



#### **A message from the Chair of Governors, Elsa Mason**

What an incredibly successful term this has been! The newsletter is packed full of our students' achievements, both in school and out.

It is privilege to hear about the amazing talents, dedication, ingenuity and generosity displayed throughout these achievements. It is great to see so many of them pursuing excellence and also working hard to raise money for some fabulous causes, as well as studying hard in their day to day lessons.

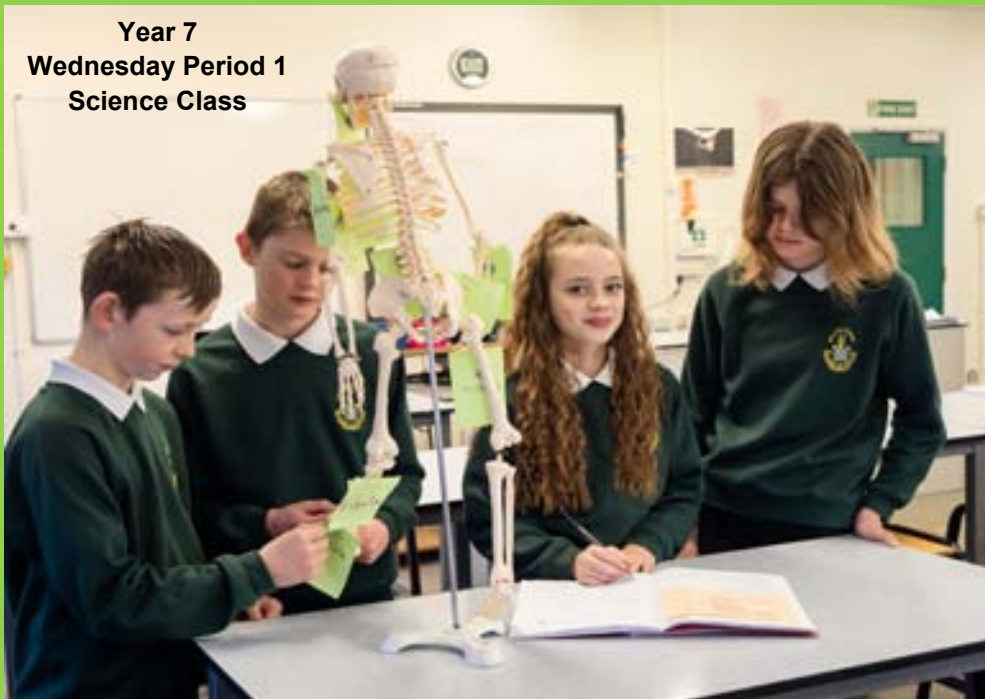
I have been fortunate to be in school for the mock interviews for Year 11 and 13 students. I was delighted to feel the palpable excitement, meet some exceptional students, and chat with the interviewers from a whole range of businesses who kindly gave up their time to create this experience for students. The students certainly gave a fabulous representation of both themselves and the school.

Our students are students to be proud of and so very well supported by our dedicated staff and outside agencies.

Thank you to all who have played their part in these successes.

Wishing you a peaceful and joy-filled Easter break.

Year 7  
Wednesday Period 1  
Science Class



#### **A message from the Headteacher, Mr Savidge**

The postponed Presentations Evening took place last week and what a wonderful evening of celebration it was. Current and past pupils were awarded for many of their achievements during their time with us. Our guest speaker, Nicola Armstrong gave an excellent speech in which she talked about the importance of hard work and determination and being the best version of yourself. This is what we encourage all of our students to be.

You will see in the newsletter a snapshot of life at Millom School and I would like to thank the staff for working so hard in providing these opportunities for our students.

A highlight of this term for me was spending a couple of days with Year 7 at the Conway Centre which included canoeing and doing the high ropes course with students. The Conway Centre staff gave glowing feedback about the conduct of our students and the way in which they threw themselves into the activities with such positivity.

When we return next term, we will be shortly into GCSE and A-Level exams and the whole school will be supporting our Year 11 and 13's during exam season. It is important that Year 11 and 13 students spend time during the Easter break revising so that they are well prepared for the exams.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and I wish you a Happy Easter.

Mr MD Savidge, Headteacher



## A Level Biology

As if they didn't eat enough chocolate over the Christmas holidays, the A Level Biology students made up for it using smarties to model changing proportions of particular genes in a population.

Of course they got to eat them at the end.

#takepart #betterlearner #Biology

“Learn  
from  
yesterday,  
live for  
today, hope  
for  
tomorrow.  
” - Albert  
Einstein

## Tropics Skincare Enrichment

A group of our students took part in a number of sessions with Skincare Ambassadors Carly and Emma as part of their enrichment choice.

The group learnt all about the brand, the story behind the brand and about its wonderful products.

#takeresponsibility #takepart  
#tropicsskincare



## Christmas Jumper Day 2023

Millom School raised £260.

Thank you for your donations towards the Save the Children Charity.

Happy Retirement to Liz our Inspira—Careers Advisor.

Liz has advised Millom School students for several years through Inspira.

Always providing exceptional advice, guidance and care.

## A message from Millom R.L.F.C

Are you in Year 8 or Year 9?

Do you want to learn some new skills?

Come along to training on Mondays at Millom Rugby League Club from 5:30pm-6:30pm.



Pictured—Phoebe busy during a Gardening enrichment session



Pictured—Emily with her amazing mask she made for The Lion King production.

**“Creativity is seeing what everyone else has seen, and thinking what no one else has thought.”**

**- Albert Einstein**

### **Leeds Trip**

In January some of the Year 10 students who study Geography went on a trip to Leeds.

During their stay the students studied the challenges of housing, waste and transport in a major UK city.

The students also studied Leeds as a multicultural city, with many students choosing to try foods from different cultures inside Leeds city markets.

Students were a credit to themselves and the school throughout their visit.

Thank you to all the staff and students involved in the trip.

**#takepart #TakeResponsibility #Leeds**

### **The British Association for Shooting and Conservation**

As part of enrichment after the Christmas break Curtis from The British Association for Shooting and Conservation came into school working with our conservation enrichment group.

The group investigated a small wooded area on the school site to identify the wildlife there.

The group have an idea to put a management plan in place to improve the area with a view to attract more wildlife. The site has been surveyed and the area measured.

The team have been researching and have put into place mammal tracking and bird boxes.

Thank you again to Curtis for coming in and supporting the group.

**#takepart #TakeResponsibility #enrichment**





### Ski Trip 2024

The Ski Trip was a huge success and gave students a great opportunity.

#Austria #skitrip  
#takepart



### Estelle—Year 7

In January Estelle had a weekend of double clears which at the time was one more double clear from qualifying for the semi-finals for Hickstead.

If Estelle qualifies in the semi-finals she will get a ticket for Hickstead.

#takepart #Take Responsibility  
#betterlearner #Showjumping  
#Hickstead



“On my own I will create it, if it works, its works and if it doesn't I'll create something else.

I don't have any limitations on what I think I could do or be.”

- Oprah Winfrey



Enrichment with Mr Higgins —Table Top Gaming



Enrichment with Mrs Johnston —Craft

*"Always concentrate on how far you have come, rather than how far you have left to go.*

*The difference in how easy it seems will amaze you."*

*- Heidi Johnson*

### **Cricket Tour**

Zac returned from a cricket tour of UAE in January.

He had been on tour for a number of weeks where he gained learning experience both on and off the field as part of the U16 Durham Cricket Junior Academy.

Well Done Zac, what an amazing achievement.

#takepart #Take Responsibility #cricket



Enrichment with Miss Moore—Needlecraft



### **The British Association for Shooting and Conservation**

During an enrichment session in January the group learned all about different types of bird boxes and then got to make one to put up in a wooded area of the school site.

The boxes will be monitored during the summer term.

#TakeResponsibility #takepart  
#enrichmentwednesdays





Costumes from 'The Lion King' performance which took place at Millom School on 31 January 2024.

**“Self-belief and hard work will always earn you success.”**

**- Virat Kohli**



Enrichment with Mr Jewell—  
STEM

**“WITHOUT LEAPS OF IMAGINATION OR DREAMING, WE LOSE THE EXCITEMENT OF POSSIBILITIES. DREAMING, AFTER ALL, IS A FORM OF PLANNING.”**

**- GLORIA STEINEM**

### **The British Association for Shooting and Conservation**

In January the conservation group were out around the school grounds putting up the birdboxes they had made.

The group also used the Merlin ID app to identify bird call. Within a few minutes they were able to ID great tits, blue tits, robins and dunnocks.

#enrichment #takepart #Take Responsibility



### **GB Archery**

The first leg of the 2024 European Youth Cup will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria from 15-20 April.

Well Done to Alfie in Year 11 who has been named as part of the Great Britain Team.

Wishing you the best of luck Alfie.

#takepart #archery

**“Enrichment is the greatest thing about school. You can do a lot of different activities and make new friends.” - Year 9 Student**

### **Copeland School Games**

In January Millom School’s Sports Leaders helped run the Copeland School Games event.

The students helped out at the Key Steps Gymnastics Festival. They warmed up the students and judged the competition.

They were absolutely amazing and did themselves and the school proud.

**#Faster #Higher #Stronger**



*“The best way to predict your future is to create it.”*

*- Abraham Lincoln*

### **Millom School Presents—Disney’s The Lion King**

What a mesmerising performance of The Lion King. Congratulations to a magnificent cast who performed to a packed house. Simply brilliant!

Thank you to all the staff and students involved. You all worked so hard alongside the cast to put on a great show.

**#takepart #lionking #proudmoment**



Artwork displayed in Mr Grange’s classroom



**If your child has lost an item of uniform, pencil case, water bottle etc.—Please ask them to check the Lost Property in Student Reception**

*“The simple act of listening to someone and making them feel as if they have truly been heard is a most treasured gift.” - L.A. Villafane*

## The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

The conservation group took part in an afternoon of dissection during enrichment. One afternoon was spent dissecting owl pellets.

Several groups managed to piece together almost an entire mouse or vole skeleton. They were also able to identify shrew jaw bones and teeth by their different shape and size.

Curtis from The British Association for Shooting and Conservation brought in his fantastic collection of taxidermy and we learned all about how different predators are expertly adapted to catch prey. A fascinating discussion about ethics in the countryside management then took place.

#takepart #TakeResponsibility #enrichment



Millom School's Production of The Lion King

*Lost Property—Please remember to label your child items of uniform, pencil cases etc.*

*This makes it easier for us to get the items back to the students if they get lost.*

## Year 11 & 13 Mock Interviews

A big well done to all the students who participated in the mock interviews on 6 February.

The feedback from employers was brilliant; all the students should be really proud.

A massive thank you to all the employers who gave up their time to help students out, we really do appreciate your support.

Sellafield, BAE Systems, Adept Mgt, DWP, British Association for Shooting and Conservation, LLWR, NDA, Furness College, Atkins, ATOS, QinetiQ, Mott MacDonald, Tornado Wire Ltd, Inspire SAFETY, Balfour Beatty and Gen2.

#careers #TakeResponsibility #aimhigher





## The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

Before the half-term break the conservation group were again working alongside The British Association for Shooting and Conservation.

In one of the enrichment sessions the group were carrying out a bird survey with data feeding into the national Big Farm Bird Count.

#enrichment

## Tropics Skincare Course

The enrichment session before the half-term break saw the last Tropics Skincare session.

The 6 week course was enjoyed by all and the students have learnt so much about skincare and make-up.

#enrichment #skincare



Science Display Board in Mrs Falconer's Classroom

*Well Done to the team that took part in the Broughton Young Farmers Club Charity Car Pull on Sunday 18 February.*

*The car was pulled by people, some of which are students past and present at Millom School. The route taken was from Millom School to Broughton Square via Ulpha Valley. Money raised went to Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue.*

*The event was also in memory of Edward Gabbert.*

*A message from University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust*  
*Measles cases are rising in England. You can still ask your GP practice for the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine if your child has missed either of their 2 doses.*

*Find out more at:*  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/)

**"Education is one thing no one can take away from you."**

**- Elin Nørdegren**

## UKMT Maths Challenge

7 students in Year 9 and Year 10 achieved bronze and silver medals in the UKMT Maths Challenge.

A big thank you to Mr Slater in the Maths Department for running the challenge.

#takepart #betterlearner #maths  
#mathschallenge #UKMT



## Year 7 Science

Year 7 made slime in Science in February. The class made this using PVA glue, borax solution and food colouring.

They then converted their slime to bouncy balls by adding more borax a little at a time and were able to test how bouncy they were.

#science #betterlearner



## Rugby League

Congratulations to Jack B who successfully made it to the next stage of the U16's England Community Lions Programme in March.

Charlie F, Rueben L and Braith L were also nominated but weren't successful on the day.

#TakeResponsibility #rugbyleague



***"Be the best of whatever you are."***

***- Martin Luther King, JR***

## Royal Northern College of Music

On 27 February some of the students and staff were treated to a mini brass concert at lunchtime. After this the students took part in a brass workshop.

Thank you to Royal Northern College of Music for coming into school.

The group had a lovely afternoon.

#takepart #betterlearner #music

## Conway Trip 2024

On 25 February some of the Year 7 students at Millom School departed for a week at the Conway Centre in Anglesey, Wales.

The week saw a lot of team building activities, gorge walking, mountain biking, high ropes, canoeing and quizzes and games in the evenings.

The staff and students had an amazing time.

#takepart #takeResponsibility #conwaycentre



## Work Experience 2024

The students in Year 10 had a great time on work experience this year.

To name a few of the placements;

Haverigg Nursery and the Clubbers, Sellafield, Howdens, Brian Shaw, Plasterer and Tiler, MNC, Waberthwaite School and Muncaster Castle.

Thank you to all our placement providers, your support in giving our students placements is very much appreciated.

#takepart #workexperience



"In a gentle way you can shake the world."

- Mahatma Gandhi

## Backhold Wrestling

Congratulations to Jake in Year 10 for becoming the European Champion in Backhold Wrestling.

The competition took place in France.

A stunning achievement. Well done Jake!

#european champion #takepart



*"I just want you to know that if you are out there and you are being really hard on yourself right now for something that has happened... Its normal.*

*That is what is going to happen to you in life. No one gets through unscathed. We are all going to have a few scratches on us.*

*Please be kind to yourselves and stand up for yourself, please." - Taylor Swift*

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

- George Bernard Shaw



Work Experience—Sylvie at Barrow Library

## Cyber Security Event

On 29 February Mr Higgins and Mrs Thompson took a group of Year 8 and 9 girls to a Cyber Security event at Energus in Workington.

The girls took part in a series of activities including virtual chemistry, virtual escape room, app creation and encryption.

#takepart #TakeResponsibility #betterlearner #cybersecurity





*"You define your own life. Don't let other people write your script."*

*- Oprah Winfrey*



Team Work—Duke of Edinburgh Award Enrichment

## Year 12 Product Design

Year 12 Product Design students have been working on a design brief from local company, Playdale Playgrounds to design workwear or play equipment suitable for the company's target customers.

The students produced amazing results and received a lot of positive feedback from Sarah, one of the Design Engineers.

#takepart #6thfrom #productdesign

*"Books should go where they will be most appreciated, and not sit unread, gathering dust on a forgotten shelf, don't you agree?"*

*- Christopher Paolini*



## Music Enrichment

Mrs Vance and Mrs Gibbon's Evolution of Music Group have been analysing the development of 'rock n roll', from blues and jazz in the 1950's.

After listening to different artists the class learned some dance moves from the 50's and 60's. They then put together an ensemble to play 'Hound Dog' with bass and electric guitar, keyboard and the teachers on vocals.

Great fun!

#takepart #betterlearner #enrichment

## Crufts 2024

Congratulations to Josh in Year 9 for a fantastic result with Maddy at Crufts in March.

Josh was placed 5th in the YKC Jumping Cup and 3rd in the YKC Agility Dog of the Year.

Congratulations to Josh and Maddy.

#takepart #SportingSuccess #crufts2024



“Kites rise high above the wind, not with it.” -  
Winston Churchill

**“Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”**

**- Albert Schweitzer**



## Duke of Edinburgh Enrichment

In March we saw some sunshine appear just in time for the students to take part in their Duke of Edinburgh enrichment session.

The session involved, tent building, prepping for expedition and making smores.

#takepart #DofE #enrichment

*A message from Family Action—Millom  
Join us for Easter fun!  
2 April and 9 April (10:30- 12:00)  
Spring and Easter themed activities for all ages.  
Make your own Easter bonnet.  
Sow spring seeds.*



Work Experience at ProjX Regeneration

*"You are your own teacher. Investigate yourself to find the truth—inside, not outside. Knowing yourself is most important." - Ajahn Chah, Buddhist Monk and Teacher*



### **The Royal International at Hickstead**

More sporting success in the form of Estelle in Year 7.

A huge congratulations for qualifying for The Royal International at Hickstead for the 138 Winter Final.

Many congratulations to Estelle.

#takepart #SportingSuccess #Hickstead

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi*

### **Fun Run for Red Nose Day**

All students participated in the mile; walking or running.

Sponsor forms were given to the students in order to raise money for Comic Relief.

The weather was a little grim but everyone involved managed to get it done.

There was also a 'Sweet Sale' during a couple of breaktimes.

A big thank you to 6th Form students Abbie and Lizzy who organised the event as part of their BTEC Sports Course.

Total amount raised was... £1051 which is amazing!

#takepart #rednoseday2024



Mrs Coates's 6th Form Product Design Class

*SAFA Family Support 'Drop in Session'*

*Are you struggling alone? We are here to listen!*

*Its an opportunity to talk about issues that you are experiencing, share stories and concerns in a friendly supportive environment.*

*Monday 20 May (10:00-12:00 noon)*

*SAFA Cumbria, Trinity Enterprise Centre, Ironworks Road, Barrow in Furness, LA14 2PN*

*Tel no: 01229 832269*

*RSVP by text to Jackie—07508 035048*

*Refreshments provided.*

## Year 7 Football

Year 7 girls participated in the biggest ever football session in March.

The main focus of the day was to get as many girls participating in football across the country as possible. The local session was held at Furness Academy.

Millom had 5 fixtures—winning the first game against Chetwynde School 2-0 with great goals from Millie and Lacey.

Next up were the overall winners—a very strong Walney School, who beat us convincingly!

Other games saw two goals from Katie with another win, a draw and losing out with a last-minute goal in the final game.

The girls played really well, and most importantly enjoyed the afternoon.

Some of the girls were quick to volunteer to have a go at goalkeeping and I think we have a few budding Mary Earps'.

#takepart #takeresponsibility #football #girlsfootball

*“Dreams don't have to just be dreams. You can make it a reality; if you just keep pushing and keep trying, then eventually you'll reach your goal. And if that takes a few years, then that's great, but if it takes 10 or 20, then that's part of the process.”*

*- Naomi Osaka*



A message from Millom Library  
Revision Club at Millom Library  
Mondays from 3:30pm-5:00pm  
(After Easter Holidays)

Free event

With exam season quickly approaching why not take advantage of our free Library resources and a quiet space to work.

Soft drinks are provided.



**Nina—Year 8**

Congratulations to Nina in Year 8 who came 2nd in the South Cumbria Music Festival 'Speech, Write and Recite' class on 19 March.

Nina wrote a poem called 'I wish I could be an explorer' and recited it on stage at The Coronation Hall.

The adjudicator said he 'hopes Nina gets to live out her dreams and enjoy some wonderful life adventures in the future'.

#takepart #betterlearner #TakeResponsibility #southcumbriamusicfestival



**I WISH I COULD BE AN EXPLORER**

By Nina

I wish I could be an explorer  
Theres so much of the world to see  
Let me take you on a journey  
Of my magical fantasies.

South America would be my first stop  
Christ The Redeemer on the hill, in Brazil  
Then a trek through the Amazon rainforest to  
The Inca ruins of Machu Picchu.

To run free like a stallion, in The Grand Canyon  
Then feel the rush of the squalls of Niagara Falls  
On to Alaska to say hello to an eskimo  
Then to choose? Mount Everest in Nepal  
Or China's Great Wall.

Next stop the shock of Ayres Rock  
To India, to eat dahl at the Taj Mahal  
Float a mile down the Nile on a lilo to Cairo  
Take a selfie in Rome before heading home.

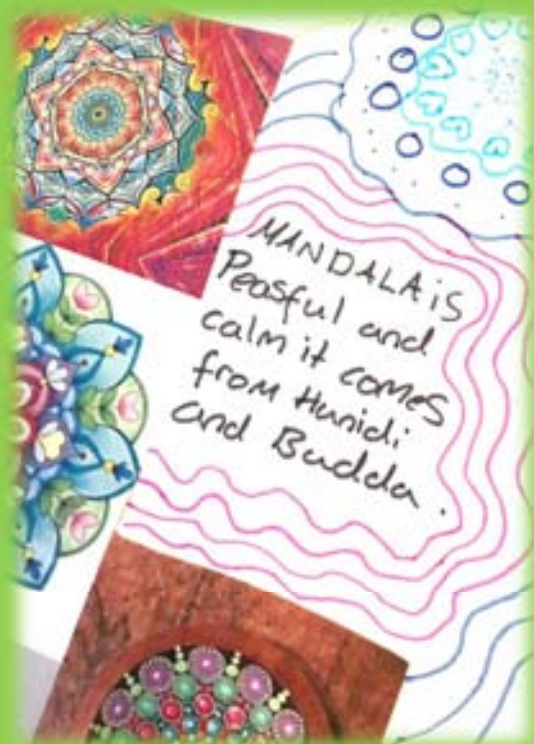
Then the morning comes  
and it is time to awake,  
and all that is left are my memories  
of the adventures I'm going to take.

*"If you own this story you get to write the ending."*

*- Brene Brown*

*"I never dreamed about success. I worked for it."*

*- Estee Lauder*



Work from Mandala Art Enrichment



Needlefelt Enrichment with Miss Moore

## **Presentations Evening Awards**

*Best A Level Results—Paige C*

*Best Exam Results—Aidan I*

*The Killick Cup—Chris D*

*The Brown Award—Sam S*

*The 50's Cup—Murin B & Abigail M*

*The Endeavour Award—Jessie A*

*The DAME Enid Bibby Award—Hannah M*

*Sykes Award—Freddie S*

*The Ted Southward Award—Olivia S*

*The Norman Nicholson Award—Violet M*

*Victrix Ludorum—Martha A*

*Victor Ludorum—Olivia S*

*Mike Coldwell Memorial Award—Jessie A*

*MADAS Drama Award—Isabelle W*

*Forte Music Award—Jake P*

*Shaw Shield —Trent R*

*The Laydon Shield Award—Callum H*

*The William Stott Award—Lily D*

*The Joseph Poland Award—Callum M*

*The ICT Trophy—Remi G*

*The George Burch Science Trophy—Paige C*

*Troll Cup for Music—Ellie T*

*Stewart Robinson Award—Harry D*

*The Adam Slack Award—Jessie A*

*Ivor Wood Cup—Cade H*

*The Tesco Award—Lily D*

*BDAE Award— Ben C, Kiana C, Aiden I, Karin W & Sylvie L*

## **Other awards presented to a number of current and past students**

*Year 12 'Call to Social Action*

*Year 11 'Build my Skills'*

*Governors Awards*

*Subject Certificates of Merit*

*Subject Progress Awards*

*Top Subject Prizes*

*Subject Progress Awards*

*GCSE Certificates*

*Well done and congratulations.*



Dungeons and Dragons Club have been experimenting with 3D printing, including a large D20 and several character models.

See our Facebook page for more pictures.



Duke Of Edinburgh Award

## **Presentations Evening**

Many thanks to all who attended the Presentations Evening.

A special thanks to those who came to present awards and to our Guest Speaker, Nicola Armstrong from The Bloom Room in Millom.

A wonderful evening was had by all.

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#takepart #presentationsevening



Mr Savidge, Headteacher  
Presentations Evening 2024



Mrs Mason, Chair of Governors  
Presentations Evening 2024



Mr Savidge, Headteacher, Nicola Armstrong, Guest  
Speaker and some of the prize winners.

Presentations Evening 2024

*"The level of our success is limited only by our imagination and no act of kindness, however small, is ever waste."*

*- Aesop*

*"We need to accept that we won't always make the right decisions, that we'll screw up royally sometimes— understanding that failure is not the opposite of success, its part of success."*

*- Ariana Huffington*



Jan won a silver medal in his category in an International Arm Wrestling Competition in Ireland in March.

## Staff Leavers

Goodbye and Good Luck to:

Mrs Wright, Reading Support Lead and HLTA (Left in February 2024)

## 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

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 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.

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 refectory and the money spent can be paid back the following day.

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

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