

Solway Community Technology College Newsletter No.21

So generous!

1000 bears were collected from pupils, staff, governors, friends and families in Silloth and the surrounding villages making up the Solway community, in response to the Rotary pledge to support victims of the typhoon disaster in the Philippines.

Pupils have also collected this term for Breast Cancer, Save the Children and the annual Shoe box appeal. They continue to show concern and compassion for others less well off than themselves. A great attitude and one of which they should be immensely proud.

Year 11s have just finished sitting mock examinations, part of the process to help them when the real exams comes along in May. They will receive their results after Christmas.

It continues to concern me that some pupils do not make sufficient progress because they do not engage in all lessons as they should, or are absent more often than they should or neglect their studies out of class. I have however been impressed by the increasing numbers with 100% attendance and would encourage forms to meet that target. We provide a reward of toast in the morning registration to the form achieving 100% the previous week. It is so important.

This term has been so very busy once again with visits, a banquet and an amazing Awards evening with local author **Matt Hilton** presenting the prizes. Pupils and staff now need a relaxing break to prepare for the Spring term.

Have a lovely Christmas.

Mrs L Baird
Headteacher



December '13



Have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Gifted & Talented Maths

On the 19th of November many pupils from our feeder primary schools participated in our 'Get Rich Quick' maths day. This is a day we run to let the pupils from our primary schools get to know the maths department a little better. Pupils solve problems, earn money in a bank account, work as a team, hunt for clues around the school and generally have lots of fun. We were grateful for the feedback from all who took part to say how much they enjoyed it.

Can you spot anyone you recognise from the two winning teams? Well done to all who took part, in particular my Year 8 helpers; **Callan Warwick, Ryan Sim, Leah Richardson and Summer Cottam.**

Mr Hailwood was delighted to invite some gifted and talented mathematicians from our feeder primary schools for half a day of something different. We looked at a number of ways of coding messages, sending messages and the importance of maths with this. Here is a list of some of the things we looked at maybe you could do some research on them; Caesar Cyphers, The Pig Pen Cyphers, Binary Numbers, Morse Code and Airplane Flag signals.

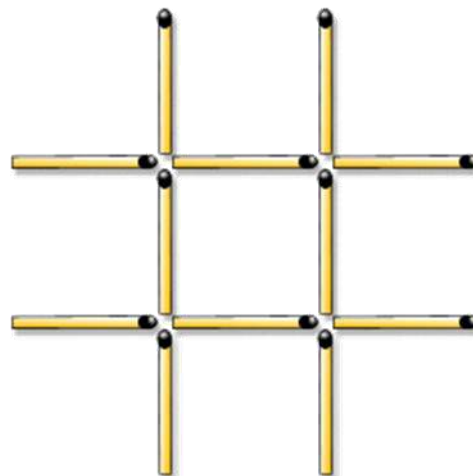


Maths Puzzle

Move 3 matchsticks to make 3 perfect squares.

As the last matchstick puzzle was so enjoyed by the pupils I have provided another. First back to me with a correct solution will win a praise postcard.

Well done **Callan Warwick** for the quickest solution to the last puzzle.



Stamps

Please continue to collect and bring in to school, old used stamps from any letters or parcels you receive. **Mrs Baird** sends them off to raise money for Eden Valley Hospice. A worthy cause.



The Inter-House Competition at SCTC has enjoyed remarkable success so far this year. At this stage of the IHC, **Franklin** leads the overall points standings with **Sharman** in second place while **Dalton** and **Newton** lie in third and fourth places respectively. With four major tournaments so far completed (Football, Netball, Basketball and Badminton) more than 280 pupils have played 60 games between them and amassed more than 3,300 points for their respective Houses. On average, 30 players have turned out for each of the KS3 and KS4 group games which is impressive and a testament to the conscientious efforts of the KS3 and KS4 Sports Captains in each of Franklin, Dalton, Sharman and Newton. The IHC will resume after Christmas when pupils will take part in Volleyball and Dodge Ball tournaments.

Current standing	Points	Participation Points	Total
After the Christmas card competition			
Franklin	880	75	995
Sharman	780	71	931
Dalton	740	80	880
Newton	620	67	787

1 000 Bears

The school, with representatives from Holme St Cuthbert's and Allonby primaries gathered to hear about the Rotary Club's pledge to support families in the Philippines. **Tony Markley** was overcome by the generosity of the community and thanked the pupils for their huge donation. Fortunately they had come equipped with a trailer to take the soft toys down to Lancaster en route to their final destination. We do have an ex Solway pupil working in the Philippines who will keep us informed I am sure.

Shoe Box Appeal

Once again our pupils proved to be thoughtful and generous producing 51 filled shoeboxes to be delivered to children in need in another country. This year it was **Newton** that lead the way with the number of shoeboxes completed earning the 25 house points for this activity. However, notwithstanding this is a really deserving project to be involved in and serves to remind us all that there a many children in this world not a fortunate as we are here in the UK.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this project.



Congratulations to our Prize winners for 2012/13









Airline Day 2013

Friday 15th of November was certainly a day to remember for all Year 9 pupils participating in this year's Airline Day activity. The weeks of planning and preparation undertaken by the pupils came to fruition with the production of a range of appetizing and delicious three course meals. I was very impressed with all our Year 9 pupils, they were not only very well organised, but had obviously given much thought to the presentation of their work and had, in a large number of cases, practised their meals at home prior to the day. The skill level demonstrated was high as was the level of cooperation and team working that enabled all pupils to be ready to display by 2.30pm.



The standard this year was high with the vast majority of pupils receiving a Silver or Gold Award and four pupils; **Emily Smith, Macy Baker, Natalie Whitfield and Abby Peacock** achieving the Diamond Award.

Very well done to all who took part.



Community Christmas Concert

On 29 November Tim Barker hosted the concert where people from Silloth entertained the audience. It varied from the Brownies who sang their hearts out, to Pauline Mole who recited some Cumbrian dialect poetry. The young people who had entertained us then equipped themselves with instruments and accompanied Anne-Louise Rothwell on the piano while we sang carols. The evening raised about £150 for the PTA funds and this has already been used to buy instruments for the Music Department. We intend to do the same next year so please keep Friday 28 November free! I'd really like to thank Tim Barker, Pauline Mole, all the young people who performed as they were so enthusiastic and all the people who came along to support them. Mrs Quinn

Attendance

I know I write about our school attendance in every newsletter but it is such an important part of school. If pupils aren't at school then they don't learn what they need for their chosen subjects. Currently we have 58 pupils on 100% attendance, that's 40% of the school have been here every day so far this year. It's a big improvement on last year when it was only 23% at the same time of the year. That's a really pleasing statistic. We are trying to train them to be employable. We have a target set of 95% attendance over the year. Last year we managed 93.7% and currently we are on 95.7%. Keep up the good work; both parents and pupils as it is a team effort. 11AQ need a special mention, not only are they my form, but they have 97.6% attendance and twice we have had a weekly attendance of 100%! I'm so proud of them. Mrs Quinn

Year 11 – Miss Jones and Mrs Quinn

Year 11 have been sitting mock GCSE exams over the last couple of weeks. It's a very difficult and challenging part of their lives as we prepare them for the real exams in May and June. In some subjects they also take Controlled Assignments; Spanish, BACS, Music, History, RMT, Science, Hospitality, Catering, Health and Social Care. This is coursework by a different name but completed in school and under exam conditions. Even this is a challenge for some. On January 10 the pupils will be given their results in an envelope in order to replicate the situation in August when they receive their all important results that will either enable or prevent them from doing what they want post 16. These are some of the initiatives we have been running to support them:

Rm 17 ICT room open from 3 – 6 every Tuesday with staff available to help

Maths revision sessions – Higher on Mondays after school and Foundation on Tuesdays after school

Science revision sessions on Tuesdays

Music after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

RMT and Food coursework sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Revision techniques in form time

Colleges and ex pupils in to talk to them (more are planned)

ESH – an organisation in school regularly to inspire them to achieve and show them how to do a good letter, CV and to be aware of what their on-line presence should be like

We have great members of staff who willingly help when pupils ask. If your son or daughter is lacking confidence or needs assistance with a difficult part of the curriculum or homework please encourage them to ask for help. Failing that, write in the planner and ask your child to give it to their form tutor who will see that they get what they need.

We also offer them basketball and netball sessions both during the day and after school so they can unwind with support from the PE staff.



Christmas Banquet 2013

Saturday 7th of December is certainly a day that the Year 11 Hospitality and Catering pupils will never forget. Arriving in school between 8 and 9am, yes some were early, this enthusiastic group of pupils immediately got to work preparing the food for their Christmas Banquet. In an amazingly calm atmosphere, pupils worked exceptionally well together prepping the multitude of products required for the evening service. Their "Team work" was exceptional and they maintained an incredible level of helpfulness and cooperation throughout the very long day and evening. As well as preparing and cooking the food, pupils also had to transform the school hall into a banquet venue, setting up the tables and work areas and preparing our school canteen for the evening service.

By 6pm the excitement was palpable, half an hour left to the arrival of our customers and this last few minutes passed exceptionally quickly with last minute organisation and preparation. 6.30pm and this was it, the first customers arrived to be greeted by those pupils waiting-on for the evening.

The atmosphere was wonderful, and from the comments made by our customers, everyone had a really good time and thoroughly enjoyed the food. Pupils were congratulated on the standard of service and the quality of the food and from the customer satisfaction cards completed at the end of the evening, 100% of our customers would come again to this event. By the end of the evening we were all very tired, however pupils did not lose their determination to finish the event well and they worked really hard putting the hall back to rights for school on Monday morning.

Our special thanks need to go to the following people for helping us with this really important event: **Shona** for organising and running the bar with **Susan** for the evening. **Fausto** for his help with the setting up of the hall and ensuring that our pupils produced 'Hotel standard' place settings. **Mr and Mrs Armstrong** for their generosity providing some of the vegetables for the banquet. **Mrs Hoodless, Mrs Caulfield and Mrs Heath** for working throughout the evening in the canteen with our kitchen brigade enabling this event to take place. **Tony Markley** for writing and delivering the "Grace" and the much appreciated thanks at the end of the evening. I should also like to thank **Mrs Bell**, and **Mrs Martin** for helping during the day, providing encouragement and assistance to the whole group. Finally I should like to thank our customers, many of whom reserve their tables a year in advance and never fail to support us in our efforts.

Well done Year 11, you make my job a pleasure and I am very proud of you all.
J Cooper



Organ Donation.

A gift of life which will live on.
The biggest choice that anyone can make.
Death comes but death could help life.
The circle of life comes with sorrow,
Emotion and sometimes a lot of joy.
Every donor will be remembered.

A loss becomes a gift of life
But is so very, very sad.
Remember your soul can live on
and your body has done something
To be very proud of.

It might be a hard decision but
It's worth it.
Think what it will mean to others.
Your achievements will live on.
It can be your destiny.
Memories of you will live on
As we remember what YOU did.

Bayli Cottam
Age 13

Employability programmes

As part of the ESH Employability programme, in which Solway is taking part this year, KS 4 pupils were treated to an engaging and extremely relevant workshop by Tom Little from Cumbrian Newspapers Ltd. He explained, using firsthand knowledge and illustrating with real and relevant examples, how employers judge their prospective employees by their 'on line presence'. He used examples of poor practice for the pupils to comment upon and improve. The task he set now for the pupils is to create a list of Dos and Don'ts and to ensure they follow their own good advice.

We were delighted to hear that **Bayli's** poem had been chosen as winner in the poetry competition being run by the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle. The organ donation committee along with local poet, John North, judged all of the entries and were very impressed by the high standard produced from all the entries. They have agreed that the winner is Bayli Cottam.

Bayli's poem will be incorporated into the stain glass memorial which is going in the main atrium area of the Cumberland Infirmary and she will help the artist who is currently working on the memorial to do this. There will then be an official opening of the memorial when it is finished to which Bayli is invited, along with a representative from the school. Well done **Bayli**.

Solway Community Technology College becomes a **'SCHOOL OF DREAMS'!**

Honda's 'School of Dreams' team visited Solway Community Technology College to provide a two-day 'thinking skills' workshop for 9-13 year old pupils (key stage 2 & 3) and educators.

The School of Dreams programme helps young people to understand the importance of pursuing their dreams, and teaches skills and strategies to help turn their dreams into reality. It was developed by Honda (UK) and a team of independent education experts as part of Honda's commitment to giving back to the local communities in which it operates. School of Dreams helps pupils and educators discover different, creative and fun ways to learn.

The School of Dreams programme has been carefully mapped against the National Curriculum's Personal Learning and Thinking Skills framework. Over the course of the two days pupils experienced all ten of the learning strategies identified in the 'Leading in Learning' education initiative.

The workshop was challenging but great fun. Teachers and pupils worked at the same level in small groups finding out how to turn their dreams into reality, by learning from real-life examples of people who have achieved their dreams, as well as developing new skills such as juggling. Over the course of the two days we did a wide variety of tasks to find out what our strengths were. On the final day we had to give a presentation to parents and members of the community on an issue that we wanted to change. Each group worked really hard on this task and it was wonderful to see every single pupil taking part in the presentation and speaking so confidently in front of others. Overall the two days were absolutely fantastic and staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all who participated in this event and made it so successful.

Miss Jones





When shall we three meet again..." The opening lines from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, immediately recognisable and instantly mesmerising – and recently pronounced by pupil-witches from Solway Community Technology College at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick. The school was taking part in the largest youth theatre festival in the UK – Shakespeare Schools' Festival – and put on a fabulous performance of *Macbeth* to a packed house.

Pupils aged 11 - 16 were involved, none of whom had any previous acting experience, yet they showed themselves to be not only hardworking and determined but also talented actors, delivering an outstanding version of the Scottish play. Speaking to the cast after the performance, the professional Shakespearean director from SSF said the production was innovative, creepy and atmospheric - and it was delivered with conviction and confidence. It was a beautiful example of ensemble storytelling, and a visual treat. The pupils put on a brilliant performance and will never forget how it felt to stand on that stage and hear the applause of the audience. They left the theatre standing a little taller, full of pride in their achievements. The response of the pupils to the language, ideas and themes of Shakespeare was astonishing, proving that Shakespeare is not only accessible to 21st century pupils, but something they have the confidence to make their own. The production starred Tyler Cook, aged 12 as Macbeth, Katie Swan as Lady Macbeth and Lucy Winter, Ellie Scott and Hannah Gilmour as the three manipulative, malicious witches, who, along with the other cast members are already looking forward to their next Shakespearean challenge in 2014 – the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth – along with 35,000 other young people in 1500 schools across the UK.

Cast list:

Macbeth
Lady Macbeth
First Witch
Second Witch
Third Witch
The Coven

Banquo
King Duncan
Ross
Porter/Fleance
Macduff
Lennox
Donalbain
Malcolm
Angus

Tyler Cook
Katie Swan
Lucy Winter
Ellie Scott
Hannah Gilmour
Shannon Emmerson, Lorna De Mello, Chelsea Hewitson
Bethany Rowe, Sophie Hall, Eloise Johnson, Cara de Mello,
Jenny Harrison, Lucy Penrice, Natalie Wood, Nikki Keir, Eve Scott
Charlie Garner
Bradley Austin
Grace Wedgewood
Cara de Mello
Richard Emmerson
Archie Wise
Mark Bonomy
Dexter Johnson
Ben Stoddart

Makeup: **Carmen Neilly** and **Caitlyn Bonomy**
Lights and sound: **Dan Rothwell** and **Charlie Stewart**
Mrs Cooper (costumes), **Mr Kirby** (SFX), **Charlotte, Lesley, Wendy** (everything!), **Mr Green** (armourer), **Mr Sunter** (everything technical) and **Mrs Shafer** (Director).

First Murderer	Ben Stoddart
Second Murderer	Grace Wedgewood
Third Murderer	Shannon Emmerson
First Apparition	Ellie Scott
Second Apparition	Bethany Rowe
Third Apparition	Lorna de Mello

Shakespeare for schools

We had a fabulous cast, crew and Director who put on such a great performance in Keswick. I thought you would like to see what the professionals thought of our production; it encompasses all our hopes and expectations.

Dear Ms Baird

We wanted to write and thank Solway Community Technology College for participating in this year's Shakespeare Schools Festival. As you know, a group of your students performed Macbeth, directed by Judith Schafer, as part of our UK-wide Festival.

When teachers register for Shakespeare Schools Festival they make two big commitments: to direct a Shakespeare play worthy of a professional stage and to take their students through a challenging process. It is a leap of faith, one that they see through with courage, determination and creativity. Without teachers like those in your school, Shakespeare Schools Festival wouldn't be possible. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who was involved.

We do hope that you and your school have seen the wider benefits of SSF, not just for the teachers and young people who took part, but for all the other people touched by this process:

- students across the school who benefit from their teacher's new approach to Shakespeare
- other teachers who see a new side to the students they teach and are inspired to challenge them further
- parents who are proud to see their young people on stage in a professional theatre
- the wider community that delights to see young people doing something so positive and impressive
- senior leadership and governors who have an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of their school

"Education is not just about grades and results. This success will influence all who took part and their friends to aspire to take the challenge and aim to stretch themselves. The professionalism of the whole organisation makes it easy for schools to take part and be successful in an outstanding cultural venture."

Thank you for all of your support this year. We hope to work with your school again next year.

Yours sincerely

Penelope Middelboe, CEO

Christopher Grace, Artistic Director



Honda School of dreams

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November 2013 Honda School of Dreams came to Solway to do a special project. The project was organised by Miss Jones and involved pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 from

Solway and Years 5 and 6 from Holme St. Cuthbert, Allonby and Silloth Primary Schools. I was lucky enough to be chosen and this is what we did.

First we came in sat down and we had to make a name tag while the women from Honda (Jess and Emma) introduced themselves. We went into the hall with juggling balls and they taught us how to juggle to show that we had to just pick it up and keep going, like Mr Honda's quote "99% of success is failure".



We came back into the meeting room and they sorted us into even groups. In my group there was me (Yr 8 Solway), Cara (Yr 7 Solway), Josh (Yr 9 Solway), Jack (Yr 6 Holme St. Cuthbert), Tyler (Yr 6 Allonby) and Anna (Yr 6 Silloth Primary).

The first task we had to do was to make a dream catcher to see how well we could work together

as a team. To end the first day we had the apache relay race where we had to choose tasks that we were good at and if we were caught cheating we would have to hold our hands on our heads for 20 seconds. We had 1 minute 20 seconds taken of ours!

On the last day we started to plan a presentation for the parents and Silloth Primary about something we hated. Our group choose sexism and we made a mind map and created crazy and sensible ideas.

Overall it was a really fun and interesting 2 days and we were very lucky to have been selected. Grace Wedgwood.



An Inspector Calls Theatre Trip

A group of Year 10 and 11 pupils enjoyed a trip to Theatre by the Lake in Keswick last month to see the play we are studying for GCSE English Literature.

Set in 1912, it tells the story of a rich family, the Birlings, who are visited by an inspector who wishes to investigate their part in the death of a young woman. As he begins to question them one by one, it becomes clear that they are all involved in some way.

J B Priestley, the playwright, took the murder mystery idea and turned it on its head to surprise and challenge the beliefs of his original audience, but as the play has been around since 1945, the danger is that any production can seem a little old fashioned. There certainly wasn't any chance of that with the production we saw: The script was true to the original, but the staging and the inclusion of a ghostly figure of the young woman made the ideas crystal clear and gave it the supernatural element hinted at by Priestley.



Those who went found it very dramatic; one even said it was better than the RSC production we went to in Newcastle two days later!

Mr Green

Star Student

Star Student is a programme hosted by two university students.


They demonstrated a game that all Year 8 then performed later. I found this game enjoyable since it has fun aspects but also contained an educational side too, teaching us about general life in university and what it entails. Callan Warwick



The EduVoice scheme

It is now open to anyone that is over the age of 11. This means that you can now involve pupils; its a brilliant way of getting the children to fund raise themselves for things like their prom and earn a bit of pocket money for themselves!

EduVoice are part of the Marketing Research Society and adhere to all the rules and regulations drawn by this society. They are also all CRB/ DBS checked and work closely with major charities such as the NSPCC and The Children's Society. **School code : 404433042**




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1 Sign up for free!

Sign your school up to receive our information pack and get more details on the scheme




2 Promote to Parents

Promote the scheme to parents, once they sign up they can start filling in surveys online



3 Earn Money!!

Every parent, pupil and teacher will be earning money for the school every time they take part in a survey



So what is EduVoice?

EduVoice is a fundraising scheme for parents, pupils, family members, friends and teachers to raise money for themselves and their schools, colleges and universities by completing surveys online.

It was created to help schools, pupils and parents - and meet the needs of researchers who want the opinions of young people, families, teachers and the general public.

The surveys are often fun and the panelists do genuinely influence companies, local authorities, government and charities with their opinions.

[Find out more...](#)

Information for teachers

EduVoice has been conducting research with Educational Institutions for over 8 years.

We have a heritage in this unique sector which stems from a desire to ensure that young people, families and teachers have a voice and that they are rewarded for taking the time to share it.

[Click here if you are a teacher and want to register your school](#)
[Find out more...](#)

Testimonial

Our daughters school is always trying to get parents to help in fundraising activities, but I simply never have time because of work or weekend commitments. This allows me to do my bit when I'm at work or in the evening when I'm on the laptop. Most of the surveys only take about 7 or 8 minutes, it's no hassle and I'm helping fund something that my daughter will directly benefit from.

Mark (Parent) from Hounslow

Rotary Junior Master Chef

Tuesday 26th November was a very busy morning for our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering pupils as they demonstrated their practical skills, producing a two course meal for the first heat of the Rotary Junior Master Chef and the Springboard Future Chef competitions. All pupils completed this task exceptionally well and gave the judges a real challenge to decide on the top places. I am very proud of all Year 10 pupils who took part and would like to say well done to them all for producing such a range of nicely presented, tasty meals. After much deliberation our local Rotarians have chosen **Lewis Buckley** and **Eve Scott** to represent Silloth Rotary Club and Solway Community Technology College in the Rotary district heats due to take place sometime in January 2014.



Cyber bullying

Years 7 and 8 have been studying units of work on this topic in ICT and we recently had a couple of assemblies about it; one by me and the other by the Police. It makes them aware of how unhappy it can make people when they receive an unkind text message, Tweet or Facebook posting. We deal with the fallout of this every week in school. It's very easy to post something unkind when you are safe in your own house not realising that you will be seeing them face to face the next day. I often check Facebook and it's disappointing to see how many young people have profiles even though they are not supposed to; the minimum age is 13. Yet more amazing is that even though they don't have any, or good enough, privacy settings, they often still post inappropriate images of themselves. Do you know what your child does on Facebook or Twitter? If you ask to see their profile and they won't show you, would that ring alarm bells? I looked at one pupil's profile recently to find they had 1300 followers, most of them foreign, older men. Please check what your child is doing on-line. Remember, it is illegal to use foul or abusive language and to post and store inappropriate images.

Mrs Quinn

Christmas lunch

Once again, Mrs Hoodless and her team excelled themselves; Christmas lunch was delicious and clearly enjoyed by a record number of staff and pupils, accompanied by festive music and crackers.





Christmas Cake Club 2013
Well done everyone. There were some fabulous creations; it will be a shame to cut into them.



Science News

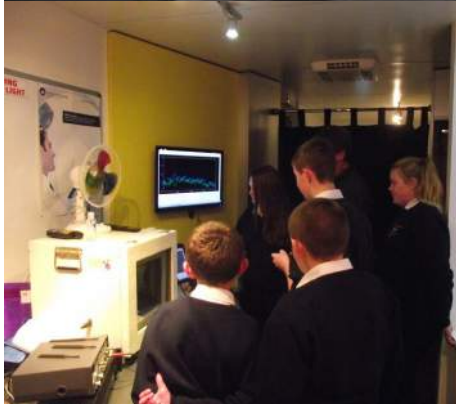
A few weeks ago, all of Year Nine got the opportunity to meet seven STEM Ambassadors. Whether it was an assistant building planner, to an electrician, each one had a job in science and engineering.

We were sent around the ambassadors in groups, where we learnt a few things about each one in a short amount of time. Most of the questions asked were about the job that the ambassador had, what it involved, where the job took you, the negatives and positives of the job, etc.

I was interested in how each ambassador got to their job. Some of them had to go to Sixth Form and then to university, whilst others left school and followed in their parents' footsteps. A few of them had taken other interesting journeys to get to their job: a female water specialist studied a completely irrelevant subject (compared to what she does now), then went into the army, and then retrained to get her current position.

Each ambassador was very polite to all of us, and answered all of our questions. I enjoyed the lesson because it was different and it introduced me to lots of jobs I didn't even know existed. Everybody was eager and keen to know more about the different jobs and thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent with them.

By Emily Smith



Lab in a lorry

A large articulated lorry arrived at school packed full of exciting demonstrations and experiments. Over two days all pupils spent an hour on the lorry carrying out experiments on numerous topics within Physics; covering fibre optics, resonance and light. All pupils got the opportunity to handle equipment and work together in small groups. They all enjoyed their time on the lorry; only wishing they could have stayed on longer. The Year 6s from Silloth Primary School also got the chance to visit the lorry also on the last afternoon.

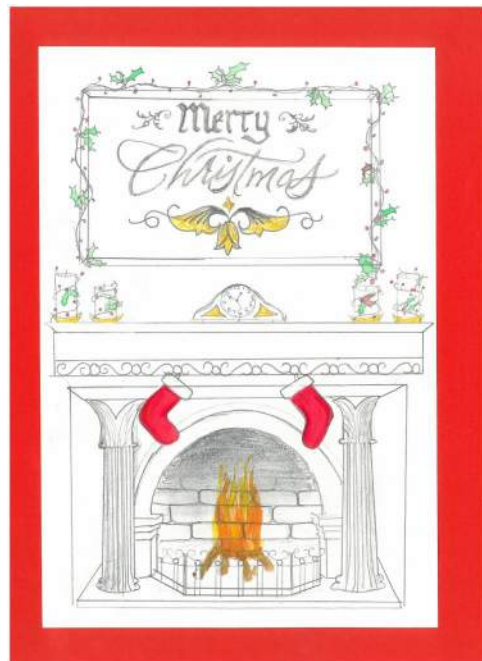


Christmas card entries

There were many creative entries for this year's Christmas card competition. The high standard made it very difficult to judge the top three. Finally and with much deliberation the winner, along with a second and third place runners up were decided. **Caitlyn Bonomy** scooped first prize with a beautiful image of a warm Christmas fireplace surrounded by ivy. The small details with accents of colour here and there were particularly well balanced. **Macy Baker** took a well deserved second place with Christmas bells as her theme and **Chloe Smith** took third place with her angel. Very well done to all three girls!

Caitlyn Bonomy award

Congratulations to **Caitlyn Bonomy** who was given an award in recognition for 'consistent effort and providing invaluable assistance to staff and pupils'. Caitlyn's contribution is a reflection of her enthusiasm and motivation to achieve her best and to help others do the same. Well Done.

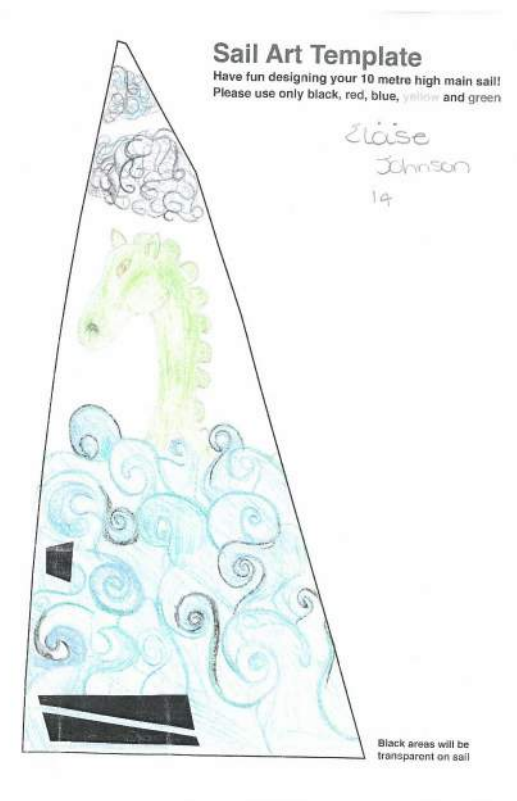


Sail art competition entry

Eloise Johnson's inspiring sail design was our entry into the Campaign for drawing 'sail art competition'. In response to the theme 'Legends of the sea', Eloise's design took inspiration from the artist Vincent Van Gogh whilst still responding to the requirements of the design specification. There are a variety of prizes to be won including your design printed onto a 10 metre tall sail for a 'Star Class' boat. Good Luck Eloise!

A big thank you.

The art department would like to say a special thank you to the kind person who dropped off a variety of lovely pencils. They are very much appreciated by all. THANK YOU.



Music department

In the run up to Christmas and the festive season the music department is very busy.

Instrumental lessons have been introduced this half-term with 3 pupils starting to learn violin and 8 studying guitar. There are still places available for guitar and violin and the opportunity to study a woodwind instrument as well. If interested please see Mr Kirby. It is also hoped to start a drum club to be run by our Year 11 musicians in the New Year.

The Year 11 GCSE pupils completed the tour of our feeder primary schools this term, where we worked with the primary pupils in a Samba workshop and then the primary pupils presented a concert for their peers, staff, family and friends. The levels of concentration, commitment and ability from these younger pupils were amazing and impressed all who heard the final performances. Thanks must be given to **Katie, Kimberley, Dan, Richard, Luke and Paul**, our Year 11 pupils for the work and support they provided to enable these to be such a success. In January a Solway Samba band is to start up to perform for school and the local community.

A new venture for Christmas has been the formation of the Solway Year 11 Singers whose inaugural performance will be at the end of term school assembly. I am pleased to say that every pupil in Year 11 is taking part! This assembly will also be the premier of the Year 7 Singers.

All who saw the amazing performance of Macbeth will have felt the performance enhanced by the soundtrack, which was created mainly by **Richard Emmerson**, not only for the play but as part of his GCSE Music composition portfolio, well done.

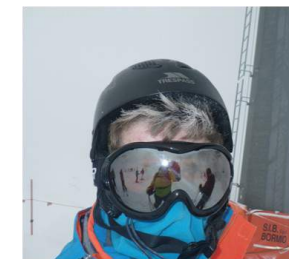
Ian Kirby



Carlisle Music College

We were also entertained earlier this term by various performances of musicians in several bands from Carlisle college, who along with their tutors and team of roadies and crew of sound engineers demonstrated their expertise to the school. The applause said it all! It was all very professional. Many thanks to all involved.

Ell'e Jackson has recently been selected to play Football for Cumbria. She has shown hard work and determination to earn her place in the U16 Girls' team. She endured 6 weeks of football trials held every Monday night at Newton Rigg College. Out of 500 girls, Ell'e was selected to represent Cumbria. She is working hard in order to improve her football skills and takes part in fitness training and plays for the County every other week. She has excelled during the matches, this was evident when playing against Westmorland where Ell'e successfully placed the ball in the top right corner of the net and led the team to a 3-0 victory. She has also played against Newcastle where her team won again, 2-1. Ell'e is a committed player and when she is not playing for the county she is representing her local football team Northbank and attends frequent training sessions and football matches where she is a valued member of the team.



Ski trip 2015

5 a-side

On Wednesday 20th November, Solway took U12 boys and girls 5 a-side football teams to Moorclose Leisure Centre, Workington for the Allerdale U12 5 a-side football competition.

All of the games were played at a frenetic pace and with trophies at stake, nerves were showing.

The boys U12s played two closely fought matches against Stainburn and St Joseph's, and were just beaten in both....only losing 3-2, by a last minute goal from St Joseph's in their second game.

The girls made the final against St Joseph's and in a close fought game came out worthy winners courtesy of a great winning goal by **Mia Johnson**.

All involved played their hearts out and were a real credit to Solway.

Well done.



After a successful trip to Bormio last February SCTC will be making a return visit on 10th January 2015. The trip is open to pupils in all years, however as it is during the school term pupils selected will have to have a good attendance & behaviour record.

The trip will include:

- RETURN TRAVEL BY EXECUTIVE COACH
- FERRY AND PORT CHARGES
- FULL BOARD ACCOMMODATION (3* WITH GAMES ROOM, POOL & SAUNA)
- HOT MEAL SERVED ON THE MOUNTAIN SIDE DAILY
- 5 DAY LIFT PASS
- 4 HOURS TUITION PER DAY
- ALL EQUIPMENT HIRE (SKIS, BOOTS, POLES)
- BILINGUAL REPRESENTATIVE WHO STAYS WITH PARTY
- FULLY COVERED EXTREME SPORT INSURANCE

The Trip will cost £699

If you want more details or wish to discuss this trip then please contact Mr Sunter on the school number.

Calendar 2013-14

December



09/12/2013 M Allerdale Youth Council 5:30-7:30 @ Cockermouth town council

11/12/2013 W **Christmas Community Roast Dinner Day 1:15**

13/12/2013 F Yr 10 to Life Centre, Newcastle

17/12/2013 T Y7 - 11 L & M home to Parents Carol Service - pm Yr 8 Technology Christmas Enterprise Market Break / Lunchtime

18/12/2013 W Quiz am Finish 1.05pm



Christmas holiday Thursday 19th December - Friday 3rd Jan 2014

06/01/2014 M Return to school

07/01/2014 T Yr 10 RMT controlled practical all day

08/01/2014 W Vicar- Assembly `Good friend`

09/01/2014 Th Yr 11 RMT controlled practical all day

10/01/2014 F Yr 11 Mock Results day

12/01/2014 Sun Basketball trip to Manchester SH, JSu + pupils

20/01/2014 M Yr 11 ROAs to parents

21/01/2014 T Yr 11 Parents Evening-Destinations 6.30pm

24/01/2014 F Yr 10 L&M to parents SOS Non uniform day soak our student

28/01/2014 T Yr 10 Subject Parents evening 6.30pm

30/01/2014 Th National Citizen Service assembly Yr 11

ESH p4 Yr 10 & 11 'Customer service'

31/01/2014 F Yr 7-9 Levels & Motivations & Yr9 ROAs to Parents

04/02/2014 T Yr 9 Options Evening

05/02/2014 W Yr 10 Netball tournament Whitehaven/ Roast Dinner Day 1.15

07/02/2014 F Literacy Day

11/02/2014 T Internet Safety day: 'Let's create a better internet together'



Email

If you wish to receive school letters and the newsletter by email and you are not already on our mailing list, or should you wish to comment on anything in this newsletter, or give us your views on any other school matters please email office@solway.cumbria.sch.uk

Half Term Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February & Inset Mon 24th February

25/02/2014 T Yr 11 BACs CA sessions 1pm-5pm

26/02/2014 W Vicar assembly - Honesty

27/02/2014 Th Yr 8 HPV am

28/02/2014 F Yr 10 University of Cumbria workshop p2.

03/03/2014 M ESH p2 Yr 10 & 11 'Money'

04/03/2014 T Yr 11 BACs CA sessions 1pm-5pm Yr 7& 8 Parents' Evening 6:30

06/03/2014 Th Ambassador Day

07/03/2014 F Yr 5 Science Day



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SOLWAY COMMUNITY SPORTS HALL

ROLLER SKATING

EVERY TUESDAY 3.15PM – 4.15PM
ONLY £1 PER CHILD AND £2 PER ADULT
PRIMARY AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
PARENT/CARER
(TERM TIME ONLY)

YOGA

EVERY TUESDAY IN THE
SCHOOL HALL FROM
7PM – 8.30PM

METAFIT

Every Wednesday at 6.30pm – 7pm

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING

5-7 YEARS 4PM – 5PM
8-12 YEARS 5PM – 6PM
SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE
EVERYBODY WELCOME



KETTLEBLAST

Designed to shape and sculpt your
body in as little as 50 minutes for
rapid fat loss and a lean toned body.

Every Wednesday 7pm – 8pm

£4 per session

Mats and kettle bells are provided
(16 years and over)

Ladies Netball

Every Thursday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm
EVERYBODY WELCOME



Badminton/Tennis/Table tennis

Do you like to play badminton tennis or table tennis or all 3?

Slots available every evening

Courts including all equipment - £10 per hour

TRAMPOLINING

RUN BY WIGTON TRAMPOLINE CLUB

Fridays 7pm - 9pm

Sessions cost £2.50 per hour

BOOKING IS REQUIRED – PLEASE CONTACT IAN HARRISON OR THE SPORTS HALL FOR
MORE INFORMATION



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