

## Rewards Excitement!

As you know, we have recently responded to requests by the students through the School Council to ensure that the rewards system really appeals to them and rewards them for their hard work, achievements and courteous behaviour around school. I am pleased to announce that, following an injection of funding from The Lakes School Trust, we will be presenting our first round of vouchers to students during assemblies in the week before half term.

Students will be presented with vouchers for reaching different merit totals; Amazon seems to be the most popular. For 20 merits, students will receive £5, for 40 merits students will receive £10, at 60 merits £15, for achieving 80 merits a student will receive £20 and the jackpot is received at 100 merits when a student would be presented with a further £25 worth of vouchers! Don't be surprised in a few weeks if your child brings home an envelope of vouchers in recognition for meeting the expectations of The Lakes School.

This week, our prize draw during assembly enabled three more students to collect a £5 voucher from a wide selection including Amazon, WHSmiths, Argos and Waterstones. This week's winners were Rhiannon Williamson for Key Stage 3, Richard Wehli for Key Stage 4 and Becki Thomas for Key Stage 5.

## A Lovely Gesture

Students at The Lakes School are always making wonderful gestures or random acts of kindness. Miss Nelson was presented with a beautiful cake recently by Kieran Watson who had spent time at Kendal College creating the cake as a gift for her as she is getting married in May. You can see a picture of the cake pictured to the right.

I know Miss Nelson was overwhelmed by Kieran's thoughtfulness. I have written about this before but I will say it again; the students at The Lakes School continue to impress with their courteous and considerate gestures.



## More Sporting Success

Huge congratulations go to our Year 10 football team who, under Mr Robinson's talented management, have this week become Small Schools County Champions beating Appleby Grammar School in the final.

The match became a hugely exciting contest which initially ended 2 - 2 after extra time. A penalty shoot-out followed which was finally decided by Daniel Sykes, our goalkeeper, who scored with the twelfth penalty to win the title. The picture to the left shows the Y10 shield alongside the Y8 shield which we won last half term.

Let's hope we can continue our fantastic sporting success in to the summer term as the athletics season gets underway.

## Dining Area

We have received some lovely feedback from parents about our improvements to our catering service. The catering staff have done a fantastic job of moving towards healthier options in place of crisps and chocolate which can only be good for our students - and staff! This is only the start of our work in this area and in June we will be launching our new pre-order sandwich service.

We will also be revitalising the dining room with more artwork and photography and encouraging everyone at The Lakes School to recycle; this might get a little competitive! Thank you to all parents who have helped us to move towards our cashless system. The amount of cash being used at the tills has drastically reduced. Thank you for your support.

## Mountain Rescue Flying Visit

Last weekend it was our privilege to accommodate the Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue team as they carried out a training exercise on the school grounds.



The Mountain Rescue teams around the country provide such an amazing service and nowhere more so than across Cumbria and The Lake District fells. Langdale & Ambleside Mountain Rescue team have recently contacted the school and kindly offered their support with first aid and also invited our students to visit the team to learn more about their work.

This is the second time we have had a helicopter land on the school grounds in recent weeks and thanks go to Mr Isaac for taking such a great photo.

## A Corridor of Inspiration

Many thanks to Mrs Charlesworth and Mr Cleasby for transforming the humanities corridor this week by installing a number of inspirational photographs of Lakes School students. This part of the school feels warm and welcoming and we are looking forward to installing more images of our students throughout the school during the summer term.



*Andy Cunningham*

## School Angel

You may remember that I recently wrote to you about School Angel which enables the school to raise money for charity and our own school fund. Our plan is to spend the money raised through School Angel on improving the outdoor social areas for students.

Would you be able to raise money? All you need to do is go to the school website and click on the School Angel logo before you make any online purchase. You will be pleased to know that, with your help, we have already raised over £30 for us to spend on our students. This is excellent news and it has only taken us three weeks! Thanks you to everyone who is using School Angel. Look out for the logo below on our website.



## Speaking of our Website

You will be pleased to know that we are currently developing our school website to make it more informative, more accessible and easier to navigate. The new website will be a celebration of all that is wonderful about The Lakes School and we are looking forward to its launch in the coming weeks. Look out for more news in the near future.

## Kind Words

We have received some lovely feedback from Harriet Fraser who, just before Easter, worked with our students on a Land Keepers Project with the Wordsworth Trust. Harriet passed on her thanks to the students and said that the community gallery space looks fantastic with the contributions from a number of schools. The work from the Land Keepers Project can be viewed at Dove Cottage Community Gallery until May 15th.

We have also received some lovely feedback this week about the sensible way in which our students use the bus service to and from school. Thank you to all of our students for being such great ambassadors for The Lakes School.

## Our Thoughtful School Council

You may have seen the news recently about the tragic events at a school in Leeds regarding the death of a teacher. Our School Council have this week written to the Headteacher of Corpus Christie Catholic College to pass on their condolences to the students, staff and everyone connected with school. The Lakes School is a caring, learning community and gestures such as this really show that the students subscribe to our ethos.