

Geography Field Trip - more pics inside!

Mr Davies is working hard to adapt to his surroundings...



SOLWAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

April 2017 Newsletter No. 8

Welcome to the latest edition of the school newsletter. As you can see the school has been a busy place over the last few weeks with lots going on – we don't have enough pages to get everything in!

One of the highlights however was the very successful Geography residential field trip which took place just before we broke up for Easter; the students worked hard, were impeccably behaved and also managed to have a lot of fun.

We have been busy and successful on the sports field too – the number of opportunities available to the students has mushroomed, from after school football leagues to championship trampolining to golf, as well as the established netball and interhouse competitions, thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of Miss Cross and Mr Ferrie, the PE team, and it is great to see so many students taking advantage and joining in. We are also starting a bike club on Fridays from this week, following the success of The Big Pedal, with the aim at the end of this term of completing the Coast to Coast bike challenge along with students and staff from Beacon Hill. Watch this space for more details on this exciting adventure coming soon!

I am delighted that so many students have opted to get involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme under the expert tutelage of Mr Davies, and we are looking forward to following their efforts as we approach expedition season and seeing them volunteering in the community – a great experience.

We said a reluctant farewell to Miss Steel at the end of last term as she came to the end of her maternity cover here at Solway, but we are delighted that she has been offered the well deserved position of Head of Spanish at Newman School in Carlisle, where we know she will do well, and we wish her all the best. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Woodman back to school later this term. Miss Smith meanwhile leaves us for her maternity leave in May, and we welcome Mr Hayhurst who will take over as Geography teacher in her absence. We wish the Smith family well and look forward to meeting Baby Smith very soon as the latest addition to the Solway family!

Of course the main business of our school remains teaching and learning, and for the Year 11 students there are just weeks left to go before their GCSE exams. Revision classes are on every night after school, and I know parents and carers will be supporting your children through what can be a tough few weeks. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or other staff if you or your children have any questions or worries about anything concerning the exam series.

We are looking forward to another busy and productive term, hopefully in the sunshine!

Judith Schafer

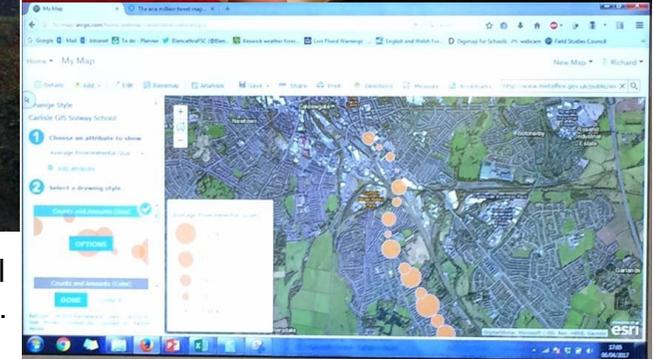
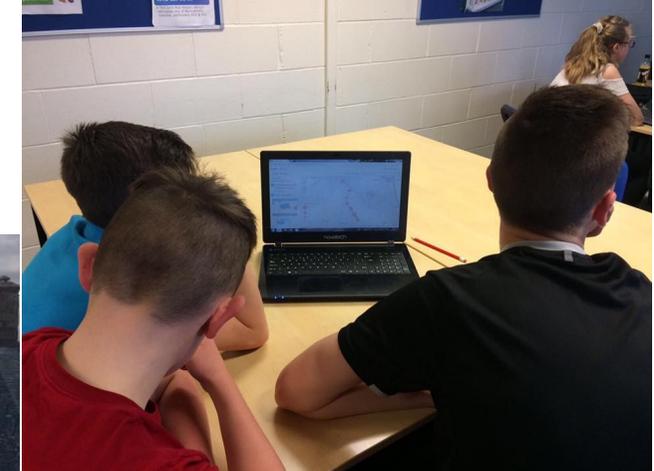
Headteacher



Pupils have been studying Glenderaterra Beck as part of their geography trip. They have been studying how a river changes from source to mouth at three sites. The pupils have been comparing the sites and have measured the velocity, width depth and bedload of the river.



Pupils were able to map their data using GIS software (geographical information systems) which is a new requirement for the new GCSE. A great opportunity for them all.

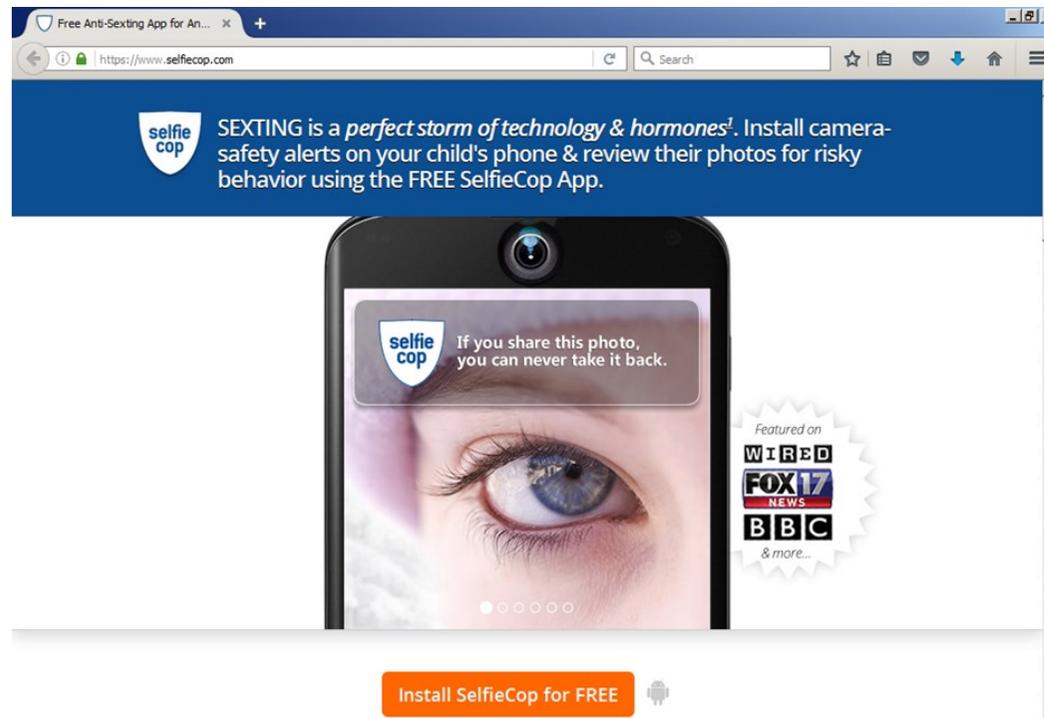


Cumbria Police have contacted the school and made us aware of a free mobile phone / tablet app that we thought parents may be interested in knowing about. The app is called selfiecop.

We all know that young people can be impulsive and do not always understand that shared photos can have long lasting consequences. SelfieCop is aimed at young people aged from about 7 to 15 to teach safe behaviour. The aim is to teach them to stay safe by reminding them to STOP-&-THINK before sharing a photo or video. "Do I really want people to see me like this?"

SelfieCop can also be used to give you, the parent, an early warning system for unsafe camera behaviour and gives you time to act, so you can remove ill-advised images.

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Fifteen of our Year 9 and Year 10 students have started their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. They will, over the coming six months, show commitment and resilience to complete the four sections of the award. This means they will volunteer to make the local community and environment a little better off, they will learn new skills, they will take part in physical activities and complete expeditions in the Lake District. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing of their contributions and successes.



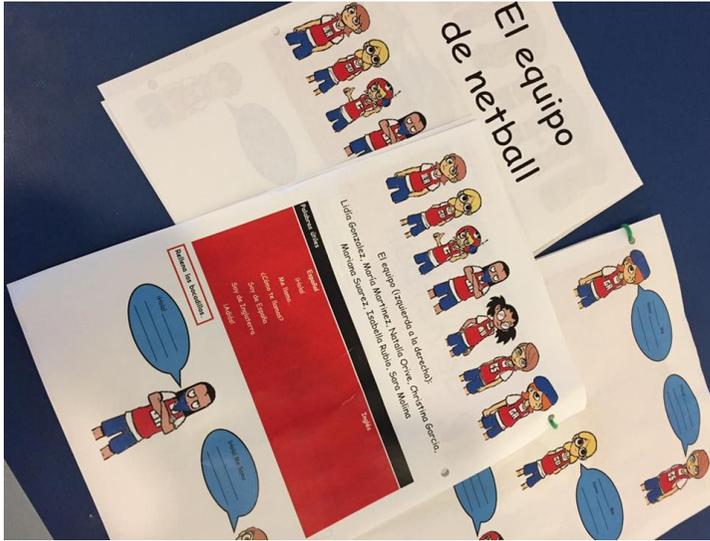
School Canteen

Our ever popular community lunch continues to be a sell out event!. Each half term Mrs Hoodless and her team create a gorgeous home-cooked meal for our local community. Before Easter we enjoyed roast beef and home made yorkshires, followed by apple crumble and custard. With waitress service by our wonderful students Natalie, Ellie, Sophie and Beth and real flowers on the table, this regular event is a real treat. Thank you to our kitchen team and waitresses, and to the community for joining us to enjoy a meal every half term. See you all in June!!

Just a reminder to parents and students that we have an award winning catering team on site who provide good value and delicious homemade meals and drinks for breakfast, break and lunchtime. We are a healthy school so don't allow fizzy pop (e.g. cola, energy drinks) or sweets, crisps and the like in school. Instead, try our homemade from scratch bread rolls, paninis, baked potatoes, soup, pasta dishes, curry and rice, roast dinners and other fantastic nutritious meals. So good even the staff eat every day in our canteen!



Home made soup, bread and cheese rolls made in the kitchen daily, croissants still warm from the oven, toast, bacon butties yogurt and fruit pots all on offer at break times at Solway Community School. Definitely no need to drop into the shop on the way to school with this delicious homemade food on offer every day!



Subjects working together!

Miss Steel and the year 7 girls have been working on a cross curricular activity between PE and Spanish. They have been learning how to play netball using Spanish language for positions and tactics. The boys have also started a football booklet in Spanish and they are making excellent progress so far and Miss Steel is very impressed!



Cyprus Expedition

On the 27th May 2017 some cadets from Cumbria Army Cadet Force will be departing the UK and heading to Cyprus for a week long expedition. Two of these cadets are Ben Mattinson and Max Brough. They will be going to and staying at various British Army bases and seeing what life is like for soldiers there. It will give them an insight to their possible futures and show them the harsh realities of war. They will also go up Mount Olympus in Troodos Mountain Range. It will be a hard 3 day, 2 night expedition. This is far from a nice relaxing holiday, they will have to look out for live grenades overhead and enemy troops. They want to thank everyone who has supported them in school, because it has helped them achieve this goal.



Flying the flag for the commonwealth

On the 13th March two of our students were presented with the unique opportunity to take part in the commonwealth flag ceremony. Both Max and Ben were invited to Silloth Green to take part in the celebrations and read out the commonwealth affirmation to members of the public. The boys stood proudly in their cadets' uniform as they read out the speech perfectly and on behalf of the school I would like to thank them for doing a fantastic job. It was great to be involved in the local celebration and both students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Miss Dakers

Science News

As part of British Science Week Mrs Thorp opened her lab for pupils to come in and have a go at reigniting their curiosity...

The lab was busy throughout the day with interested students! It was so busy at one point, we even had pupils looking in through the windows!

We are positive our fantastic science department have managed to inspire a new generation of keen scientists.



Last term Miss Chaffer's Biology class were looking at the distribution of auxin. They used craft objects to create models of shoots and roots.

Year 10 in Mrs Thorp's Chemistry were investigating rates of reaction, and the changes that occur.

Year 9 spent a lesson with Mrs Thorp investigating more changes where they changed copper into silver and then gold. How exciting!



Maths News

Some of our year 11 pupils completed a weeks intensive maths revision before the Easter holidays. They particularly focused on exam technique and brushing up on a range of the key areas they need to know before their upcoming exams. Mr Hailwood asked for feedback from the pupils at the end of the week and was pleased to have such positive responses. Pupils found the week fun, they learnt a lot and felt they had made progress. We hope this has given the pupils a boost in confidence before their GCSE exams.

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to the 8/9/10 & 11 boys for working hard in their football matches last term! After only 2 training sessions the boys showed fantastic skill and determination throughout. Thank you to everyone who came down to support, it created a great atmosphere. The school are very proud of the boys attending practice and taking part in fixtures, keep this up and more matches will follow!



Excellent afternoon of rugby with the girls in the beautiful Cockermouth! Everyone worked very hard and played extremely well! Keep up the good work!





Well done to all the boys involved in our first small schools 5-a-side football league. Solway, Beacon Hill and Lime House school have joined forces to provide our pupils with a continuous friendly league for all year groups. The first fixture was held at Lime House school for years 10/11. What a great night and some fantastic football! Bring on the next round!
P.s - (Well done to Dan Carr who was the highest goal scorer for Solway!)

Well done to Solway Saints junior team who took part in the county U14 netball tournament! They worked extremely hard and showed a high level of netball skills throughout the day. The girls took on teams from all over Cumbria and played some very close games! Well done and keep up the hard work!

Massive well done to the U12 Netball team .You worked so hard and played extremely well! The girls won 70% of their games which is amazing! Keep working hard girls!



Trampoline Championships

We are extremely proud of our pupils who competed in the Cumbrian Trampoline Championships before Easter. Each and every one of the pupils are a credit to the school. Together the pupils came home with 9 medals in total! FANTASTIC! The event was very well organised and everyone had a great day. 12 pupils were selected from the whole school as gifted and talented in trampolining and asked to represent the school in the Championships. The pupils were given only 4 weeks to practice before competing. They worked very hard and practiced during school time and after school to be competition ready. Each pupil had to remember two different routines which they would perform on the day with only one chance to perform each.

Pupils were entered into a variety of different ability groups. Beginners: Darci, Ella, Amy, Lucy, Naomi, Mia and Liam. Intermediate: Megan, Mollie, Ella and Dan. Advanced: Leon. These were then split into age groups. Thank you to all the teachers who let the pupils leave lesson early to practice and parents/guardians for your support which means a lot and plays a big part in making these opportunities available.

This is a great example of when being a small school can be a huge benefit and helps the children excel. All of our pupils have the opportunity to take part in trampolining within school each year which is very rare. We have also set up coaching sessions with level 3 coaches for our local primary schools to access Silloth and Abbeytown are both currently taking part in coaching sessions and it is extremely successful and enjoyed by many. Let's hope some of the younger trampolinists will enter next year.



ALL WEATHER GOLF 🏌️🎵

Year 7 boys took part in 6 sessions of golf last term. Due to the bad weather we were unable to get to the golf club, however Bev introduced the boys to some fantastic new technology. The technology was used to measure the pace, accuracy and direction of their golf swing, the iPad showed a visual simulation of this and produced a set of statistics. The boys then used this data to analyse their technique and discussed how they could improve. Well done to Jay Hoodless who managed to hit the ball the furthest - a total of 103 yards!



Well done to all the girls involved in the football matches against Beacon Hill. We had two rounds of excellent football and some very close games.

Results;

Yr7- Captain Ella Thompson

Solway 1 Beacon- 4

Solway 0 Beacon 2

Yr8- Captain Amy Carr

Solway 2 Beacon 0

Solway 1 Beacon 1

Yr10- Captain Evannah Irving

Solway 1 Beacon 1

Solway 0 Beacon 1

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