; delivering workshops covering a range of topics from employability skills to finances.

CADAS came in to work with some of our Year 9 students looking at drug and alcohol awareness; they participated in a mixture of discussion and practical activities.

Finally, ATOS delivered a virtual workshop to Year 9 students who have expressed interest in studying IT or Computer Science. Hosted by former student Jake Huddleston who is the Cumbria Community Endearment Lead for ATOS.

Many thanks to all the organisations involved.



### Barnardo's/Moving Mindsets

In March we had Amy from Barnardo's/Moving Mindsets. Amy spent one afternoon with our Year 7 students, working carefully on internet safety and furthering their knowledge on how to navigate their time online safely.

Thank you for coming into school Amy.



### Cumbria Cricket - Sri Lanka Tour 2024

In Spring 2024 Cumbria Cricket are taking two teams of U18's to Sri Lanka. One girls team and one boys will embark on the amazing 11 day tour which promises to be a life changing experience.

Zac M, Callum H, Josh M and past student Declan T have all been selected to tour Sri Lanka next March as part of the Cumbria EPP (Emerging Player Programme).

Well done boys! What an achievement.

We look forward to hearing all about it on your return next year!



### Crufts 2023

Martha and Joshua from Year 8 competed in Crufts in March 2023.

- Both students competed in Dog Agility, individually and as a pair.

Martha also competed in 'Showing'.

Joshua qualified for Area Show—Top 12.

Well done both.



Picture taken at a previous event.

### Dream Placement

Heidi in 6th Form had her #DreamPlacement with Soundwave Cumbria in February half-term.

Check out her art work of a member of their team.

We hope you had a great time Heidi.



## Emie goes to Verona

In March our very own Emie travelled to Italy with her family to compete in the European Cup round (BMX). Emie rode in the 13/14 female category and came 4th!

Well done Emie!



**"OH THE PLACES  
YOU'LL GO."-DR.  
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## GCSE Geography Trip

Year 10 have been on a GCSE Geography trip in March to Leeds City Centre to study the contemporary challenges in a major UK city and to complete their fieldwork data collection. The group enjoyed a meal at Nandos (where Charlie beat Mr Morton in eating the most spicy chicken wings) before staying overnight in a newly developed Art Hostel where each room had its own theme.

In the morning the students investigated different areas of the city centre, seeing electric buses, waste wagons and other sustainable transport solutions.

In the afternoon they studied Leeds as a multicultural city, trying a range of foods in Leeds indoor markets.

Well Done Year 10 for your exceptional behaviour throughout the trip.





## Girls Football

The U13 and U15 teams both drew Rossall School in the second round of the FA Small Schools Cup and so began Our Day Out! Having been held up in the roadworks, the bus decided it had had enough of the girls' singing and refused to take them any further! A very short walk got us to our destination just in time for kick off.

The U13s suffered the loss of a few early goals, but a few changes saw a definite improvement in play and some nice football from both sides. Unfortunately, we were unable to find the goal and Rossall scored a few more. So, on paper, a heavy defeat but this was not a true reflection of an evenly matched game. A great team effort!

The U15s took an early lead from the kick off thanks to some more Martha Magic. The girls led 2-0 at half time thanks to some excellent play with determined defending and excellent goal keeping skills from Madison. The second half saw a lot more excellent play with the team really starting to gel together. A super goal from Phoebe M was followed up with another super Martha solo run gaining her yet another hat trick. A well earned 4-1 victory with the team's best performance to date.

Thankfully the replacement bus didn't mind the girls' singing so much and we arrived home safely, hindered further by the closure of Junction 36, after a grand day out!

We now look forward to Round 3 against Huworth School from Darlington – and thankfully a home fixture!

Numbers of girls playing continues to grow and new members are always welcome. Training takes place on a Thursday from 3-4 pm.



### Uniform Reminders

Reminders with regards to Millom School uniform can be found on our website.

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**We are more powerful  
when we empower each  
other.**





## South Cumbria Music Festival

Nina A-S—Awarded 1st place for Choral Speaking Own Poetry—Write and Recite. School years 7-9 (pictured).

Alex D— Awarded 2nd place for Vocal Solo for any film or show. School years 7-9.

Ollie P—Awarded 1st place for Solo Performance. Novice section. School years 7-9.

Lucas A-S—Awarded 2nd place for Solo Performance. Novice section. School years 7-9.

Alfie G—Awarded 3rd place for Boys Performance. Novice section. School years 7-9.

Lucas and Ollie—Awarded joint 2nd place for Solo Performance. Own choice section. School years 7-9.

Alfie —Awarded joint 3rd place for Solo Performance. Own choice section. School years 7-9.

Ollie, Lucas and Alfie all played in a small Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band Ensemble—Awarded 1st place.

Ollie, Lucas and Alfie all played in the Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band School's Band—Awarded 1st place.

Lucas and Ollie also played in the Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band Juniors section against adult bands—Awarded 3rd place.

Emily S—also in the Holborn Hill Brass Band Ensemble.

A huge well done everyone!



## The Wind Chimes Social Action Project

In partnership with Cumbria Youth Alliance, Millom School's winning group 'The wind chimes' from Year 12 have been working on creating a sensory garden for the school, staff and students.

The students used the £500 prize money to purchase plants, windchimes and windmills and were kindly donated wood by The National Timber Group.

A sensory space gives students a safe place to relax and unwind.

The project was started back in December 2022 and it has made such great progress from then to now.

The students have been so committed to the project, it has been wonderful to see.

A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved.



## Moana Performance

During spring term's enrichment sessions, Drama, Art, Textiles and Music collaborated with students across KS3 & KS4 to showcase our first community performance in 4 years!

Students combined their talents to perform Disney's Moana Jr with Isabelle W in Year 7 and Jake P also in Year 7, taking on the lead roles of Moana and Maui.

Students were involved in various roles such as, set design, lighting, sound, costume design, dance choreography in addition to the signing and acting.

"I've enjoyed doing Moana because it was a great opportunity for people on different year groups to work together and put on a show." - Jess

Primary School's also came to watch a morning performance on 29 March. We hope you all have a wonderful time.

Millom School would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who supported the event and who made it a success.





## School Reminders

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

If your child is absent from school, please remember to ring in your child's absence or email the school Reception before 9:30am. A reason for absence needs to be given. If a reason has not been given and you haven't informed school of your child's absence, you will then receive a text message/email from the school. Upon receiving the text message/email you can reply to the text, email or call the school directly with the reason for absence.

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. We would however like to stress that where possible, appointments are made out of school time so that your child's attendance isn't affected.

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.

If your child has forgotten their lunch or money they will be able to get something from either refectory and the money spent can be paid back the following day.

We will not be able to deliver bags, PE Kit or any other forgotten items to your child. We will accept these items into Reception but it is the child's responsibility to collect these things from Reception themselves.

“MOTIVATION IS WHAT GETS YOU STARTED.  
HABIT IS WHAT KEEPS YOU GOING.” - JIM RYUN

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