We were delighted to welcome the boy band **Reconnected**, who have been supporting Little Mix on their tour, to perform for us on Red Nose Day. They kindly agreed to spend some time with the GCSE Music class, who performed for them. Unfortunately Matt was ill but brothers Max and Harry were energetic and enthusiastically promoting their new single.

As you can read, it has been another busy half term. A group of Year 11s has spent a water sports weekend in Dunolly with **Mr Sunter, Mr Green** and **Miss Malkinson**; last year at this time they would have been in T-shirts! We now have our own defibrillator as part of the **Heart town**.

We all wrote lines of poetry in lessons on Thursday for **National Poetry Day**. **Mrs Scholey** will now endeavour to create several masterpieces for publication.

We have raised money for Red Nose Day, Epilepsy and the RNLI. Pupils have taken part in National Science and Engineering week with talks from **Professor Henry Leese**, a visit to the Aquarium in Maryport; competitions, tournaments, demonstrations as well as preparation for exams. Year 11s have completed their Catering practical, BACs practical and are about to spend the Easter holidays revising for the written exams which start in earnest next term.

Year 10s have been completing controlled assessments in History and English and their first Catering coursework practical.

Please support your child to achieve their very best in all they do, whether at the start of their school career or towards the end of their time with us at Solway.

**I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday**

**Mrs L Baird**

**Headteacher**
History presentation on World War 1

The Year 10 history group got the opportunity to go to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Penrith to see a man/actor who would act out the role of a World War 1 trench soldier telling us about the war.

The man covered many topics in his presentation such as: Recruitment into the army, weapons used and the uniform. He made Recruitment into the army seem like a basic process for all you needed to do was give your name and age and you were officially a soldier but if patriotic people under 16 wanted to join but didn’t fake their age the recruitment people would say things such as “Come back tomorrow when you’re 16”.

Most people who wanted to join didn’t know what the army was like due to the recruitment pictures being very vague such as “You could be firing this cannon” or “Britain needs you!”. The weapons used were basic rifles and needed to be reloaded after about 5 shots but did the job they were supposed to do quickly.

Another weapon used was the mounted machine gun which was too heavy to be moved so it was used as a defensive weapon when the army would go over the top (send a lot of troops to get to the enemy trench, was mostly suicidal) but towards the end of the war it was used as artillery when it was found out that it could cover a 10x10 metre radius with a rain of bullets.

The uniform was a cheap and quickly made and the materials used would be perfect for lice and so every now and then you would have to “Chat” meaning remove the lice from your or someone else’s uniform. The shoes issued to all soldiers were rock hard and before you went to war you would buy some beer and drink it then urinate into the shoes to soften them. The Helmets given were multifunctional for they would not only protect your head, they could be used as a: Helmet, bowl, cup and a toilet, the hat may have not even been washed since its use. Overall I think it was a brilliant and educational school trip and worth going again for other classes.

Patrick Yarnold

The trip to Lakes College

On Wednesday 20th February 2013 a small group of us went to Lakes College with Mrs Schafer. It was Richard, Shannon, Grace and myself who went for a taster day which was very good. Shannon did child care and catering, Grace did horticulture and child care, and Richard and I did motor vehicles and construction. We were trying out courses that we might do at college. I enjoyed the construction but motor vehicles was best as Richard and I won a car tyre contest. We had to take the wheels off and put them back again as quick as we could. We really enjoyed it. In catering the girls made pizzas which were also delicious. We went for an ice cream in Allonby on the way back. We all had a very, very good day out.

BillyJoe Weir
Student Question time

Mrs Schaefer took a group of pupils to the Student Question time at Rheged near Penrith last Saturday. The panel comprised Eddie Martin, leader of Cumbria County Council, Elaine Woodburn, leader of Copeland Council, Bernard Lawson, temporary Chief Constable for Cumbria, Carlisle City councillor Lee Sheriff, and Liberal Democrat South Lakeland district councillor Pru Jupe and was chaired by Sam Parker, from Border TV, who presented prizes at our Awards’ evening 2 years ago.

Attention focused on transport for young people, money for youth work, provision for urban sport and police using dispersal orders.

Tempers occasionally flared, with Mr Martin robustly defending council spending. Many questions were met with rapturous applause, particularly those that asked why it was up to young people to engage with decision makers.

This was the third year the event has run, organised by Young Cumbria as a forum for young people to have their voices heard.

When I went to the student question time at Rheged I really enjoyed it. People were asking questions about all sorts of things like why teenagers got told to move off street corners by the police when they were doing no harm or should benefits be for all?

The leader of the council also told everyone when we were all in the theatre about the buses and how there isn’t enough of them and about teenagers getting bus passes like the old people do.

Then when we all had our bacon sandwiches the Head of the Council Eddie Martin was telling us about the ‘spare room tax’ shortly to be introduced. I thoroughly enjoyed it and I would love to go again.

Katie Garner

Year 11 – Mrs Quinn and Miss Jones

We are very proud of members of our tutor groups and we try and support them in any way we can. We are currently running an after school class on Wednesdays from 3pm – 5.45pm, when they can access help from some of their teaching staff, a Maths mentor and tutors. We have many years experience of seeing them through this very difficult and stressful time of their lives. It’s important that they come to school every day prepared to work hard and fully equipped.

If you have any concerns about your son or daughter please get in touch with whichever one of us is their tutor. We want them to leave school happy that they have done their best and that they feel nurtured and ready to face whatever they have chosen to do in September and beyond.
Secret Student
Towards the end of last term we launched a Secret Student scheme for Year 9 pupils which ran for six weeks. Each day a pupil was selected at random to be the Secret Student, without their knowledge. They were monitored throughout the day, by staff, on their attitude, work ethic and behaviour.

I am delighted to say that Year 9 passed the first of their challenges; for each Secret student to achieve 80%. As a reward we spent a great afternoon at Stanwix where we had a bowling competition. The winner for the boys was Lee Johnson with an impressive score of 100, closely followed by Robert Lindsay with 99. The winner for the girls was Alicia van Rotterdam with 137, followed by Lorna de Mello with 134. The pupils worked hard for this reward and their behaviour at Stanwix was exemplary. We have continued the Secret Student scheme into the Spring term and we are working towards a bigger reward.

Miss Jones

Catering
In light of the horse meat scare I would like to say that we do not buy in ready made burgers etc but make dishes from scratch. I buy minced beef, minced pork, stewing steak and bacon from Harrisons in Wigton and our roasting joints and chicken I buy from Pioneer.

I am pleased to say that recently we had a visit from Environmental Health and we kept our 5 star rating.

Mrs A Hoodless
Catering Manager

Higher Futures 4 U
Our Year 7 pupils have been learning about all the different options they could have for their futures. We are working our way through six workshops in school to look 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. On Friday 1st March the whole of Year 7 took part in an event organised by the University of Cumbria.

After a brief introduction to what a university is, we played Who wants to be a Millionaire? This challenging game really tested our pupils’ listening skills as all the questions were based on the information given at the start. There was some definite cheating going on but my group were clearly the winners!

During the game we found out about what life at university is really like and what kind of jobs you can do. We learned that you can take a course called Surf Studies in Bournemouth and that there is even a module called David Beckham studies which forms part of a Sport Science degree at Durham University. The session gave our pupils a lot to think about and opened our minds to new possibilities.

Our pupils were superb throughout the morning. They were a real credit to Solway. Well done, Year 7!

Miss Jones
Rotary Technology Competition
Pupils taking part in the competition last week receiving their certificates from Sam Ogle, one of the apprentices from Innovia who led the assembly on Monday describing the role and variety of apprenticeships available in Cumbria and at Innovia.

Painting
The School was lucky enough to have some brightly coloured paint donated by Dulux earlier in the year. We have made a good start in painting the outside of the school facing the primary school, but due to the normal Silloth winter weather, we still have plenty of painting to do. To get the painting completed asap we need volunteers! If you are handy with a paint brush and can offer a couple of hours to help us paint, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Rowlands on 31234.

Reconnected
working with our music GCSE group and during their performance
CSE Music Group

So it all started at 8:40am on Wednesday 6th March 2013. The GCSE music group and Mr Kirby were invited to go to Allonby School and perform some music to the students there. The band included, Luke on Drums, Katie Singing/bass guitar, Sarah-Jane Singing, Paul Guitar, Dan Keyboard and Kimberley & Richard on Percussion. We performed 5 songs, ‘Yellow’ by Coldplay, ‘Highway to Hell’ and three of Sarah-Jane’s own compositions. We also took some more percussion instruments which we gave out to the primary school children so they could join in. We all had a great time and as you can see so did the primary pupils and staff; in fact we have been invited back!

Dan Rothwell

On Wednesday the 6th of March the GCSE music group, Sarah Jane Ogden, Paul Blackburn, Luke Romney, Kimberley Bell, Katie Garner and me went to Allonby primary school to play. Our roadie Mr Tatlock loaded all our gear into the minibus and off we went. We were to perform a concert for our GCSE exam. We played several numbers including some written by Sarah Jane, and some well known tunes like ‘Highway to Hell’.

At the very end of the concert the little kids joined in. They played ‘Highway to Hell’ on instruments like tambourines and drums. They enjoyed it and so did we.

We would like to say thank you to Mr Tatlock the roadie and Mr Kirby for organising it.

If you would like us to play a gig for you we are available for all dates including birthday parties and charity events and you can contact the school to book us at reasonable rates.

Richard Emmerson

Solway Community School Rocks at Allonby!

On Wednesday Solway Community School did a performance for us at our school. It was cool. There was a drum kit, guitars, piano and keyboard. There was a microphone too.

They started with slow songs and then at the end there were fast songs that we could join in with. We had instruments to play - there were tambourines, a djembe drum, some bells and some maracas. The song was called ‘Highway To Hell’.

They played really well. When we go to Solway School we hope that we can play as well as them.

Thank you to everyone who came. It was fun!

From staff and children at Allonby Primary School
Solway's Sports Leaders

have had an eventful year so far, assisting and running the primary school festivals held at SCTC. The year 10 GCSE group who are taking part in the sports leaders course have run a girls' football festival, a high five netball tournament, a quick sticks hockey tournament and have recently trained to become a tennis leader. The year 10 pupils joined up with 8 Nelson Thomlinson pupils for a whole day of training to become a tennis leader. Our pupils' behaviour and attitude was praised by David Wise who ran the festival, and said they were a credit to the school; they worked well all day and were especially good with the primary tennis players. Great–Well done!

The pupils will use these new skills to lead their own tennis festival with the help of David Wise, in the upcoming tennis challenge festival for the primary schools.

Solway Music

On Wednesday 6th March 2013 Solway pupils came to our school, Allonby Primary School and played music for us. It was really fun and we all loved it! There was a girl called Sarah Jane and she was such a brilliant singer. She was a song writer too and she had written the songs she was singing although she sang one song by a band called Coldplay. They also brought along lots of instruments like drums, a keyboard, tambourines, guitars and much more! We also got to join in. We were given instruments and we played them while another good singer called Katie sang an ACDC song. She was pretty brilliant too and all the teachers were singing along with her. They must have really liked the song!

It was really good!!!!!!

By Natasha Green

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.
Sample text
UNESCO defines literacy as the "ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy enables individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society."

In the UK over half of adults of working age (56%) have literacy skills below the level of a good GCSE, 40% of these are at Level 1 (similar to a D-G in GCSE English), the government set standard for literacy, and 16% at or below the level expected of an 11-year-old.

Surveys report that between a third and half of the UK population don’t regularly read, see reading as a chore and aren’t interested in or see the value of reading. Reading changes lives, improves employability, social interaction, enfranchisement and can have an effect on mental health and happiness.

World Book Night involves tens of thousands of people in sharing the value of reading in their communities and delivers brilliant books directly into the hands of those who might never otherwise engage with books and reading. Mrs Baird has successfully registered the school to give away books from the list this year. You might be a lucky recipient.

Our 4 Houses; Dalton, Franklin, Newton and Sharman battled it out selling cakes and wearing non uniform on Red Nose day to raise money for the charity.

Our parents, families and pupils did us proud! The amount and quality of cakes, muffins, biscuits and tray bakes was fantastic. There was fierce competition at breaktime from each corner of the Hall where pupils became crafty salespeople and market traders advertising their wares.

Dalton had decorated their tables beautifully, Sharman had invested in delightful cake stands but in the end it was Franklin which raised the most money.

Thank you all very much.

We raised £300

Literacy

Our push on literacy involves `Word of the Week` and `paired reading` for Years 7 and 8 with the Year 10 volunteers., as well as ERIC (Everyone reading in class) on Fridays.

We have just spent £1000 on new readers and have invested in 5 Kindle Fires. All pupils should always carry a reading book in their school bag.
Ski trip

During the February half term a group of 19 pupils and 3 adults headed off for an action packed week of skiing in the high altitude resort of Bormio in Italy. The journey took them through some beautiful and picturesque countryside in France, Switzerland & Luxemburg. From the moment we arrived, the whole group was treated like royalty with amazing food served in giant sized portions.

All pupils were given 5 hours of tuition daily which helped them all progress to a level 3 standard by the end of the week. We did however have a few minor accidents and some skiing was missed due to a couple of falls which resulted in a visit to the medical room. By Thursday the majority of the group skied from the very top of the mountain right down to the village! A distance of just under 5 miles and a vertical decent of nearly 5500ft. This took nearly 2 hours to complete. During the week we were treated to some outstanding traditional Italian dishes but by far the favourite amongst the pupils was pizza night, where they sampled traditional homemade dough cooked in an open log burning oven.

On the final day there were a lot of tired bodies so only Joel & Reece survived to ski the final afternoon with Mr Sunter. We set off from the top of the mountain with the aim of not stopping until we reached the village.... We made it from peak to creek in just under 23 minutes. Below is the GPS from Mr Sunter’s phone to show how we got on! As we boarded the Ferry in Calais for our homeward journey the only thing on everyone’s mind was getting up to the restaurant and demolishing a full English breakfast!

It was an amazing and memorable trip and all pupils involved showed exemplary behaviour and should be proud of how they conducted themselves.

The countdown is well and truly on until Solway Community Technology College hits the slopes once again!
Reminder

Pupils have been reminded about the use of mobile phones in school and not having chewing gum in school at all. You would be disgusted to see the effect it has on our carpets and fittings.

Mobile phones are not allowed to be out in lessons unless directed by the teacher. If so the phone will be confiscated.

- For a first offence the phone will be returned at the end of the day.
- For the second offence, they lose it for 5 school days and collect at 3pm of the 5th day
- and the 3rd time it is taken from them a parent/carer can collect it from school at the end of the 5th school day. The pupil will be advised not to bring it to school in future.

The sanctions run throughout the pupil’s school career and do not start afresh each year.

We remind them of these rules regularly and they are also in the planner.

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Forensic scientists

On Wednesday 13th March, Year 5 pupils from Silloth Primary School, went over to Solway Community Technology College for a science lesson. Thanks to Miss Johnston and Mrs Newby the whole of Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their lesson.

While they were there, they were asked to solve the mystery of the missing biscuits! This involved doing a flame test, testing all of the footprints, investigating the pen that was used and finally, comparing all of the fingerprints to work out who it was. Successfully all of the class found the guilty suspect, this was suspect 3.

All of Year 5 had a wonderful time and would love to solve another mystery again soon.

Naomi Winter
Year 5
Silloth Heart town

Solway “Heart“ School.

As you may be aware, nearly all of our pupils have been trained in Heart Start (First Aid and Resuscitation) by Mrs Cooper, Mrs Tallontire and Mrs Gilmour from the town’s First Responders. More recently, the First responders have very kindly donated a portable defibrillator to our school.

A defibrillator is a life saving machine that is capable of delivering an electric shock to the heart in some cases of cardiac arrest, which may restore the heart to a normal or regular beat. This is called defibrillation and can save lives.

We have begun training our staff in the use of this defibrillator with kind thanks to Mrs Gilmour, who trained several of our staff last week and is due to complete the rest shortly.

We feel extremely privileged to have this facility within our school.

Parent Power!

“A child educated only in school is an uneducated child” – thus said Spanish philosopher George Santayana back in the 1800s, and recent research is showing that he may have been closer to the truth than we think. Of course there is always lots of research going on in education trying to find the best way to help children achieve their potential and grow into responsible young people. Recently, the influence of parents on their children’s education – for better or worse – has been in the spotlight. In particular, a meta-study carried out at the University of North Carolina in the USA involving 10,000 pupils has been published, which concludes that parental involvement is a more significant influence over a child’s academic performance than the qualities of the school itself.

At Solway, children start from an advantageous position – recent league tables and government statistics show that Solway is an excellent school, where every child is valued and cared for, and most achieve more than their potential suggests. But this study shows that parents need to be aware of just how important a factor in the educational equation they are, and emphasises the idea that parents should invest time in their children – checking homework, attending parents evenings and, most importantly, letting their children know school is important. And it’s not just American universities that have reached this conclusion. Similar studies carried out at the Universities of Leicester and Leeds in the UK over the last few years also concluded: “Parents’ efforts towards their child’s educational achievement are crucial – playing a more significant role than that of the school or the child.”

Things parents can do to help maximise their child’s chances of success include: Emphasising a positive attitude to education

Checking and helping with homework Getting children to school on time with everything they need Talking about school with their children

Attending parents’ evenings and other school events Passing on knowledge and values to children

Recognising that education is a team game – school and home have to work together to help children succeed

We are lucky at Solway that the vast majority of parents support the school and help their children succeed – and now we have the research findings that prove just how important that is. Parent power really does make a difference! If you have any questions about how you can actively support your child to do as best they can at school, please don’t hesitate to ask. Parents are welcome in school anytime!
Year 9 Alice in Wonderland Project

Over the past few weeks year 9 have been working enthusiastically on a GCSE project based on the Tim Burton Movie ‘Alice in Wonderland’. They began by making their own sketchbook and looking closely at costume, set designs, characters, props and many other aspects of the movie. They have all researched two artists Salvador Dali and Alex Pardee which, they are now studying in more detail and producing thumbnail images.

The creative way in which the pupils are tackling the project is inspirational. They are working together and independently providing advice and support to each other. Keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing the outcome at the end of the year.

Mrs Bell

Maths Challenge!

GCSE Grade C Question:

Ryan, Bob and Salim share £54. Bob gets twice as much as Ryan. Salim gets 3 times as much as Bob. How much does Salim get?

Answer: on pg 14

Attendance – Mrs Quinn

We are set a target by the Government for attendance; 95%. It’s an ongoing job every day to encourage pupils to come to school even though they may have a bad head or toothache for instance. Currently we are achieving 93.35%. Details for the year groups are as follows:

- Yr 7 – 93.46%
- Yr 8 – 94.83%
- Yr 9 – 90.90
- Yr 10 – 93.77
- Yr 11 – 93.21 – 11AQ – 94.24%

I hope to be able to report an improvement in the next newsletter, especially for Yr 9 who are well below target. If you are one of those pupils who like to stay snuggled in bed on a cold morning, beware, save it for the weekends and holidays and not school mornings!

Rotary Junior Master Chef.

This year the district Final of the Rotary Junior Master Chef competition was held at St Benedict's School Whitehaven on the 6th February. It gives me a lot of pleasure to be able to report that both our year 10 girls did exceptionally well throughout the evening and their three course meals received a number of fabulous comments from the judges.

Stacey Strick had chosen to make Chicken on Blackpudding with Mushroom sauce, Salmon with Dauphinoise potatoes and green beans followed by treacle tart and raspberry coulis. Her dessert was especially recommended by the Judges.

This was our most successful competition to date with Amy Armstrong being awarded 2nd with her Carrot roulade, Marinated Duck with Duchess potatoes and sauté Savoy cabbage with lardons and apricots followed by Danish apple crumble in homemade brandysnap baskets.

Very well done Amy and Stacey, you are both a credit to our school.

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
In the UK, there are over 600,000 people with epilepsy.

Any one of us can have a one-off epileptic seizure. But if you have epilepsy, it means you have had more than one epileptic seizure. And you could have some more in the future. Around five people in every 100 will have an epileptic seizure at some time in their life. Out of these five people, around four will go on to develop epilepsy.

We raised £140 from a purple non uniform day for National doodle day and the St. Elizabeth’s Hospital for epilepsy.

School winners were;
1st place Caitlin Gibson, 2nd Maddy Yarnold, 3rd Sophie Pinguey. Well done all round.

Maths Challenge Answer:

To check we are right is 6 + 12 + 36 = £54

Salam gets 6 pluses = £36
Bob gets 2 pluses = £12
Ryan gets 1 pluses = £6

£54 ÷ 9 = 6 so each pile has £6 in it.

We can write the ratio of the money each person received as 1:2:6.
Hospitality & Catering GCSE

Last week was a momentous week for the year 11 Hospitality and Catering pupils as this was the final practical examination element of their “Produce a two course meal from a county of your choice” coursework. Over the past few weeks, pupils have researched their chosen country, nutritionally analysed and trialled a number of recipes to develop their two course meals. Throughout the practical examination, pupils demonstrated their food preparation skills and competent use of equipment. They were completely focussed on the task in hand and by the end of the time produced and displayed their meals. The standard was excellent and I am very proud of all of them. Mrs Cooper
West Allerdale is offering these free courses which might be the precise help you need when dealing with teenagers! If so please do get in touch with Dunolly.

As the severe snow storms rolled into the north-west the Dunolly trip was looking like it was going to be a non-starter, however the snow eased off just enough to allow the group of Year 11 pupils to head up to Aberfeldy in Perthshire for an action packed weekend of White-water rafting, Gorge Walking, Duckying & Climbing, with Mr Sunter, Mr Green and Miss Malkinson.

Having left school at 1pm we arrived at Dunolly at around 6pm on Friday evening. After dumping our bags we were given a nice homemade hot meal which helped thaw us out after the drive in which we experience temperatures of -4°C.

On Saturday the snow arrived in Aberfeldy and our activity schedule had to be juggled slightly. We did a climbing wall and hi-ropes session in the morning and in the afternoon we paddled down the river Tay into a strong head wind that challenged everyone both physically and mentally.

The weather on Sunday morning was marginally better than Saturday so we were able to go ahead with the planned white-water rafting activity, again paddling down the river Tay the group overcame some Grade III rapids as they passed through the Grantully section of the river which is the home of the Scottish Kayaking association.

The weather forced us to alter our planned activity on Sunday afternoon as it was too cold and too dangerous to attempt the Gorge walking so instead the whole group turned their hands to Archery.

The Dunolly 2013 trip was a very cold trip but the attitudes and determination of all involved didn’t allow the adverse weather to ruin our weekend away. It will certainly be one to remember.
PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – Solway Community Technology College

Dear Parent

Arrangements for the holding of a parent governor election will need to be made, as there is a vacancy for a parent governor at your school. The main purpose of this letter is to provide you with information concerning the election procedure.

THE NOMINATION OF PARENTS AS CANDIDATES
Each parent of a pupil attending the school is to be given the opportunity of putting their name forward with a view to becoming a parent governor. If you want to submit a nomination on your behalf you should do so, in writing, to the Head of the School. Letters of nomination must be countersigned by two sponsors, who must also be parents of children currently attending the School. The closing date for the receipt of nominations by the school is 19th April 2013. If there is only one nomination, the person nominated will automatically become a parent governor.

THE ELECTION PROCEDURE
If the school receives more than one nomination then an election by secret ballot will be held to allow parents to decide who they would like to represent them. Should an election be necessary, it will be held as soon as possible. Each parent of a child who at the time of the election is a pupil at the school will be entitled to vote. Following an election, parents will be told by letter, the name, address and telephone number of the successful candidate. In the event of it being necessary to hold an election, the headteacher will issue all parents with further details concerning the way in which the ballot (which will be entirely secret and as foolproof as possible) is to be organised and supply the official ballot papers.

CANDIDATES’ PREPARATION FOR AN ELECTION
Candidates will be given the opportunity to write a short statement, which will be circulated to all parents of the school. Should candidates wish to seek support in any other way, this will be entirely their own responsibility.

TERM OF OFFICE OF PARENT GOVERNORS
An elected parent governor will hold office for a period of four years.

PARENTS’ PARTICIPATION
I feel that it is very important for the efficiency and effectiveness of schools that parents should be encouraged to have an active involvement in their children's education. Consequently, I would urge all parents to participate and take an interest in the election process whether as candidates or voters. In this way all parents can have an effective voice concerning the running of their children's school and have a proper vehicle for the expression of their views regarding school policies.

SCHOOL GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL
On appointment/election all governors receive documents and training to help them in their role as a school governor. If you have any queries at this stage regarding the subject of parent governors, would you please contact the headteacher who will be pleased to try to help you.

Yours sincerely

(Karen Little)
Governor Support Team Manager

* DEFINITION OF “PARENT”
Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines “parent” to include:
- all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.
By popular demand

Solway Community Technology College

is holding another

Roast Dinner Day
Wednesday 24th April 2013
1.15pm

Roast Dinner
Pudding
Tea/coffee
£6.00

Book by 2pm, 19th April to reserve your place.
Limited places available.
Contact: Mrs Wise 016973 31234

Year 11 leavers in their hoodies
Doesn’t time fly!!

Our Year 11s have chosen their leavers’
hoodies in grey or purple this year.

Riding lessons

If anyone is interested in an after school club
based in Aspatria, from 4pm; horse riding for
half an hour and learning basic stable duties and
general knowledge.

The cost would be £10 for an hour’s session and
could run for 10 weeks,

Please let your form tutor know.
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**Easter Holidays**

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

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**Summer Holidays**

Mon 22nd July to Wed 4th September

**Congratulations to Maddy Yarnold** Yr 8 who has made it through to the final 3000 of the BBC Radio 1, 500 word writing competition.