

No Fuel Duty



The Transport cost for some pupils at Holme St. Cuthbert school has not increased as can be seen on the photo, three means of transport are regularly used.

Walking from left to right - Madeleine Yarnold, Toby McAvoy, Grace Wedgewood, also behind is Susan McAvoy. On bikes from left to right - Rosie, Arran,

Cara, Harris and Lorna deMello. Riding Ponies from left to right - Emma Wise on Candy, Ayesha Wise on Falcon, with Juliet Wise standing between the ponies.

You Can Do It!

Report by: Linda McDonald

Holm Cultram Abbey Primary School celebrated it's 'You Can Do It' work in the form of a wonderful mural painted on the side of the school by local artist Bill Asbury. Bill worked with children and staff to create a visually stunning artwork depicting the '5 keys to Success' - Confidence, Persistence, Getting along, Organisation and Resilience. All the children are encouraged to achieve these keys to success through their relationships and work in school. Rewards are in the form of pencils, stickers, finger puppets and, of course, the children's increase in confidence and self-esteem. 'You Can Do It' was started



in the school following a visit to Australia by the former Headteacher, Mr Mountain, and the Infant teacher Mrs Scales. They came back so enthused and determined to make

the scheme work in our school. And it certainly has worked! The children love to work towards their 'keys', and the ethos in the school is certainly all the better for it.

Buzzy Bee by Elysha Cockbain from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Buzz Lite Year by Mia Williams from Kirkbride

Festival of Art

The Festival of Art in Silloth ran from 20th June to 5th July 2008. Whether art is representational or abstract, traditional or contemporary, the aim of Solway Arts is to create a festival that reflects the vitality and variety of watercolour painting today. Councillor Tony Markley greeted and thanked the artists for showing their work; the shopkeepers who had given window space; and the sponsors for their support; for without such co-operation the event could not have taken place.

The festival has been a town affair for over seven years and has developed into a regular venue for "The Solway Plain Artists" who meet monthly to print and discuss their work. Visitors and residents have enjoyed "A Walk About" the town in spite of mixed sea-side weather. (South westerlies can be stormy!) Special thanks must go to The Golf Hotel and their staff for use of a room for regular meetings. To our sponsors Solway Arts Festivals Ltd. The festival is curated by Heather & Olive Wood.



Bee Elvis by Declan Vevers from Caldewlea School, Carlisle



Poem

BECKFOOT SPORTS DAY
by Whiskers

It's sports day here in the Beckfoot,
the contestants are all fit and trim,
Whelks and winkles, mackerel and plaice,
taking part in the Solway swim..

The worms are rubbing in vegetable oil,
they say it's for the mud,
it helps them to run in garden soil,
so the results from that should be good.

The seagulls have entered the long jump
and look smart in their bright yellow welly's,
The squirrels all entered the three legged race,
but they all fell flat on their bellies.

The egg and spoon will be starting soon
and the pigs say that they're going to win,
But they look bit tubbish after eating the rubbish,
they found in a public waste bin.

There's another race that's taking place,
where a gate is jumped by some sheep,
But sty after sty, as the sheep all jumped on bye,
the judges all fell, fast asleep.

Results are coming in of a bull in a bin,
squashed tight right up to his teeth,
However I find that it entered my mind that
he looked like a tin of corned beef.

The spiders are knitting frantically,
making nets from newly spun silk,
The cows are all in the refreshment tent,
making gallons and gallons of milk.

The big red hens won the long jump;
they were quite clearly the winners,
The three little pigs should have entered as well,
but instead they ran home for their dinners.

There are lots of ants in little short pants
and trainers that were made by Nike,
They all set off on a five mile run,
but a mouse came first on a bike.

The barn owl, handed out the prizes
and a good day for all, it was said,
But now the grune is so very quiet,
for they have all gone home to their bed.

Good night



JOHN AND THE FLYING PROPELLERS
by Wings

This is a story from Silloth
How they've built a 'Crows Nest' by the docks
For people to go and watch dolphins
And geese and wildfowl in flocks

It's a proper nice little structure
For families with picnics and cakes
The view from the top of the banking
Lets you see outwards and over t' lakes

But Johnny Graham, 'the Worlds Biggest Liar'
Has come with a tale he claims true
That he's seen lights and whirling propellers
Out to larboard, that's 'left' to me and to you

He said, "I think its invasion
From same buggers that tried long ago"
Some said, "Nay John, tha's certainly missed it,
It's a wind farm to make our lights glow"

They've come up with this clever idea
It's called Robin Rigg out in't Solway
The wind will produce electricity
And we, will 'ave nothing to pay"

"A wind farm" smiled our Johnny,
"A wind farm, please, don't be so daft,
You cannot farm wind or the weather"
And he sat on the table and laughed.

"Next thing we'll all 'ave free travel
And be offered a trip into space
And no one will need to be working"
All said with a smile on his face

"You're wind farm is an invasion
Whether tha' knows it or not,
They will soon cover all of the country
And be left standing to wither and rot"

"Do not be fooled quite so easy
Nothing at all can come free
And someone with ulterior motive
Is taking the mick out of thee"

John says it would be better
If his version of things is the truth
And wishes that things could be simpler
Like the way it was in his youth

Sez John, "people, go stand down to the dockside
Be ready with the old .303
Keep watch on that bloomin new 'wind farm'
In case it starts flying towards, thee and me".

And if it should move and start flying
Remember you heard it first, here
And that Johnny, the World's Biggest Liar,
Told the truth without favour or fear.

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