

Christmas 2022

Millom School In the News

A message from the Chair of Governors

It is great to be reflecting on the autumn term, whilst looking forward to the events still to come. I have been delighted to see the enrichment programme run its first term; the positive energy it has added to the school week and the broadening of opportunities it is bringing for our students.

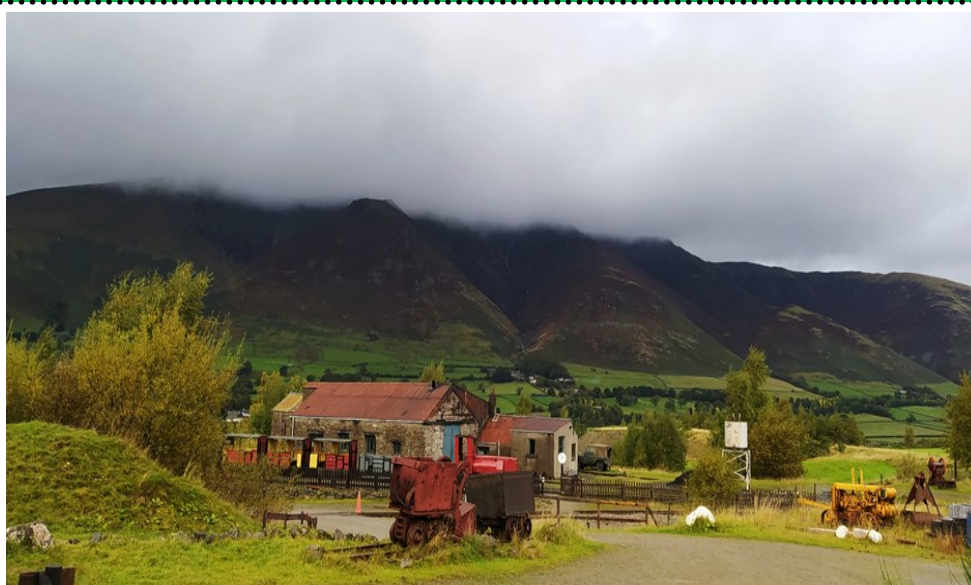
You will see some of the amazing achievements of our students from the newsletter, both inside and outside of school, across a huge range of areas including sports, arts, academic and community. I have certainly found it inspiring and uplifting to hear about them all.

As I write this, I am looking forward to being able to celebrate with our students at our first 'in person' presentations evening since COVID. They have all had such a challenging time, these successes are particularly hard won. I am also pleased to see the return of the delightful Christmas concert at Holy Trinity church. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas time.

**"Your success and
happiness lie in you"**

Helen Keller



Picture taken in by Mrs Johnston on the Enrichment Activity Trip to Threlkeld Quarry .

A message from Mr Savidge

It has been a wonderful end to the term as we were able to bring back presentations evening, for the first time since 2019. This was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students from across the year groups, including Year 11 and 13 leavers collecting their examination certificates, and many of our students collecting governor and special awards. The evening included musical performances by students, and ex-student and former professional rugby league player Bradd Crellin as special guest awarding the prizes. We were also able to hold the Christmas Concert back in Holy Trinity Church with excellent performances by our students and an opportunity for the community to join together and mark Christmas.

This term we have continued to focus on our priorities of Take Part, Read More and Better Learner, and you will see examples of these throughout the newsletter. A significant change this year has been the introduction of the enrichment programme which students take on Wednesday afternoons. This has opened up a wide range of experiences for our young people which they may otherwise not be able to access. This has included the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, bike club, couch to 5k, advanced football coaching, trampolining, flag football, footgolf, philosophy club, upcycling, medical club, code breaking, song writing and many other clubs on offer. This is something which we think is unique in Cumbria and of great benefit to the development of our students. Enrichment has helped Year 7 to settle so well into school and to meet students from other year groups.

Thank you to the staff who have shown such dedication this year in providing these opportunities and support for our students.

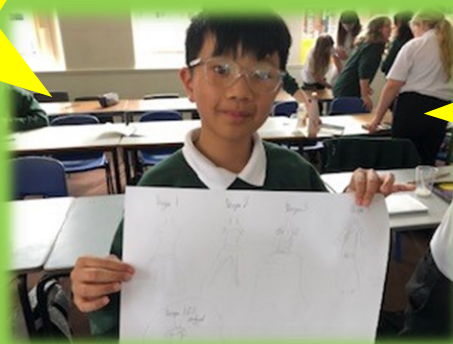
I would like to wish you a happy Christmas and New Year.

Enrichment Wednesday's

The new Academic Year has seen a new addition to the Millom School's student timetables.

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 of future success, equips students to be responsible, respectful and be active citizens and contributes towards the enjoyment of school life.





Year 5 & 6 Open Evening

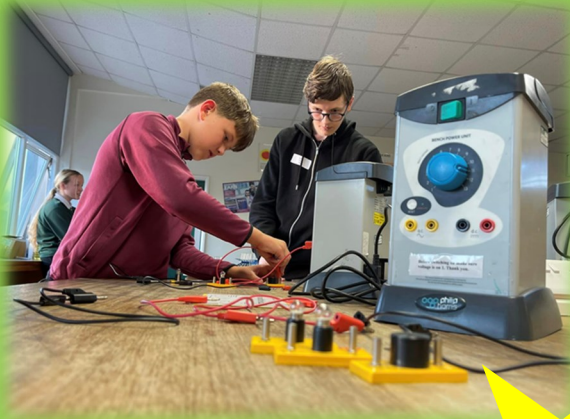
At the end of September Millom School opened its doors to Year & 6 students and their parents/carers for Opening Evening 2022.

We welcomed students from feeder Primary Schools and students from Primary Schools who do not live in our catchment area.

The Open Evening allows the students and their parents/carers to have a tour of the school, speak to staff, receive information and engage in some of the wonderful lessons that our current students take part in during their time at Millom School.

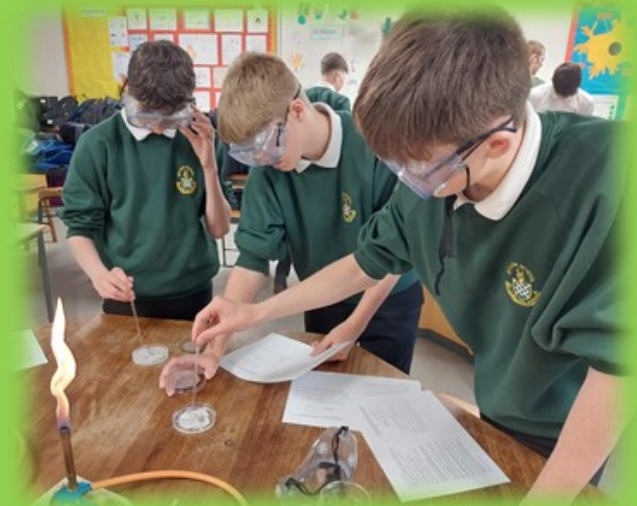
The event was a huge success.

We would like to thank students, parents/carers, our current students and staff for their attendance at the evening.



Mrs Vance's Science Classes

Mrs Vance's Science classes have been looking at a variety of different topics this term. From the effectiveness of different antiseptic techniques to testing the presence of carbon dioxide in your breath.



Oreo's + Mrs Johnston = Year 9 Geography Class

- In one of Mrs Johnston's Geography classes this term, Year 9 used Oreo's to model the movement of tectonic plates at different boundaries.
- After completing diagrams of each, the students also had a go at some plate tectonic Kung Fu!



6th Form Students Enjoying Media!

- Year 12 students who have chosen to take Media as one of their option choices at Millom School immersed themselves in the study of Police Procedural Crime Drama.
- They spent a lesson trying out props for their filmed extract.



Bell—Year 8

- Bell has spent some time creating a stunning plan for a Remembrance Memorial.
- Bell has some stunning detailed sketches and plans. We cant wait to see it come to life Bell.
- Fantastic work!

**GCSE Geography
Field Trip to St Bees**

On a slightly breezy day in October the Geography GCSE students set out on a field trip to St Bees as part of their continued work in the subject.

Lovely photos to support a great day.



Reminder—Nuts

Just a polite reminder to all our students/parents/carers, we are a nut free school.

Please check the ingredients on any food products brought into school.

Forming a Constituted Body

Our Year 12 students have been working on forming a constituted body, they held their first meeting on 4 October in school.

We look forward to hearing about the progress on this.



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.

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Family pressures can sometimes be difficult, especially without emotional support and guidance on hand during times of need. Many people feel confused by what help is available and often struggle to access services close to home and at a time that suits them.

FamilyLine tackles these issues in a new and innovative way by using a network of volunteers from across the country to support service users through telephone calls, email and text messages.

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An Enrichment Visit to Holy Trinity Church

The Local History Group have visited the accident monument of Holy Trinity Church this afternoon to learn about the origins of Millom and how the town developed through the Norman conquest, the medieval period and up to the end of the English Civil War and Millom Castle's decline.

Thank you to Margaret and Geoff Edmondson for a fascinating tour.

Did you know that the road Millom School is situated on is called Salthouse because there used to be salt pans located here? In medieval times, and perhaps before, seawater would gather from the estuary and the water evaporated to harvest salt, a valuable commodity for preserving food. The income from the salt industry went to the owners of the castle, the Huddleston family.



Mock Interviews

Year 11 Mock interviews took place in November. Even though the students were nervous, they conducted themselves to a very high standard. The interviewers were very impressed. Many thanks to all involved and a big well done to our year 11 cohort.

Feedback from the interviews showed the following:

92% of students stated they felt more/much more confident following their interview.

88% of students stated they felt more/much more prepared.

85% of students will alter their CV.



Millom School Remembrance Assemblies

Millom School Remembrance Assemblies took place this week. Mr Prior led the assembly, paying tribute to and remembering the sacrifice of those people who fought to preserve our freedom since 1914. During the assembly, 6th Form students read Wilfred Owen's *Dulce et Decorum Est*, as well as the names of the fallen servicemen who attended Millom School. There were also poignant musical contributions by pupils of the Brass Band quintet and a solo pianist as well as an array of Poppy art which had been completed by students.

A lovely window of remembrance was also made in the Reception area of the school.



Young Writers

The English Department are very excited to announce that all 20 entries of the 'Young Writers Power of Poetry Competition' for National Poetry Day were chosen for publication in the 'Young Writers' book, "The Power of Poetry—Beyond Words".

The students were given a bookmark and a certificate to celebrate their achievement.

It's so impressive to have so many published authors amongst our students! Having students' work chosen is something to be proud of.

Since 1991, the aim of 'Young Writers' has been to inspire children and young adults to enjoy creative writing and reading.

Congratulations to Abigail

Congratulations to our 6th Former Abigail, in securing a bursary from The Barrow District and Area Engineering Society. Abigail was one of four nominees.

Abigail wants to encourage more students to take part in STEM activities in the Barrow and surround areas.

Abigail has already spent some of her bursary on an incredible new tool box.

A huge well done to Abigail.



Champion School Rugby League Tournament

Millom School were crowned the winners of the Champion School Rugby league Tournament on the 22 November 2022.

The squad defeated Dowdales School 34-18 in the final.

We are exceptionally proud, well done to all involved.



ECO Textiles

The Eco Textiles group have been busy designing and making 'bags for life' from sustainable cotton fabrics.

The aim is to cut down on the use of plastic bags by using sustainable, recycled fabrics to create quality bags that will last.

The theme the group worked on was 'sea life' due to the fact that so much of the plastic used in the world ends up in the oceans and harms the 'sea life'.

Students used a range of dying and printing techniques in order to decorate their bags.

The bags will be donated to the community as part of the 'Morsbag' initiative.

The group have also been looking at 'fast fashion' issues that harm the environment with using recycled fabrics to recreate catwalk inspired fashion pieces.



Girls Football

Inspired by the recent success of the Lionesses, we have also experienced some success with our own teams.

First to kick off were the U13 girls who faced Dowdales in the County FA Cup. This was the first time most of the girls had played in a "proper" match but they showed great effort and enthusiasm. Despite losing heavily, the score did not reflect the fact that it was a fairly evenly matched game, but we lacked on goal-scoring skills.

The U14 girls were first in action at the Football Festival at Dowdales School. A very determined effort with some excellent football on display (helped along by a bit of Martha's magic!) saw us reach the semi-final. This ended in a 2-2 draw and went to golden goal. Unfortunately, we lost out to a bit of a goalmouth scramble but the girls should still be very proud of their success. Lots of goals scored!!

Next up were the U13 team in their Football Festival, again at Dowdales. Some strong opposition proved to be a bit too much for us, but we still enjoyed playing and managed to score a few goals. The girls again, showed great determination and there were definitely signs of potential for future matches.

The last festival was the turn of the U12 girls. Our first match against Walney clearly showed the strength in our team with an emphatic win. Our second match against UVHS was a very close match showing great determination and skill from both teams, with us finishing second! Our final match against Furness Academy saw another strong win. Throughout the tournament we scored a lot of goals, defended strongly and saw some super saves, finishing runners-up in our section to Ulverston. We now look forward to a rematch in the FA Cup! This is a team to watch!!

The U12's then travelled to Ulverston for the much awaited rematch, this time in the U12 County Cup. This was a hard fought match with the final score being 5-1 in favour of UVHS. However, we hit the woodwork twice and had a goal dis- allowed. 5-4 would have been a far fairer result and a better reflection of an even sided match.

The long awaited U15's first fixture was against the Lakes School in Windermere. We had our fair share of "Martha Magic" as she scored a hat-trick, but other team members were keen to get on the score sheet too, with excellent goals from Phoebe, Kaitlin and Hannah as well. Both sides had strong teams and there was some lovely football played, but we were the much-deserved winners due to some excellent defending. 6-1 was the final score and Kaitlin was voted Most Valuable Player by The Lakes team.

We now wait to play the next round of the U15 Cup against Queen Katherine School from Kendal and the U14s await West Lakes Academy in the next round of their cup.

Girls training is going from strength to strength and open to girls in all years. See Mrs Gannon if you are interested in joining us!





Year 7 Poppy Display

- During a team building enrichment session the whole of Year 7 got involved with making poppies to create a display for the Reception window and for the stage in the Alex Hall for the remembrance assembly.
- They were given a choice of media and materials from paintings and collage to 3D fabric poppies.
- All of the students contributed and created a fantastic array of poppies to highlight the importance of remembering those who have fought.

Goat Aid

As part of the Geography GCSE unit on 'People of the Planet', the students are required to study an example of an aid project which influences Low Income and Developing Countries.

In recent years we have chosen to study an aid programme called 'Goat Aid'. The students use this as part of their larger case study on Ethiopia. In this study, they learn about the impact of donating a goat to young people in poverty and the long term influence it can have on their quality of lives.

For the fourth year running, the Year 11 Geography students have chosen to fundraise and purchase a goat. This will go a long way to help young girls who might otherwise be left extremely vulnerable as a result of poverty.

Well done Year 11 for another year of successful fundraising.



Trip to Honister Slate Mine

In November the Geology Club visited Honister Slate Mine to investigate the history of mining, the formation of the slate and the techniques used to make sheets of slate for roof tiles.

The trip was part of Enrichment activities that take part on a Wednesday afternoon.



Presentations Evening 2022

This December we welcomed back the Presentations Evening, allowing students past and present to attend in person along with their families and friends.

Millom School once again honoured its outstanding young people with a host of prizes, awards and certificates.

The guest speakers for the evening was Bradd Crellin, a former student of Millom School, Bradd has recently retired from Barrow Raiders where he played rugby. Thank You for coming along and attending the evening.

The Music Department treated the audience to a number of pieces throughout the evening. A big thank you to you all.

Once again the evening was a huge success and was a beautiful celebration for us as a school to commend our students on their achievements.

We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did.



Millom School Christmas Concert

On Monday 12 December Millom School's Music Department held a Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity Church in Millom.

We would like to thank the students, staff and others who came to watch.

It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all.



School Reminders

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.



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Sunday 18th December**

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