

## School Deputy Head Retirement

**Farewell, Sir!**  
Silloth Primary School hosted a farewell afternoon for the former Deputy Head, Mr Donald Morrison, who retired at the end of the Summer Term, on Wednesday 19th October.

Colleagues, children, friends, parents and former pupils attended the event, at which Mr Morrison, accompanied by his wife Jane, was presented with a range of gifts, including a pair of framed pictures of Lakeland scenes.

Mr Morrison joined the school as Deputy Head, from Westfield Junior School Workington, in 1988. Over the years, he has taught mainly in upper KS2, has been instrumental in organising and leading residential parties, and encouraging and coaching pupils in different areas of physical education.

Tributes were paid by Mrs Helen Goldsworthy and a number of Year 5



and Year 6 pupils.

Our gratitude to Val, June, Maureen and Andrea for providing the scrumptious spread!

Don and his family have already enjoyed two short, well-earned breaks abroad since the start of his retirement. As a keen amateur cyclist, he intends to further pursue this interest.

We wish the wheels of good fortune and good health continue to turn for both Don and his family, that he encounters few 'punctures' along the road, and enjoys many more happy hours in the saddle!



## School Visit to Crosscanonby Carr Nature Reserve

Report by: Rose Wolfe

A group of 40 pupils from Solway Community Technology College, Silloth, spent half a day learning about Crosscanonby Carr Nature Reserve. Under the guidance of teachers and Solway Coast AONB staff and Ranger, pupils were invited to take a look at some of the plants and creatures that live on the Reserve. The pupils were split into groups, each group visiting

different areas to observe the wildlife, before moving on to the next area.

The Pupils, all year seven students, were visiting the Reserve as part of an environmental studies day. The groups were shown some of the trees such as Alder, Willow, Ash, Hornbeam,



and Oak in the woodland area, gathering a little information about the role various trees play in their environment.

They then learned about the meadow flowers and grassland areas. Other areas of interest were the dipping platform along the stream, and the creatures and plants that live in the stream and pond. The woodland walk was also a popular area with teachers as well as pupils, and then finally the

hedgerow plant species were identified and recorded.

By the end of the morning the pupils had gathered quite a selection of twigs leaves, and plant species, as well as creatures including spiders, slugs, snails and frogs. On returning to school the students sorted through the selection of items gathered, before identifying them and learning a little about individual species.

## Dear Deer, Deery Me



Report by: John Graham

Cath Doherty of Blackdyke, Silloth discovers a Silloth Woman at Fancy Dress

Party in a Spanish Forest.

When asked what she was doing there, she replied "my deer loved me".

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