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**School Motto:**  
**“Let Your Light  
Shine”**



Dear Parent/Carer,

## Newsletter 19-2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

### Weekend Challenges

Thank you for the photographs and information that have been sent in for our weekend challenges. These included:

- As part of the RSPB challenge, Daniel Wilks (5HC) and Alex Wilks (1LU) did a spot of bird watching. Daniel drew the Shelduck he saw out on the water.
- To mark our storytelling week, Jake Miah (4ER) read a story (The World's Worst Children) to his granddad, and his baby brother, Joey.
- Also to mark our storytelling week, Elliot Bell (Discoverers) read his school book to his cousin.
- As part of our fitness challenge, Hope Heppell (1LU) started her training for the Gregg's mini mile and Great North Run!
- Also keeping fit was Samuel Forster (Discoverers) who enjoyed his second swimming lesson as part of his families' New Year healthy living activities!
- Keeping super healthy were Owen Robertson (4JH) and Lucy Robertson (1LU) who sent in a picture of them on a healthy bike ride with their dog Honey.

### Messy Craft Church at Cragside-Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018



It was lovely to see children and families enjoying our Messy Craft Church this week which was led by Rev Wullie and Mrs Buxton from St Nicholas' Church. Thank you to the families who were able to come. There is a Messy Church planned at St Nicholas' Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 which all are invited to. We look forward to Rev Wullie coming back next half term to do another Messy Crafty Church at Cragside.

### Cragside Nursery

Congratulations to the staff, committee and children at Cragside private nursery who share our site. They were recently inspected by Ofsted and were judged to be good in all areas. Well done to all involved. If you have a child who might be interested in attending the nursery please contact them on 01670 737887.



### NSPCC Number Day-2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018-A Message from Mrs Cant



The children have really enjoyed taking part in NSPCC Number Day. Thank you for all your support in helping us raise funds for the NSPCC and encouraging a real love of numbers for all our children.

### Attendance



Another really high attendance week...well done to our attendance heroes! The classes with the highest attendance last week were:

Early Years-Miss Westgarth's Class-Reception Discoverers with a wonderful 98%  
 KS1-Miss Grice's Class 1SG with a really high 99% (second week running 1SG!)  
 KS2-Mr Davison's Class 6RD also for the second week running with an impressive 99%!

### Dig Up Week-A Message from Mrs Archer



We have exciting excavation news! Next week we are planning to dig up the items that we buried in November. We would appreciate any old paintbrushes for the excavation process! We will be discussing what we manage to recover and the impact of the weather on the different materials. We will also be thinking about what we leave behind and what this would tell people from the future about life in 2018. As well as the historical nature of our investigation, we also want to highlight the slow decay of certain materials, particularly plastic. With awareness recently increasing due to Blue Planet II, here are some tips for reducing plastic consumption and some facts about plastic and other waste. Many thanks!  
<http://tiki.oneworld.org/plastic/plastic.html>



### Reception News



Well done Reception. A busy week! The children have been very busy thinking about one less than and subtraction in Numeracy and stories by Julia Donaldson in Literacy such as Tiddler and Stick man. Both classes visited the forest to look for sticks for stick men and cook either cookies or s'mores on the fire. A super adventure!

The Discoverers have enjoyed investigating Crocodiles as part of Elliot's Focus week and the Explorers have been thinking about fish and how to look after them as part of James Bennett's Focus week. As part of number day, Reception have been busy counting and baking biscuits with the help of Mrs Simpson. Thank you so much to Lexie's Mum for helping us!

Well done to all the children in Reception who have been accessing Mathletics at home. It's great to see so many children earning certificates. Thank you too, to all the children who have submitted numeracy challenge observations on Tapestry. It's great to see the children learning at home. Thank you.

### Parent Volunteer Request-A Message from Miss Westgarth and Mrs Pemberton

Would any parents be interested in volunteering some time to help with baking, reading etc in Reception. We would really appreciate one afternoon a week's support? Please let Miss Westgarth or Mrs Pemberton know if you have any availability. With many thanks.

### Key Stage 1 News

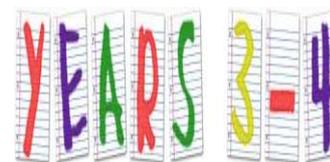


What a busy week we have had in Year 1. The children have been naming and describing 3D shapes in Maths and we have been looking for 3D shapes in our everyday environments. We have been counting the number of faces and vertices of spheres, cubes, cuboids, pyramids and cylinders. Have a look around your home this weekend for 3D shapes. In English we have been learning about compound words such as football, dishcloth, handbag and snowman and we have enjoyed breaking words up into syllables. We have also been learning about the prefix -un, changing words such as friendly to unfriendly, helpful to unhelpful and load to unload, etc. In History we are continuing our topic Transport in the Past. This week we compared the first motor car to modern cars. In Science we have been classifying objects by their properties, using vocabulary such as transparent, bendy, stiff, hard and soft, etc. On Wednesday afternoon we received a visit from some friendly Year 7 pupils from the CLV who shared and read stories with our children. Well done to Mrs Urwin's class for earning Superclass this week! On Wednesday afternoon the children enjoyed making pizzas.

Year 2 had a super fun time during Number Day. We tested and measured distances that cars travelled down a ramp, played snap and matching pairs with decks of playing cards, created 2D shape animals, had a competition to see who could build the tallest tower and well as predicted and measured how many footsteps it would take to get around the outside of school! It was great fun! In our Maths lessons Year 2 have been enjoying learning about 3D shapes and time in Maths this week. The children have made excellent progress and will continue to work on their time telling skills to get up to telling the time to five minutes. How impressive! In English we have looked at how we can use 'if', 'when' and 'because' to extend our sentences to be more 'Year 2'. RE this week has focused on the Torah and the Quran. We thought of questions that we would like to find out about them and then researched to find out the answers. We continued our topic on Explorers and made comparisons around the equipment needed by Neil Armstrong compared to Christopher Columbus. In Art we used bright pastels to create a Picasso style portrait. They were absolutely fabulous. If Christie's Auction House see them they'll be clambering to get hold of them!

### Lower Key Stage 2 News

In Year 3 this week the children have enjoyed learning about fractions. First they identified fractions of shapes, and then placed fractions on a number line. After this the children worked in pairs to find fractions of amounts using Numicon and other practical resources. In English the children wrote a vivid description based on Jonah and the big fish. They imagined what it would have been like inside the fish, generated exciting vocabulary and then wrote a detailed description. As part of our Science topic the children learned about sun safety. They designed a piece of clothing to protect them from UV rays. On Friday the children really enjoyed our Number Day challenges. They had a competition to see who could make the highest tower; took part in a measurement challenge; tested their mathematical knowledge with a quiz and then generated their own quiz questions. **Next week we are looking forwards to our collective worship which is on Thursday at 9am. We hope to see you there.**



In Year 4 this week we have been learning about unit fractions and calculating fractions of amounts. We made super use of our times tables knowledge to help us calculate throughout our Maths lessons. In English we have planned a newspaper report about Anne Frank to finalise our unit on journalistic writing and are looking forward to writing our final drafts of these articles. In Science we have been undertaking some experiments to investigate our taste buds and are looking forward to completing our research on this. In RE we have been thinking about the synagogue and the important features within the building and comparing that to our church. It has been really interesting to compare two religions and finding similarities and differences between both. We have put a lot of effort into rehearsing our Collective Worship this week and we're so pleased that so many of you were able to join us.

### Upper Key Stage 2 News

Well done Year 5 and 6 children for another very hard-working week. It's been National Storytelling Week this week and we've certainly enjoyed lots of opportunities to share stories in class and with younger children. We also enjoyed Number Day with lots of fun maths activities and an opportunity to raise money for the NSPCC. Thank you very much for your support with this.



Year 5 have been inspired by our novel (Oranges in No Man's Land) and written an emotional recount of the story so far. In maths, we investigated properties of triangles and found missing angles. We have been working scientifically this week to explore different ways to separate or mix materials into a solution. We then created our own graphs to show our findings.

In Year 6 English, we have practised our spellings including the suffixes -tial, -cial, tious and cious. We have also revised all grammar terminology which we are certainly now experts on! In reading comprehension lessons, we have very much enjoyed the e-book Blood. It's a wonderful non-fiction book all about the human body and we've enjoyed reading it as an English/science text. In maths lessons, we have multiplied fractions and then revised written methods for short and long multiplication of decimals. In history lessons, we have used De Bono's thinking hats to think about all of the different aspects of being a WW2 evacuee. We used these ideas to write a letter home, in role, as an evacuee. In science, we have continued to learn about our amazing bodies and how they work. We've focused this week on our circulatory system and the heart. Well done Year 6, yet another brilliant week of hard work!

### Holocaust Memorial Day-A Message from Mrs Pringle

Last week we marked Holocaust Memorial Day in school. We mark this every year as we feel strongly that it gives our children opportunities to discuss some of our school values such as respect, tolerance and empathy. I had lots of visitors to my classroom this week who came to show me extra research they had carried out at home about the Holocaust, fact files that they had made as well as examples of fantastically mature writing in the role of a Jewish child during WWII. It is always humbling when children are so engaged with a topic that they take it upon themselves to extend their learning of their own accord. I was so taken with some of the work that I have submitted an article to our local authority SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) who will publish some of the work in their April newsletter which is distributed to schools around Northumberland.

## Chinese and Vietnamese New Year Celebrations-A Message from Mrs Pringle



Next week we will be celebrating Chinese and Vietnamese New Year in school. We have exciting dance and language workshops planned for each year group as well as opportunities for cookery, craft and much more. School lunch on Wednesday will also be around the theme of China and Vietnam thanks to Ms Dunn and the team in our school kitchen. Make sure you follow us on Twitter to see what we get up to @cragsideprimary

## 500 Twitter Followers-A Message from Mr Dickinson



@Cragsideprimary has now reached 500 followers, we are thrilled that so many of you have decided to follow us and are able to see the amazing things we do at school. Thank you for all your continued support and photos that you tweet to us every week, we really appreciate it.

## Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – A Message from Mrs Parker



A reminder that Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 with the slogan “Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you” and it provides a fantastic opportunity for us all to engage with children about their digital lives. To help you get involved, we have attached a [family pledge card](#) which we ask you and your family to discuss and share via our school twitter account and using #SID2018. Thank you for all of your ongoing help.

## Shining Stars

Reception Discoverers: Keira Dickinson for being a super helper around the class. Well Done!

Reception Discoverers: Finley Duff for being kind and for some great listening on the carpet.

Reception Explorers: Charlie Thompson for working so hard on your letter formation – beautiful writing Charlie, well done!

Reception Explorers: Grace Tearle for being a shining example and a lovely friend – thank you!

Year 1SG: Sienna Tallen for always having a happy, helpful and hardworking attitude!

Year 1SG: Monty Lilburn for fantastic 3D shape knowledge, using the words ‘vertices’ and ‘edges’

Year 1LU: Jack Hart for super reading and writing and general enthusiasm for learning.

Year 1LU: Luke Barber for super 3D shape knowledge!

Year 2JP: Connie Renfree for really impressive work on telling the time to the quarter hour.

Year 2JP: Jamie Wilson for wonderful independent writing in English.

Year 2EA: Kayleigh Cochrane for always putting 100% into everything she does.

Year 2EA: Ruby Mason for fabulous use of coordination and subordination.

Year 3RC: Will Cairns for working hard to learn all his times tables.

Year 3RC: Eva Watters for exemplary behaviour and a great attitude at all times.

Year 3AD: Lyra Purdie for being a shining example in 3AD

Year 3AD: Luke Whitwell for his incredible fractions work in maths this week.

Year 4ER: Courtney Barnes for wonderful work on fronted adverbials.

Year 4ER: Lucy Perkins for a wonderful hard working attitude.

Year 4JHW: Ross Williams for excellent scientific ideas during our evaluation of the taste bud test

Year 4JHW: Zach Trett for working hard to improve his presentation in lessons.

Year 5JB: Jack Atkinson for superb effort in all lessons.

Year 5JB: Olivia Gibson for excellent work using brackets for parenthesis.

Year 5HC: Thomas Joyce for working scientifically when dissolving mixtures and creating his own graphs to record his findings.

Year 5HC: Eva Lucas for her hard work and development in finding angles and properties of triangles.

Year 6CB: Eren Paksoy for beautifully with Reception children during National Storytelling week.

Year 6CB: Evie Strang for making wonderful progress with spelling and reading.

Year 6RD: James English for a detailed and informative fact file about Buddhism in RE.

Year 6RD: Zack Stevenson for an excellent diagram and description of the circulatory system.

## Collective Worship-Year 4 and Year 3

Thank you to all the Year 4 families who were able to come to our family worship this week. Year 4 shared their learning about Judaism and told the story of Moses with drama, song and even an operatic style rendition linked to the story of pharaoh and Moses. Thank you, Year 4, for all the work that you put into this.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 3 families to our Year 3 Family Worship on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.

## Parents' Information Evenings

A reminder that our Parent Information Evenings are on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Information about how to book an appointment through our online system will be sent out by the office. We very much look forward to seeing you at one of these evenings. If you know that you are unavailable on these dates, please would it be possible to contact your child's teacher to make an alternative appointment.

## Weekly Competition: Which World Cup Country Is Mr Davison 'Visiting' This Week...?

Well done to all of the children who correctly identified that the World Cup country I 'visited' last week was **Germany**. The three winners chosen out of the hat were **Sofia Robinson, Oliver Barrett and Sienna Tallen** who all won three packets of Germany's own Haribo sweets.

To be in with a chance of winning this week, simply identify the country I 'visited' using these clues:

- \* On a map, this country looks like a boot kicking a ball.
- \* Famous people from this country include Christopher Columbus, Leonardo da Vinci, Gino D'Acampo and Gianluigi Buffon.
- \* This country is the home of pizza and pasta!

If your child can identify this country, please enter by providing the country and their name either by emailing me [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk), contacting us on twitter [@cragsideprimary](https://twitter.com/cragsideprimary) or by using the old-fashioned answer on a piece of paper to my classroom 6RD.

Three winners will be announced in next week's newsletter and will each receive chocolate, sweets or a snack made in this country. Good luck! Mr Davison



## Weekend Challenge

Thank you very much for all the pictures that are sent or emailed in for our weekend challenges. This weekend our challenges are:

- Next week is Safer Internet Day. Please send in a picture with your family together with the Safer Internet Day family pledge. Make a poster which gives information about keeping safe on the Internet.
- In anticipation of our Vietnamese New Year celebrations this week, please send in a picture of your child eating or making some Chinese or Vietnamese food. Alternatively create a dragon puppet or picture.
- Today is NSPCC number day. Please send in a picture of your child surrounded by as many numbers as possible.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend now that the nights are getting a little lighter each day.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher