

News from Katy

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1

What a term of answered prayers we have had. My highlights are:

- A growing number of students faithfully attending secondary clubs – including an amazing 37 Year 7 pupils registered at Kirkbie Kendal!
- The growth of the Support Group and developing relationships with churches and supporters.
- Seeing green shoots of more church partnering to serve in more schools – such as the great group of committed volunteers at QKS.

There is still much more work to be done to partner with God and the churches in serving our schools, so please continue to pray for the team, for God's guiding and wisdom, and His equipping and mobilising of the Church.

Blessings from Katy

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Puppet Roadshow Snapshots

Last term we shared the 'Greatest Gift' in many schools and with hundreds of children!

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers for your hard work and dedication.



Vision + Prayer

Week of Vision and Prayer 2nd-9th February

Please join us in prayer for schools and the work of NISCU. Pray at home, in small groups or come along and meet with others:

5th Feb: Kirkby Lonsdale South Lakes Team
Pop up prayer 10 - 11am, venue tbc

STK Evening Prayer meeting 7.30pm
St Thomas's Church, Kendal

6th Feb: Kendal Prayer Meeting 10 - 11am
Contact Katy for details

Furness Prayer Evening 7pm
Ulverston Parish Church

7th Feb: Windermere Prayer Walk 10.30am
Contact Katy for details

Milnthorpe Evening Prayer Meeting
Contact Katy for details

9th Feb: Sedbergh Prayer Breakfast 8.30am
Cornerstone church, Sedbergh

10th Feb: Burton & Holme Prayer Meeting
6.30pm, Holy Trinity Church, Holme

3rd Mar: Trinity Church Prayer Meeting 1 - 2pm
Dallam School

News from Diana

I had a very busy term from September until Christmas, teaching lessons in Primary Schools (which I love) and we had a good uptake on the Puppet Roadshow. It was particularly exciting to be contacted by Dean Gibson School who invited us in with the puppets which is a first for niscu.

The high school Drop In Clubs have worked well in both Dallam and Kirkbie Kendal. 6 – 8 girls have come regularly to Dallam who knew me well from their primary schools and we have had huge groups (15 – 17) Y7 boys who have joined us at KK!

We will now move on from Drop In and introduce a Christian element to the clubs, changing the name of the club to 'Big Questions'.

I am offering out more lessons to primary schools for the Spring Term and also possibly offering one off 'Big Question' lunch time sessions where children can come along and ask questions they may have about Christianity and faith.

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News from Bee

I have taken on a new NISCU area, which initially drew a lot of my time as I got to grips with the existing work, contacted the local churches and schools, and organised and ran the Rewind Event. Thankfully this has produced a lot of resources I now have to offer schools in the South Lakes area, for example I have 6 assemblies written and ready to go!

The clubs in Kirkby Lonsdale have been so rewarding and encouraging, QES particularly, where the numbers have grown as two new year 7 girls bought three new non-Christian friends along, who have stayed! With help from Dan Huddleston, I have been running The Bible Society course each week with a 'food and games only' session every half term to encourage the young people to bring their friends to this. Jammie Dodgers (the new name for Quest club), at St Mary's School Kirkby Lonsdale has a strong group of 8-10 Year 3 girls who are **very** happy to see me each week(!) which is very encouraging. It was also great to connect with the Year 5s from St Mary's at the Rewind Event I ran, and I will be seeing them again for the Easter one coming up in March.

The highlight for me though has been being involved in the puppet roadshow. I absolutely loved it, from animating the puppets to hearing the reactions of the children, being part of a team and meeting more schools and staff. Can't wait to do it again!

Bee

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Charlie's update from Furness

Things with **John Ruskin School** have been very good: we went and supported them with their school carol service in St. Andrew's church afterwards we served Christmas dinner to the students - a hugely rewarding experience. We were joined with Rev. Brian Streeter for that and it was good to build the links between school and church. We have been working with the Yr 10's and 7's in their peer mentoring programme which has been going well. I also do assemblies in JRS once a half term.

I am trying to establish teams of volunteers to go into both **UVHS** and **Millom School** as both schools have a very small volunteer base. This will free me up to do more things and build more of a relationship with both schools. Big Questions in both UVHS and Millom are continuing well. In UVHS we are looking at the things the teenagers feel pressure with and in Millom we are unpacking some of the questions asked by students after our assembly in October with topics like "why did God create us all different?", "why did you give your life away?" and much more.

I am also exploring the possibility of putting together a package of lessons where we invite guests into our schools to talk about faith and the role that that person plays as with Grill a Bishop last year.

We are thankful for the opportunities and open doors that we have here in the Furness area and continue to seek God's will here with us.

Charlie

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Dates for your diary:

Encouragement Evening

Weds 13th March 6pm for 6.30pm meal at St Mark's CE School, Natland

For everyone who serves in schools – come and be encouraged!

Please contact katy.hall@niscu.org.uk to book a place.

Annual NISCU Get-together

Sat 23rd March 10am-3pm at Newton Rigg Conference Centre

A day of training, support, fun and prayer for work across our schools. PLUS puppeteer training and much, much more.

Please visit the NISCU website for more information and to book a place www.niscu.org.uk/events

Message from the South Lakes Support Group

Thank you for supporting NISCU's work in the South Lakes. It is so encouraging to see all that God is doing. Please keep praying, holding on to these wonderful promises:

So let us come boldly to the throne of God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Hebrews 4:16

And so I tell you, keep on asking and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:9



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