Cockermouth School News

A Message from the Headteacher

This has been another very busy term, and I am pleased to see lots of individual successes in this newsletter. While our School News is always positive, I am delighted to share some very special news that I received last week. Cockermouth School has appeared in the Sunday Times Parent Power guide as one of the top 10% of all state-funded schools in the country, and the highest performing non-selective state-funded secondary school in the county based on GCSE and A Level results. It’s true that league tables only give one perspective of a school; I am very grateful and proud of the many opportunities that my staff willingly make available to your children to enhance their educational experience. However, I also hope you agree that being recognised nationally for excellent examination results is heartening as we continue to work together to help your children to be the best they can be.

Day of the Dead

Y9 Art students have recently been discovering all about Dia de los Muertos; a Mexican celebration that is held to honour the deceased. The three-day fiesta is filled with marigolds, the flowers of the dead; muertos, the bread of the dead; sugar skulls; cardboard skeletons; tissue paper decorations; fruit and nuts; incense, and other traditional foods and decorations. Our students built their own authentic Mexican Ofrenda (altar) in the entrance to the Eco Centre so that it could be appreciated by all visitors to the school. The attention to detail was amazing and showcased the creative talents of our students.

British Schools’ Orienteering Champions

Cockermouth School’s orienteering team have yet again retained their title as British Schools’ Orienteering Champions. This is now the third time in a row that we have won this particular title. The championship event took place at the Forest of Dean over the weekend of 18 & 19 November. The team saw some tough competition with Ulverston Victoria High School coming in a close second. We are delighted for our students and congratulate them on a fantastic team performance. They are a credit to our school, well done.

World of Work

Tuesday 30 January will see our Y11 students take part in a World of Work morning, which will see around 40 local employers join us to impart their knowledge and experience. The aim of the morning is to improve students’ understanding of the working environment, the employability skills required and the range of jobs available in the local community. If you are a local business who would be willing to participate in this event, please contact vicky.ritson@inspira.org.uk to register your interest and find out further details.
An interview with:
Miss J Lynn - Head of Geography

Rapid fire questions:
Spender or saver – Saver
Favourite Autumn activity – Watching Fireworks
Your biggest addiction – Chocolate
What is your lifelong dream – To visit every country in the world
Childhood cartoon – The Animaniacs
What makes you smile – Spending time with friends and family
Favourite sound – Laughter
What was your very first job – Working in a Library
What are you afraid of – Heights
What did you want to be when you grew up – A navy officer
What do you do to relax – Hike

Quote from a parent following our Y6 Open Evening:
'I have now been to two of Cockermouth School open evenings. I love how involved the children are. It makes the school feel very real, inclusive and very importantly like you have nothing to hide.'

Cockermouth School U16 Netball team are now County Champions, following their successful win over Sedbergh 13-5 in the County Final. Not only did they play magnificently, they were fantastic ambassadors of the school. Our congratulations go to: Sophie Smyth (Capt), Jasmine Green, Zoe Hannah, Josie Soulby, Freya Holmes, Izzy Hunter, Maddie Wright, Rachel Armstrong, Ailsa Hutton, Eloise Holliday and Georgie Blue Wilkinson Weir. The next round is on Saturday 27th January, we wish you well.

For the school, for the town, for you...
Cockermouth School
Carol Service
Christ Church Cockermouth
Monday 18 December 2017 - 7pm
Carols for all, scripture readings, seasonal poems, music from our choirs, soloists, orchestra and ensembles - something for everyone!
Performance on arrival from 6.30pm - Refreshments served afterwards

Y7 Cross Country
Y7 students recently took part in an inter-school cross country competition at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Penrith. Congratulations to Olivia Bennett who was the 5th girl home and to Finlay Walker who was our first boy. The Cockermouth School girls team came in 3rd overall. Fantastic achievement, well done to you all.