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Dear Parents

On Tuesday 11th October there will be an attempt to break the Guinness Record (at the Wigton showgrounds) for the most number of people in the shape of a pound sign. This attempt is part of a major publicity event to showcase the launch of the new, polymer coated £5 note which is being produced by Innovia Films, our major Wigton employer.

We are generally very cautious when it comes to taking pupils out of lessons but we do want to support Innovia's efforts and champion their achievements.

During period 3 all of our pupils from Years 7-9 will walk to the showgrounds and participate in this record breaking attempt. The journey is a short 15-minute walk. Having arrived at the showgrounds participants will be registered in a cordoned off area and will receive a wrist band and bright poncho which must be worn to record numbers. When the final numbers are ready they will be photographed by an overhead drone. We will then return to school for lunch.

All pupils will be fully supervised by our staff and accompanied at all times. At the public crossing point near the doctor's surgery a member of our health and safety team will supervise pupils. We will brief the pupils fully but appropriate coats should be worn for this event if the weather is poor.

Period 2 will end at 10.55am with tuck available from 10.55-11.10am. Pupils at 11.10am should go to their normal lesson and leave their bags in this classroom.

Parents should already have signed the Form D consent form which gives permission to take pupils out of school on such visits. We also have your child's medical details. For pupils with mobility difficulties, a member of staff will transport them.

If you have signed Form D but you do not wish your child to take part please let us know by letter. Group photographs will be taken, so if you have not given consent for photographs, we will contact you and request whether you wish your child to take part.

For those parents who do not have an up-to-date Form D signed we will also contact you. Any sixth-formers who are free during period 3 will be welcome to participate and should sign out at the main office and walk to the showgrounds.



On return to school pupils will go straight to lunch. It may be advisable for some to bring a packed lunch on this day as Wigton Town Council have indicated that the photograph may be taken at 12.30pm.

I am sure this will be a memorable community event. Any pupils not wishing to take part will be supervised appropriately in school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Beechey', with a stylized, cursive script.

M. Beechey

Assistant Headteacher