

Grange Pre-School

At the end of term we enjoyed a visit to Greenlands Farm Village. The trip included a very informative tour around the animals and all the children enjoyed themselves in the play barn and riding on the tractors. At the end of term, Bag2school raised a fantastic £92 – thank you to everyone who donated clothes.

Cumbria in Bloom included our plants as the judges toured around Grange. As the flowers and produce grew over the summer they became quite a feature and we have had lots of lovely compliments. The outdoor area is going to be incorporated into the learning environment and a new fence will be erected to make it a safe place to play. The produce will be harvested when we return for the new term and no doubt everyone will enjoy it! The Civic Society worked with us to plant wild flowers in the maize to attract more wildlife – thank you to them.

Once again the sun shone for us at the Car rally on 8th August. It was a very successful day and an impressive £750 was raised through the tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches served. A big thank you to everyone who made cakes and sandwiches and all who helped on the day.

We are very excited about re-launching ourselves with a new look in the classroom for the start of the new term. New furniture has been purchased and a quiet corner for reading has been created. The Autumn term starts on 6th September and we welcome all new starters and returning Rockets and Bright Sparks children!

Come & join us and have fun at Grange Pre-School. Sessions run weekday mornings in the Pavilion, Grange Playing Fields. BRIGHT SPARKS caters for children aged 18mths - 2yrs 6mths. ROCKETS, for children aged 2yrs 6mths+. DROP-IN for all ages, Wed afternoon at the Legion and Thurs mornings at the Pavilion. Grange Pre-School is a charity & registered with Ofsted & a member of Pre-School Learning Alliance. Serving the Grange community at the Pavilion on the Playing Fields for over 40 years! For a free taster session/further information contact Nichola on Tel. 58414.

Cartmel Cricket Club success

Lancaster Trophy Centre 3rd Division Final Heysham 91-8 Cartmel 92-5

On a sunny day we made the coach journey to Sedgwick with high hopes of picking up our first trophy for 14 years.

After winning the toss skipper Kevin Williams had no hesitation on putting Heysham in to bat. This was justified as opening bowlers Dan Laisby and Dave Unsworth restricted them to just 32 for 2 from the first 12 overs. They managed to put on another 30 runs in the next 8 overs but lost 3 wickets, all to Joe Atkinson. Sam Woodburn (3-15) and Mike Taylor (0-9) finished the bowling in style restricting Heysham to just 91 runs from their 30 overs.

Although it looked like a low score it was never going to be easy batting as the track was very slow and damp, and losing openers Will Anderson and Tom Harvey in the first 7 overs with only 25 runs on the board set the nerves jangling. Ian Curwen and Sam Woodburn pushed on to 42 before Curwen fell and it was then upto skipper Kev to steady the ship however when he also went leaving the score at 61-5 it was game on.

Dave Seef and Mike Taylor stayed calm and took another 7 overs to bring the team home in the 23rd over.

There were some great all round performances but the umpires decided that for his 3-16 and 2 catches the man of the match should go to teenager Joe Atkinson.

The club must thank all our spectators and also our Sponsors: Vet Plus, Cartmel Village Shop,

Be a Junior Fire Fighter for a day

To help raise awareness of the dangers of fire and educate children about fire safety, the Fire Fighters Charity and the Communities and Local Government Fire Kills Campaign are encouraging families to get involved in this year's National Schools' Fire Safety Week (4th -8th October).

This year's topic is Matches & Lighters – tools not Toys and designed to not only teach children about the dangers of fire but also provide fire safety advice and tips to parents. Almost 3,000 fires per year are started deliberately by individuals under 18 using ignition tools such as matches and lighters.

Alongside the campaign the charity is launching a creative and educational competition for children age 5 - 7 to complete a short poem containing a vital fire safety message. Individual and class entries are invited and the winner and his/her class will receive a Neenaw Fire Fighter Experience Day along with £300 of sports vouchers for the school. For more information visit www.nationalschoolsfiresafetyweek.com

May the force be with you!

Fancy a walk on a Sunday morning? On Sunday September 12th, 1st Grange and Cartmel Scouts are putting on C3PO, The Cartmel 3 Peaks Outing, a walk of three parts. There is a 4.5 mile, a 12.5 or a 21.5 mile loop, all starting at the Scout Base on Cartmel Park at 9.00am.

The short loop takes in Howbarrow, the 12.5 includes Howbarrow and Hampfell while the longest goes over Humphrey Head as well (should it be the C3H's instead?).

Written route descriptions will be given out at the start and there are checkpoints with refreshments on all three courses. If you're feeling extra energetic or even training for a marathon you can run the loop of your choice.

Details are on the event website <http://c3po2010.blogspot.com/> or can be obtained by ringing David Binks on 53993 or e-mailing c3po2010@btinternet.com

Scoop the Poop Children's Poster Competition

There is still time to enter the poster competition promoted by Grange Now and Grange Civic Society to encourage dog owners to 'scoop the poop'; open to all children up to 13 years. The competition will be judged and prizes donated by Wendy Senior of Kennel Maids Pet Professional Care in two categories – Under Eights and Eights & Over. Schools are welcome to enter too.

Please put your name, age, address and telephone number on the back of the poster which must be A4 size, in paints, felt tips, coloured pencils or crayons and send to Grange Now, Poster Competition, Main Street, Grange over Sands, LA11 6BA. Good luck!

The issue of dog fouling apart from being unsightly, smelly and horrible to remove from shoes etc is also a dangerous health hazard, particularly for children. Isn't it time local councils banned dogs altogether from playgrounds and playing fields?

Teddy Bear weekend

Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway are having a Teddy Bear weekend on 18th & 18th September. A FREE ride on the train and entry into the Lakes Aquarium for all children who bring their Teddy Bear!

Plumpton, the Station Bear would like to meet you all, also FREE goody bags, children's entertainer, Teddy Bear trail and Face Painting.

Oscar Winners

No, not the Golden Globe but two lucky people who were first out the hat with the correct answer to our competition last month to win 2 family tickets for the Lakes Aquarium at Lakeside.

You were asked to name the lucky mascot at the Aquarium and the answer was Oscar the Otter.

Congratulations to Rob Shrapnel of Field Broughton and Mrs M Ward of Wrea Green, Preston. A Family ticket each will soon be on its way to you.

The Cavendish Arms and DCS Cartmel who's generosity has allowed us to invest in equipment and coaching which has paid off with our youngsters featuring strongly in all the rounds.

