

## Solway Community School



### TEMPORARY HOMES FOR 40 YOUNG TREES

A nursery has been created for the trees at the Solway Community School. Pupils from the school are helping to look after the saplings on behalf of the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The young trees, which include oak, rowan, beech, birch, hawthorn and wild cherry, were planted during the third week in November to coincide with National Tree Week. Volunteers representing all year group took part in the planting gaining hands on experience in planting trees. This type of activity provides a focus for our community on the importance of sustainable development and as such is an integral part of our Citizenship programme.

Rose Wolf, of the Solway Coast AONB, would like to point out that the trees will be available for any local groups who feel they can benefit from them.

### Climate Change Display

The time is drawing near for 14 year 11 pupils to go to London to take part in the British Science Museum Debate – "Climate Change your burning questions". The Climate Change project sponsored by the Museum has formed the bulk of the work within Citizenship for year 11 over the autumn term and pupils have gained an insight into the causes and effects of climate change on our lives. Through this work pupils have been encouraged to develop their own opinions as to what needs to be done to maintain and sustain our environment now and in the future. The result of this work is currently being displayed in the entrance hall of the school and is open to all interested parties in the community.

### Table Top Sale

A Christmas tabletop sale was held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. The day had a wonderful Christmas atmosphere with Santa's Grotto, tombola, an irresistible home bake stall, beautifully made Christmas handicraft stalls and an excellent variety of tabletop stalls from home made jams to bric a brac. Although reasonably quiet a good day was had by all and a substantial amount of money was raised for the link fund. Our thanks to all to took part in this event.



### Art Workshop

During the first week of November, Year 8 pupils enjoyed a special workshop given by Nicho Phuti, a visiting South African artist. He demonstrated how he built up his images, containing forms of animals and humans in a simplified pattern-like style using paint mixed with and spread with a variety of rollers to create texture. The dry textured surface was then worked over with

chalks and brushes to create his closely packed semi-abstract designs.

During the day Nicho also demonstrated how he created images of Zulu-derived masks and wildlife by carving woodblocks using a hammer and chisels.

Pupils were very impressed and using rollers and acrylic paint produced some very effective and enjoyable coloured designs of their own.



### Christmas Lights

During the early part of December, members of the Solway Mexico Link had a stall at the switching on of the Christmas Lights. The evening had a real party atmosphere and was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to year 10 Food Technology students for the delicious Mince Pies and the Link members

for extra baking and the Mulled Fruit Punch. The stall was well supported by members of our community and £41 was raised by the end of the evening. Thank you to everyone for their help and support.

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