

# Solway Community Technology College Newsletter No.12



July 2012

## Farewell

It is always a sad occasion to say goodbye to staff who have been with us a long time. We will miss them and hope that they will think of us fondly. I am sure they will have lots of happy memories.

**Mrs Brown** is retiring after 19 years teaching girls PE and latterly as Head of Newton House.

**Mr Deakin** has already left, after 15 years as Head of Music. **Miss Sewell** is taking a full time post in Carlisle after nearly four years as Head of Humanities, **Mr Brown** is moving on having been with us this year in the DT department, and **Miss Hudson** has now completed her TA training and is moving on to the next stage in her career. **Mr Down** who has been our cover supervisor and is currently finishing his GRTP training has been snapped up by Keswick school; unsurprisingly as he gained the top grade of Outstanding. Well done! I am sure not only the English department will miss him. We will miss them all and send our very best wishes to them for the future.

The Barcelona trip has been and gone; I don't know who was most excited in the lead up to it, **Miss Jones** or the pupils! They have had a wonderful time, full of happy and impressive memories and not a drop of rain! Our thanks go to staff who have given up their time to go to support the pupils, **Mr Campbell**, **Mr Green**, **Mrs Wise** and **Mrs Tallontire**, and to **Miss Jones** for all the organisation and arrangements.

Our new Year 7s have had 2 days of Induction in July; where they had a taste of life at Secondary school, as well as some juggling techniques, which they all enjoyed and I hope they are looking forward to the start of the new academic year in September.

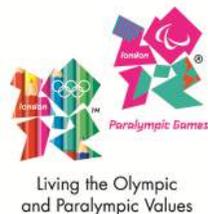
Our Health & Safety audit in July awarded us a fantastic 91%, the highest awarded to a secondary school and certainly a score that is very rare for secondary schools; many thanks to **Mrs Rowlands** and **Mr Tatlock** for their hard work to ensure our school is so safe for both staff and pupils.

All the pupils who wanted to were able to see the Olympic torch process through Aspatria, along with the entertaining blade runners and some have tickets to see the football at St. James' Park.

I wish you all a lovely holiday, hope there will be some sunshine as we all settle down to watch the Olympics. We still have free tickets available for the Women's football in Newcastle; please get in touch if you would like to see the game. We are having our heating system replaced at a cost of £300,000 over the summer so we will be warm next winter!

I look forward to seeing everyone back, rested and healthy on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Staff will be in school from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Lois Baird  
Head teacher





## **B**arcelona 2012

We have just returned from Barcelona and we had the most fantastic time! Here is a report of what we got up to on our travels.

### **Day 1**

After a year of planning we finally met up in the school car park at 12.30am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to begin our journey to Barcelona. It was a relief to board the bus and escape the pouring rain! We then started the journey to Liverpool Airport with a brief stop off on the way. All the excitement meant that there was little to no sleep for anyone in the group! When we arrived at Liverpool Airport, the queues for EasyJet were the longest we have ever seen! We finally made it through check in and security (after a frantic search for Adele and Beth's missing boarding cards!) and then got on the plane. It was the first time on a plane for many of our pupils so excitement was high.

The flight took no time at all and we soon landed at Barcelona Airport. The heat was immense as we stepped off the plane and it was a welcome relief from the cold and wet of England. We got on another coach and started the long journey to our hotel in Tossa de Mar on the coast. It took us down many long and winding roads and the views were stunning.

After we checked in our rooms we did our first activity – tapas tasting. Most of the pupils tried the wide variety of dishes which included squid, Russian salad, peppers, spicy chicken, potato wedges and much more. We then had some much needed rest and relaxation time at the beach. Tossa de Mar is a beautiful resort with lots to see and do. After dinner each night we explored the local town and visited the many shops, cafes and restaurants. Finally it was back to the hotel to hopefully get some much needed sleep.



### **Day 2**

An early start after not quite enough sleep and we headed off for our first full day in Barcelona. First stop was the Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's unfinished cathedral. We were amazed by the sheer size of it and how beautiful it was. The views were spectacular and we could have done with a bit more time there to properly explore. We then got back on the coach and headed to Parc Güell for our lunch. The park was designed by Gaudi and contains amazing stone structures, stunning tiling and fascinating buildings. At the top of the park is a terraced area where you get a wonderful view of the park and of Barcelona City. The vibrant colours of the tiles are truly breathtaking.





The afternoon's activity was the one that a lot of us were looking forward to the most – the Nou Camp. The Nou Camp is the largest football stadium in Europe with a capacity of 100,000. It was fairly quiet when we visited and it was hard to imagine what it would be like when full of spectators. Unfortunately we didn't get to see any of the players (sorry Macauley!) but we did get chance to explore the museum and see how Barcelona FC has progressed through history. The amount of trophies on display was unbelievable. What a fantastic day.

Later that night strange things started happening in Room 207. Amy Hocking's lovely shorts had somehow changed from a size 10 to at least a size 16. Then the bathroom door started locking by itself. Had the school ghost Mary joined us in Barcelona?

### Day 3



Wednesday was a bit more relaxed as we gave pupils time to explore the old historic towns of Girona and Figueres. While the staff climbed the city walls of Girona ably led by "Dora the Explorer", the pupils used their maps to quickly locate the best shops. We then moved on to Figueres to explore the weird and wonderful Dali museum. We had a really good look around and the pupils could not believe some of the things they were seeing.

When we got back to the hotel we had some free time to go swimming. It was 38 degrees that day so it was really nice to cool down in the pool.



### Day 4

We woke up this morning to the sound of Clara shouting "Woohoo! It's the theme park day!" After a very brief spell of rain, the sun came out once again as we travelled to Port Aventura. It was quite a long journey but the excitement started to build as we spotted the first ride, the Shambhala. New to Port Aventura, the Shambhala is Europe's highest rollercoaster standing at 76m tall. It is also the rollercoaster with the longest drop in Europe at 78m and it is known as Europe's fastest hypercoaster travelling at speeds of 134km/h on its first descent. We all had a fantastic day at Port Aventura and would have stayed there for much longer.

As it was our last night in Spain we held a disco in the hotel. Top dance awards must go to Jake Nichol and Andrew Wise – who knew such talents existed?!



## Day 5

Our last day in Spain was spent relaxing and enjoying the sights of Tossa de Mar. We climbed up to the castle and the lighthouse where there were stunning views of Tossa and the Costa Brava coastline. All was going well until Andrew jumped off a wall and cut his knee really deeply. We almost had to make an emergency dash to the local medical centre until a very kind litter picker came to our rescue with a fantastic first aid kit. Andrew was extremely brave as he had his wounds cleaned and he just carried on eating his ice cream quite happily!

For the afternoon activity Mr Campbell organised a boat trip for us. We went on 2 glass-bottomed boats which took us along the coastline of Tossa de Mar. The scenery was spectacular and there were some amazing houses perched on the hilltops which looked like the kind of mansion a James Bond villain would have.

The boats took us inside some caves to see what it was like before dropping us off at a lovely beach for a couple of hours.

It was then sadly time to say goodbye to Tossa de Mar as we packed up our belongings and made our final journey to Barcelona. We managed to land in Liverpool ahead of schedule and we arrived back in Silloth in the very early hours of Saturday morning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who gave up their time to come to Barcelona with us. I would also like to commend the pupils on their impeccable behaviour throughout the trip. You were a real credit to the school. Thank you. Miss Jones



**B**arcelona 2012 was a fantastic adventure for all. We had a long journey there going through a numerous of twisty roads and artistic towns but we finally got to our destination (Tossa de Mar).

The first day was a time out day, relaxing by the pool and having a wander around the shops. Then we went for an evening meal down stairs in the Hotel Continental. We started off the Spanish fest eating the popular tapas; this is a mixture of meats and dips.

The second day was a fantastic day for football fans as we went to the well known Nou Camp, the capacity of the stadium is just over 90 thousand that is 10 thousand more than Wembley. We also went to the Sagrada Familia which is an unfinished cathedral created by Gaudi, a famous designer and artist.

The third day we went to an art museum where we saw exquisite designs that showed us Dali's life by showing his experiences and emotions in the work that he has created. The fourth day was the day that the thrill seekers have been waiting for, Port Aventura well known for its famous theme and water Park. We went to the theme park and it was amazing! The highlight of the park was the new ride Shambhala; it is the tallest ride in Europe and although the queue was over an hour long it was well worth the wait for the amazing 256 ft drop which reached speeds of 86 mph. The last day of Barcelona, it was sad to leave behind but before our departure we went on a glass bottom boat. The trip also included sightseeing of the natural caves of Tossa de Mar. We arrived to a local beach where we stayed to sunbathe and go for a swim in the sparkling Spanish sea. We then headed back for the two hour journey to the airport for our departure to the freezing cold weather of the United Kingdom.

All in all Barcelona was a once in a lifetime experience from seeing historical sites to sharing friendship with others. I hope that we get the chance to go back again. **Luke Rumney**



## Dux Award

This award was introduced by the Government this year and aims to encourage the recognition and reward of top performing pupils in Year 9 (14 year olds). It is intended to encourage higher aspirations by inviting one high-performing pupil from every secondary school to visit a Russell Group University, accompanied by a teacher or another member of staff. The word 'Dux' means 'leader' in Latin.



We had 4 nominations, from which were selected our winner, **Katie Swan** and reserve, **Stacey Strick**. Fortunately **Mrs Baird** was able to take both to visit Newcastle University on 20th June, where they met Student Ambassadors, took part in Campus monopoly, had a tour of the campus which is undergoing millions of pounds worth of refurbishment, visited the Dental school where they drilled teeth! As well as meeting lots of other pupils from across the country who were representing their school.

The only downside was that they had to get up early and missed Sports Day. Both girls were inspired by the visit and hopefully continue to strive towards their goal of higher education.



## Institute of Mechanical Engineers

**Mrs Baird** was delighted to be invited to the IMechE annual dinner, even more so when she discovered that TaTa the Steel giants were hosting her table, and that **Sharron Davies** the Olympic swimmer was the after dinner speaker.



The evening has proved extremely valuable in providing links to a global engineering

company for our Technology department and for a potential Year 9 visit next year.



In this Olympic year it was inspirational to hear Sharron's life story; She first swam for England aged only 11 and competed in the 1976 Olympics at just 13; the youngest member of the team. In Moscow Sharron took the silver medal in the 400m Individual Medley (all four strokes 100m of each) behind East German Petra Schneider. She set a British record in that race that stood for 25 years! How she retired at 18 only to make a come back at 30, returning to the pool and swimming for GB at the European Championships, she broke more British records, competed at the Commonwealth Games in 1990, picking up two more medals as ladies captain and swam in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics the oldest swimmer on the team! It just shows how all things are possible.



## Dodgeball Training

A big well done to **Jack Wallace**, **Aaron Pattison** and **John-Paul Murphy** for successfully becoming Young Dodgeball Leaders. Last week we travelled to RRCA, Carlisle for a training course delivered by the national dodgeball association. Next year we are hoping our 3 newly qualified leaders can deliver a few coaching session to next year's new young leaders, and put their throwing skills into practice at a local primary dodgeball festival.

Miss Lawson

# Business Manager's Update

## Heating System Changes

The business of managing the school continues apace. We are currently planning and preparing for a large scale improvement project happening over the summer, with local firm Thomas Armstrong upgrading our heating system including the installation of new pipework, radiators and a brand new boiler house to be situated beside the pupil entrance. Teachers are busy filling boxes and moving things so that we have as little mess to clear up as possible after the workmen have finished.

## Keeping the school Safe

We had our three-yearly Health and Safety audit in July, and we are delighted to report that we received an excellent score of 91% overall. This compares to a pass mark of 62% and smashes our score from last time. The auditors were very complimentary about our health and safety systems and commented that our school is very safe indeed, particularly for a secondary school. All of our pupils and staff work hard to keep corridors clear of trip hazards, classrooms clean and tidy and keep a look out for potential problems that we can then rectify and keep everyone safe.

One of our main areas of concern is the fact we have a flat roof, and we can't stress enough that the roof is extremely fragile, and it is very dangerous to climb onto the roof — no one is allowed on the roof at all except our Site Manager, and then he is only allowed on to carry out essential maintenance, and uses safety gear to make sure he stays safe.

## Summer School

Our Extended Services team have developed a summer school that children from age 7 plus can join for a week during the summer. This is in addition to the Yr 6 transition summer school that Mr Wigginton is organising. We are very excited about the opportunity to work with the children to help them learn new sports and team skills. See more details on the advert later in this newsletter.

## Fundraising

The Business Manager is working closely with the PTA to identify funding opportunities but is also looking for practical help or donations of materials or equipment that the local community and businesses can give. We are currently seeking help with various projects around the school including new entrance doors, litter picks and equipment for various departments, so if you can help or know someone who might, please get in touch with the Business Manager. We can provide publicity and lots of gratitude for any help you can give us.

Jennifer Rowlands, Business Manager



## Higher Futures 4 U

Our Year 7 pupils have been learning about all the different options they could have for their futures. We completed six workshops in school and looked at what our skills and talents are, what sort of jobs we might like to do in the future and the different routes to those jobs. This culminated in a very successful visit to the University of Cumbria, Carlisle on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

After a brief introduction to the day we did a treasure hunt whilst exploring the campus. There was definitely some cheating going on in some groups but my group were the clear winners! We did lots of different activities to find out more about what life at university is really like and what kind of courses you can do. It gave our pupils a lot to think about and opened our minds to new possibilities.



Our pupils were superb throughout the visit.



The university students commented on how knowledgeable our pupils were and how well they behaved. They were a real credit to Solway. Well done, Year 7!

Miss Jones

## Meet our Staff

**Mrs Wise** is the smiling face of our school. She meets and greets visitors, takes phone calls, sorts the post and uniform, supports the school council, organises Awards' Evening and is PA to the Head. She has worked at the school for 9 years and prior to that worked as a receptionist at the local doctors' surgery. Both of her children attended Solway school, her elder daughter Beth is now a trainee Dental Nurse and her younger daughter Megan has just completed her GCSEs and will continue her education at Carlisle College studying Performing Arts. Mrs Wise is always cheerful and extremely busy yet makes life in school so much smoother for us all.



## Year 10 focus on Careers

This term is really busy for our year 10 pupils as they focus on career exploration. We have been very lucky to have in this time of Government cuts, the support and assistance of **Innovia Films** who very generously offered to provide a work experience for those pupils

interested in any of their business areas at their factory in Wigton. Consequently a number of our pupils have had the benefit of a hands on experience in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Accounting, Science Laboratory work, ICT and Customer Services. This quality

experience is invaluable and we thank **Innovia** for their support and assistance. We would also like to thank our feeder Primary schools for providing the Year 10 Health and Social Care GCSE pupils with an opportunity to undertake an essential element of their coursework by spending a week working with them.

During the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> July, all year 10 pupils embark on Career Exploration week and undertake a wide variety of tasks and activities aimed at developing their understanding of their future career and the work of work. During the week, pupils will have an interview with a panel of employers and

gain much needed experience of an interview procedure, application letter and Curriculum Vitae writing. Various sessions are planned including a presentation from the Army careers and local apprenticeship provider Gen II. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Innovia Films, Gen II, The Army careers offices and Mrs Martin for their help with employer interviews and information sessions during this busy week.



# WALK FOR WATER 2012

This year our annual walk for water grew in size with all the Silloth primary pupils and the Jelly Tots nursery children also taking part alongside our secondary pupils. The day was warm and just for a change this year, dry! Perfect for our 6 mile walk to Grune Point and back. The very little ones walked as far as the Lighthouse and the rest of the Primary pupils did really well walking to the end of the promenade at Skinburness and back. This annual fund raising event can mean life and death to many less fortunate communities who daily walk for the water they need. Untreated water that is essential for life, but also brings disease and death to so many.

Together we have raised the record amount of **£1023** and we will be presenting the cheque to the northwest Director of Samaritans Purse on Tuesday 17th July in a special joint assembly. This money will help thousands of people in the North of Uganda, by paying for sanitation units, making existing water sources safe and providing communities with Biosand water filters. An afternoons walk and the generosity of our community saving lives. Fantastic!



1.8 million people die every year from diarrhoeal diseases (including cholera); 90% are children under 5, mostly in developing countries

Diarrhoea kills more children every year than AIDS, malaria and measles combined



The weight of water that women in Africa and Asia carry on their heads is commonly 20kg, the same as the average UK airport luggage allowance.





## Year 5 Technology Day

We were delighted to be able to welcome the year 5 pupils from our feeder Primary schools for this year's Technology day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Pupils had a really good time in Food Technology where they successfully made their own batch of biscuits; and in Resistant Material Technology where they produced key fobs made from acrylic and flags to wave at the Olympic Torch as it passed through our County. From the evaluations completed on the day the activities were a success and pupils had a really good time. My thanks to the year 9 helpers during the activities.

Mrs Cooper





## Sports Awards Evening

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June we held our annual 'Sports Award Presentation evening' and we were very lucky to have Gary Graham to present the prizes. Gary is an U21 Rugby Union Scottish International and he has just returned from a really successful world series in South Africa. It was so encouraging that he was able to tell us all about his rise to this level having only started playing at the age of 15. During the evening Mr Campbell and I were able to give a summary of the year's achievements. We are so proud of all the pupils who are so obviously enjoying and gaining in life's experiences through sport and being so successful at it. There are clubs that our young people are members of and this not only gives them a focus for their free time but encourages mixing socially with others in an ordered and exciting environment.



## Solway Olympic Games

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Solway School hosted the 'Solway Olympic Games'. 4 local primary schools all representing different countries come along on the day with flags, face paints and team decorations. The children from years 3 to 6 took part in various Olympic events, including Long Jump, Sprint race and Relay to finish. Our newly qualified Solway Sports Leaders began the planning around March time, inviting the schools and planning the different events. A big well done to all leaders for their hard work and commitment over the year; it was a fantastic project to finish on.

We are looking forward already to next year's young leaders and their Olympic Games preparation.



## RESULTS

**Gold = Silloth Primary**  
Silver = Holm Cultram Abbey  
Bronze = Holme St. Cuthberts  
4<sup>th</sup> Place = Allonby Primary



## Netball

There are 10 schools in the Allerdale and Copeland League.

All the girls have shown great commitment over the season many of them never missing a practice and in matches getting and taking the chance to play in higher teams. Some have taken the opportunity to attend the Ladies Netball Club and others have been selected and attended the West Cumbria Academy. Thank you to all parents who have supported their children, you are a large part of their success.

Our thanks go to **Mrs Brown** for all her hard work with the girls over so many years.

### YR7

There are 9 girls in the year group! and some of them had played very little netball in their primary school. They did not win any matches but we all went to the Allerdale and Copeland tournament where they earned their 'ice-cream' at Allonby by getting through to the semi-finals- so well done to them.

### Yr8

This group of girls were in the same position as yr7 at the end of last season; they have made really good progress this year. They only lost 3 matches all season and were 5<sup>th</sup> and they also reached the semi-finals at the Allerdale and Copeland Tournament. (More ice-creams)

### Yr9

They excelled this year. They were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league! Which is a huge achievement, but more than this they were runners up in the U14 tournament and went through to represent Copeland and Allerdale in the County finals where they performed extremely well in coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in their section.

### Yr10

This year group excelled this year. They lost 1 match and drew 1 match and were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league winning all the rest convincingly! Some of the girls got the chance to play for the yr11 team and acquitted themselves really well.

### Yr11

This group of girls had a great season but were disappointed not to have won the league they were 2<sup>nd</sup>! That's the measure of their competitive nature and commitment. They lost only one match and had a great win over an unbeaten Cockermouth team.



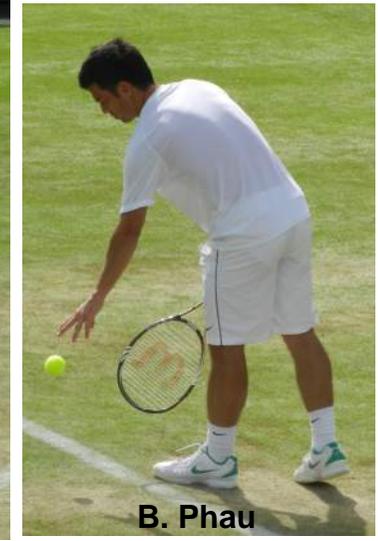
# Wimbledon - 28th June 2012

We met 8 pupils Harris de Mello, Tabby Graham, Stuart Johnson, Carmen Neilly, Jack Wallace, Bradley Whitfield, Lucy Winter and Emily Wise very early on Thursday morning at Carlisle train station, ready to catch the 5.45 train to London Euston. Two hot sticky tube rides later we arrived at Southfield tube station where our walk to Wimbledon began. 20 minutes later with free

bottles of power aid and water we were at the entrance gates to Wimbledon and everyone's excitement was building as we speculated which famous tennis faces we might see. After substantial security checks where everyone's bags were searched and one of us was body searched we were allowed entrance. The weather was sunny and very hot so plenty of drinks and sun cream were required. Mr Campbell gave us a guided tour of the grounds so that we could all get our bearings, ending at Court 2 where we had to enter at gate 5 to gain access to our seats. We had great seats just above the net facing the umpire and players. The 1st match was between **Anne Keothavong** and **Sara Errani** which was won by Sara Errani in 2 sets 6-1, 6-1. The 2nd match was between **David Ferrer** and **Kenny De Schepper** where we were all amazed at the speed of serves with some reaching 132 mile per hour. This match was eventually won by David Ferrer in 3 sets 7-6, 6-2, 6-4. We were amazed and awed by the players, the atmosphere and the crowds. While having lunch we sat on Henman Hill watching the final set between **Maria Sharapova** and **T.Pironkova** on the big screen which Sharapova won 6-0. After watching the **Roddick, Phau** battle until the last possible second, the time had come to set off for home. Tabby spotted an ex Emmerdale star on the train Kelsey-Beth Crossley, who plays King sister, Scarlet Nichols, some lucky pupils got her autograph and a photo taken with her. Unbeknown to us



Andy Roddick



B. Phau

the weather had not been as good elsewhere in the country hence only getting to Preston by train on the return journey before being decamped onto a coach for the rest of the journey to Carlisle. We finally arrived very tired in Carlisle at 12.20am. Mrs Long



A Keothavong



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| A. KEOTHAVONG v S. ERRANI     |       |
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| D. FERRER v K. DE SCHEPPER    |       |
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| LADIES' SINGLES 2ND ROUND     |       |
| R. OPRANDI v V. AZARENKA      |       |



K. De Schepper



D. Ferrer

# ROLLER SKATING

at  
SOLWAY COMMUNITY

SPORTS HALL

**EVERY SUNDAY**

starting Sunday 9th Sept 2012

**2pm - 2.45pm & 3pm - 3.45pm**

**Adults ONLY £3.00**

**Children ONLY £2.50**

**(price includes skate hire and safety wear)**



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SPORTS HALL STAFF

ON 016973 31234

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



**SOLWAY COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE**



# SUMMER CAMP

**MONDAY 13 - FRIDAY 17 AUGUST 2012**

**10am - 3pm every day**

**MONDAY**  
**MULTISKILLS**

**TUESDAY**  
**SCAVENGER HUNT**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**CIRCUS SKILLS**

**THURSDAY**  
**TRAMPOLINING**



**FRIDAY**  
**SPORTS DAY**

**ONLY £50 FOR THE FULL WEEK**

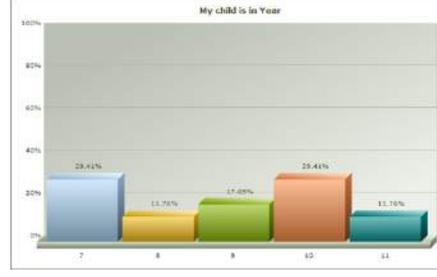
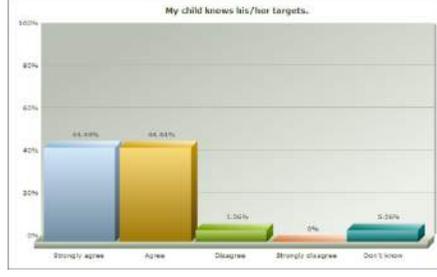
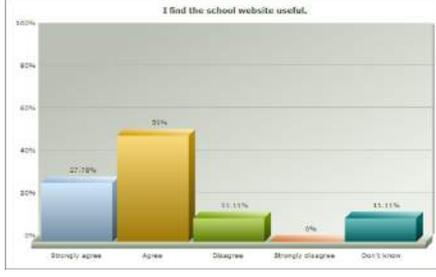
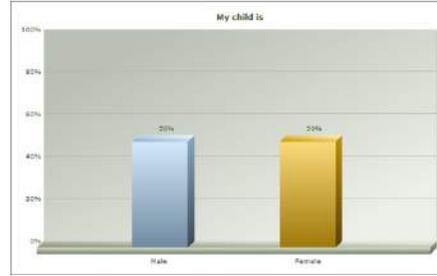
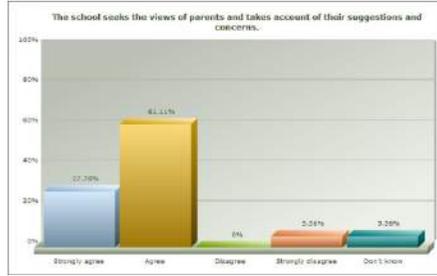
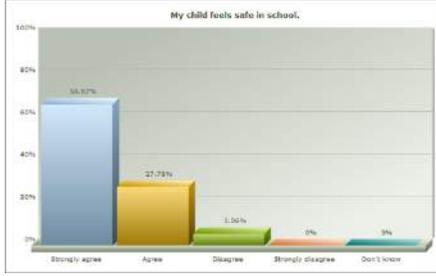
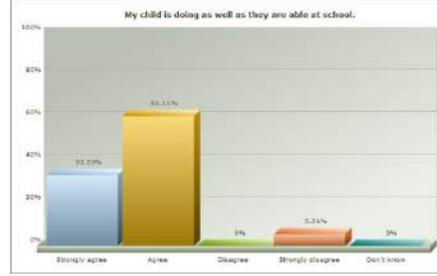
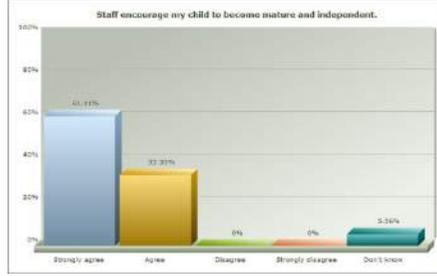
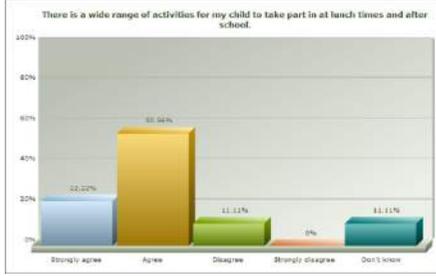
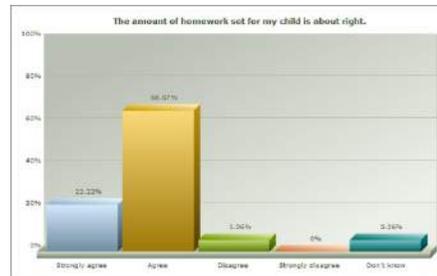
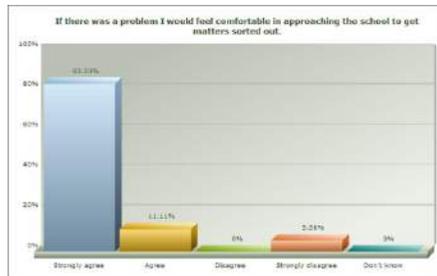
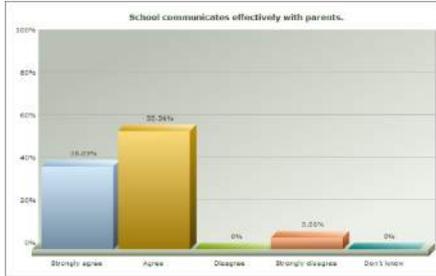
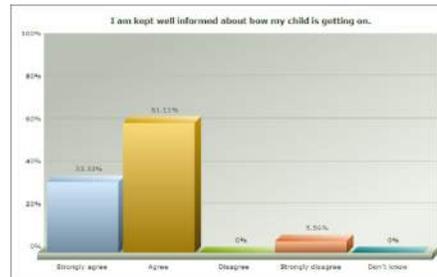
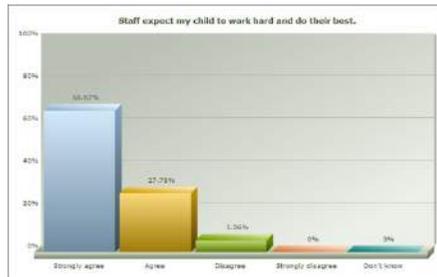
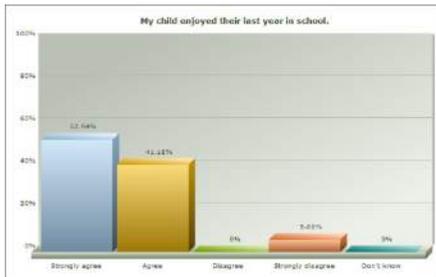
**(Equivalent of £2 per hour)**

**CHILDREN MUST BRING A DRINK AND PACKED LUNCH EVERY DAY**

Booking forms can be obtained from the Sports Hall & Silloth Library  
Please contact Angela on 016973 31234 (ext 224) for more information

**LIMITED SPACES SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY**  
**Ages 7 years and above only**

**P**arental Survey 2012  
 Many thanks to all parents who completed our annual questionnaire.  
 The results, displayed to the left, are encouraging; we will be working on improving those aspects required for next year.



**Congratulations**  
**to Ellie Scott**  
**for winning**  
**the raffle for a**  
**Mountain bike**

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2012/2013

### AUTUMN TERM 2012

| STARTS                             | ENDS                  | HALF – TERM HOLIDAY  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Wednesday<br>5 September           | Friday<br>21 December | Monday 29 October –<br>Friday 2 November<br>INSET Day<br>Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November |
| Number of school days in term – 72 |                       |  |

### SPRING TERM 2013

| STARTS                             | ENDS                 | HALF – TERM HOLIDAY  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Monday<br>7 January                | Thursday<br>28 March | Monday 11 February –<br>Friday 15 February<br><br>Good Friday – 29 March<br>Easter Sunday – 31 March |
| Number of school days in term – 54 |                      |  |

### SUMMER TERM 2013

| STARTS                              | ENDS              | HALF – TERM HOLIDAY  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Monday<br>15 April                  | Friday<br>19 July | Monday 27 May –<br>Friday 31 May<br><br>Early May Bank Holiday<br>Monday 6 May |
| Number of schools days in term – 64 |                   |  |

Number of days in year – 190

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### **S**weets and drinks in school

We only allow water in school; we have a water dispenser which supplies cold or ambient water. Pupils need their own bottles. Pupils are not to bring in sweets or fizzy drinks or gum.

### **U**niform

Black school trousers or a black school knee length skirt, are essential items; not fashion items but sensible school wear, as listed in the planner and prospectus.  
Reminder: One pair of stud earrings only.

### **E**mail

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](mailto:office@solway.cumbria.sch.uk)