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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

Thank you for the photographs that were sent into our school email address and Twitter account relating to the weekend challenges. These included:

- As part of the cupcake challenge, Ashton Burnett (3AD) used some seasonal blackberries to make a delicious cupcake. He also made a cake and some delicious biscuits. I wonder when Ashton will appear on the Bake Off?
- Yulia Yablonskikh (4JH) created a poster about the life and achievements of Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space.
- Oliver Lewis (3RC) and Charlotte Lewis (1SG) enjoyed baking and decorating some yummy cupcakes for national cupcake week.
- Oliver Harrison (1SG) helped make the family Sunday lunch by shelling pea pods in our autumn vegetable challenge.
- Jake Miah (4ER) prepared some turnip from his grandad’s allotment which his family all ate for tea as part of our challenge.
- Grayson Rogers (2JP) sent in a picture of what I first thought was a banana but turned out to be a banana slug he saw on his holiday. I don’t think it would have tasted as nice as a banana!
- As part of our on-going fitness challenge, Alisha Munroe (6CB) and Lucas Munroe (3RC) took part in the Druridge Bay fun run. Well done!

Macmillan Coffee Morning –Friday 29th September 2017-A Message from Mrs Cant

Cragside are planning to take part in the Macmillan Coffee morning. We would really appreciate any donations of cakes, which can be homemade or shop bought, to be brought in on the 29th September. Children are invited to bring a small donation to school to buy a cake. All money raised will be donated to Macmillan who do such fantastic work in supporting families.



School Admissions-Secondary School- September 2018

As we mentioned at the Year 6 family worship this week, parents and carers with children in Year 6 will need to apply for secondary school for September 2018. If you live in Northumberland, you need to apply through Northumberland County Council. The admissions portal can be found through the link on the Northumberland County Council website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively there is a paper copy which you can collect from our school or download from the admissions section on our school website www.cragside.northumberland.sch.uk.

If you live in North Tyneside, the application portal can be found at <http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions>. In previous years, Northumberland and North Tyneside have written directly to parents but this is not happening this year. The closing date for forms to be sent in is **31st October 2017**. Cramlington Learning Village have an information evening on **Wednesday 4th October at 6.30pm**. If you have any queries about the admissions process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Parker, Mrs Bilton or Mr Rusby and we will be only too happy to try and help. It is really important that the application is received by Northumberland or North Tyneside council by 31st October 2017 as the portal closes at midnight on 31st October.

Attendance Heroes-A Message from Mrs Parker

We have once again been delighted with how many children have been in school this week, Here, Ready, On Time. We continue to be impressed by how punctually the children are arriving into school and the prompt start which they are making with their learning. 312 of our children, this week, have been an Attendance Hero! I hope that you all enjoy wearing your Attendance Hero sticker.



Invention Shed

Thank you very much to everyone who contacted school with possible offers of help with our Invention Shed project. We are still trying to find potential sponsors in the local area, especially from engineering or construction companies to help with our technology 'Invention shed' which we are trying to create. If you know any companies who might be interested in helping sponsor an 'invention shed' for our school, please would you ask them to contact me at school or let me know their details so I can contact them. Thank you for your help with this.

Hoopstarz-A Message from Mr Beck and Mr Dickinson

Well done to all the children who have taken part in the Hoopstarz hula hooping workshops which took place during today. The hall has been filled with children enjoying hula hooping (unfortunately my own hula hooping skills left a lot to be desired!) Thank you to the Y6 sports leaders who supported our younger children.

Reception News-A Message from Miss Westgarth

Well done Reception, we are very proud of you on completing a very busy week at school. This week the Explorers have been busy searching for signs of autumn and making autumn crowns and the Discoverers have had a busy time meeting Cheeky Monkey and helping him to count using bananas!

Thank you to all the friends and parents who came along to our Early Reading, Writing and Number meeting this week. It was fantastic to see so many faces, share more about how to help children at home and lovely that the children could share their classroom with parents. Thank you to all who came. We look forward to sharing lots more of your children's learning with you in future.

Key Stage One News-A Message from Mrs Urwin

In Year 1 this week we have been finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We have used different resources to help us, such as bead strings, counting animals, number tracks, number squares and Numicon. In English we have enjoyed reading the eBook 'Who's Our New Teacher?' which is about a dragon who eats a teacher! We retold the story from the dragon's point of view and used time words to sequence the events. In Geography we used Google Maps to locate our school and the surrounding features. We then carried out some fieldwork which involved using the iPad to capture some of these key features. Next week we create a map of our school using these photographs.

In Year 2 this week the children have had creative fun making worry dolls, linked to the text Silly Billy which they have been reading in English. In Mathematics we have been dusting off our number bond knowledge, using known facts to derive facts for 100. In Art we have explored colour mixing using fine paintbrushes. The children loved evaluating the work of their peers and explained what they liked about their own artwork. We will use our artwork to illustrate The Great Fire of London.

News from Lower Key Stage 2-A Message from Mrs Cant

This week Year three and four have begun rehearsals for our harvest festival, which is on Friday 17th October at St. Nicholas Church at 11am. We have been impressed with the level of enthusiasm and the quality of the children's singing.

Year 3 have continued to learn about Tutankhamun in English. They have completed their second Wow write and have used some impressive adjectives in their writing. In Maths they have been focusing on times tables. All children are expected to learn their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of Year 3 and the children have been working hard to achieve this.

In Science we have been finding out about the nutritional needs of different animals, including humans and the children were able to use food labels to help them decide which foods contain the most nutrition.

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed learning the Djembe drum during music lessons with Mr. Harries-Wood and have enjoyed the challenge of using musical notation to help compose their own work. In our Topic and RE lessons we have investigated a Hindu Mandir and identified the common features of the building and are beginning to think about how Hindus worship in both the temple and at home. The children have shown enthusiasm and a great deal of interest in learning about another religion; asking insightful questions. We are looking forward to planning a visit to the Hindu Mandir in Newcastle where we'll get to see some of these features first hand.

News from Upper Key Stage 2-A Message from Mrs Bilton

This week Year 5 have continued to study Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo. The children had a lively debate about the dilemma faced by the boys in the story. The children also wrote letters home as the main character, David, describing their experience as an evacuee. In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing decimals and solving word problems using place value.

We have continued to study the Anglo Saxons and this week focused on jobs they would have had in their villages as well as looking at some of the names of places in England that have Anglo-Saxon names such as our very own Cramlington.

We have also been practising for our Family collective worship which takes place on **Thursday next week, 28th September at 9.00am**, which you are all very welcome to attend, we are all very excited for our assembly and hope to see you all there.

Year 6 have had a very busy week preparing for their first Family Collective Worship as the oldest children at Cragside. They put so much effort into learning their lines and all of the beautiful songs they enjoyed sharing with you. Mr Davison and I could not be more proud of how the children performed on Thursday morning. As well as rehearsals, the children have worked hard in all of their lessons. In English, we completed our study of the Eye of the Wolf. The children were delighted with the ending and will certainly share the story with you at home. In maths, we've covered mental and written methods for addition. As scientists, we have thought about living things with particular focus on micro-organisms. The children have learned about yeast and are beginning their investigation into decay in bread. Another exciting and busy week in Year 6!

Shining Stars

We have had a really busy week in school this week and all have our children have shone brilliantly. Please see the names below for those children whose efforts have been rewarded with a Certificate of Achievement this week.

Reception Discoverers: Freya Tucker for her super segmenting and sounding out.

Reception Discoverers: William Cook for always being cheery and helpful.

Reception Explorers: Ryleigh Armstrong for being smiley and happy every day and settling into Cragside.

Reception Explorers: Alice Watson for always trying her best and working so hard in everything she does. Well done!

Year 1SG: Tom Harbertson for finding one more and one less so quickly in Maths

Year 1SG: Monty Lilburn for always following our school rules and trying his best.

Year 1LU: Annalise Smith for adding and taking away 1 from a given number.

Year 1LU: Ava Addison for a super retelling of a story from the point of view of the dragon.

Year 2JP: Henley Snowdon for super number bond work in Maths.

Year 2JP: Libby Irving for always putting 100% into everything she does.

Year 2EA: Harry Giles for his wonderful attitude towards school and learning.

Year 2EA: Oliver Smith for a great recount of the story Operation Night Monster.

Year 3RC: Eva Watters for always working hard and having a great attitude towards school.

Year 3RC: Will Cairns for impressive mental calculation during maths lessons.

Year 3AD: Jasmine Wood for working really hard in her music lessons.

Year 3AD: Jack Sutton for trying hard to improve his maths.

Year 4ER: Oliver Reed for an amazing attitude to school

Year 4ER: Alfie Turner for always being ready to learn and trying his best.

Year 4JHW: Anna Kinghorn for her hard work and determination in maths this week.

Year 4JHW: Ella Kelk for always being motivated to work and being kind to others.

Year 5HC: Alex Furness for writing an emotional and thought provoking letter as an evacuee.

Year 5HC: Chloe Harris for always staying calm, focused and always doing acts of kindness.

Year 5JB: Cameron Urbanczyk for his positive and hardworking attitude to learning.

Year 5JB: Leland Cochrane for having a kind and caring attitude to other children in school.

Year 6CB: Eren Paksoy for giving his best to all we do.

Year 6CB: Lily Hall for excellent written work from our novel The Eye of the Wolf.

Year 6RD: Tian Tian Zhu for her fantastic attitude and use of the word melancholy in English.

Year 6RD: Shane Davies for always giving his best and shining during our maths lessons.

SUPERCLASS

All our children work towards SUPERCLASS awards. This week Mrs Archer's Class, 2EA, achieved SUPERCLASS. They have worked really hard and settled into Year 2 brilliantly and are having a party with games to celebrate

Weekly Attendance Scores

Congratulations to the classes with the highest attendance last week. They were:

Early Years both classes achieved 99% attendance

Key Stage 1 Mrs Archer's Class (2EA) achieved 99%

Key Stage 2 Mr Harries-Wood and Mrs Bilton's Classes (4JH and 6CB) both with 99% attendance.

Parking and Road Safety

Thank you very much for all your help with the challenges of reducing traffic congestion near school in the morning and at the end of the school day. A reminder that Westloch Road is designated by Northumberland Council as a road where only residents can park at the start between 8.30am-9.30am and 2.45-3.45pm. In addition to this there are restrictions on roads on either side of Westloch Road.

On the other side of school, Gainsborough Place has a traffic restriction which means that only residents can drive down Gainsborough Place at any time. The police, local officers and the Northumberland parking enforcement vehicle often patrol near schools. There is car parking available near the Nisa shopping area and areas away from the street closest to the school. Thank you very much for all your help with this.

Safety and E-Safety Week-A Message from Mrs Parker

Next week, our focus week in school will be thinking about Safety, included in this, we will be continuing to promote safe use of the internet and E-Safety. During the week, different year groups will participate in a range of activities including learning about E-Safety, Stranger Danger and Road Safety through a visit from Northumbria Police, there will be (as long as there are no emergencies!) a visit from our local Fire Officers, who will come and show off their fire engine to our youngest children and a session on Mindfulness for some of our older children in school. To support with this, you may find this a useful opportunity to discuss the Acceptable Use Agreement (which is in your child's School Planners) and visit our school website which has some links to useful websites which can provide additional information about on line safety outside of school.



Year 6 Family Worship

It was lovely to see so many families at our Year 6 Family Worship this week. The children talked about the endurance shown by the explorer Ernest Shackleton and all they are looking forward to as they start the year as our oldest children. Well done for all the responsibility areas which the Year 6 children will be leading. I have been really impressed at lunchtime by the way our new Young Sports Leaders are supporting our younger children with active and creative play. Well done Year 6.

Thank You

Thank you to Jack and Kyle Nicolaou's dad who brought in lots of sets of seed pots from Marks and Spencer. We are really grateful for the donation.

Pearl of Africa Choir, Drum and Dance Group UK Tour 2017

We are all looking forward to the arrival of The Pearl of Africa who will be visiting Cragside (all the way from Uganda) on **Tuesday 26th September** as part of their 2017 UK tour. The choir will spend time in each class during the day. The choir will bring some handmade jewellery and models to sell. If you would like your child to purchase something through the day, please would you send any monies in a small named envelope. Most items cost between £2 and £5 but there is absolutely no obligation at all to buy anything. A larger 'market' of handmade items will be available to purchase in the interval during the evening concert.



We are looking forward to the choir performing a concert of dance, drumming and singing in the evening from **6.30pm** (due to finish at 8.00pm). There are still some free **tickets** available to collect from our main Reception (01670 714200). Alternatively, we can email tickets if you email admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk. Please would you let neighbours and friends know so they have the opportunity to attend what I know will be a very uplifting evening. More information about the choir can be found at: www.pearlofafrica.org.uk. We really hope you are able to join us and make a real difference to the lives of some children in Uganda.

Weekend Challenges

Our weekend challenge this week is inspired by the Macmillan coffee morning and the arrival in school of the Pearl of Africa choir

- Send in a picture of your child making a cake or some biscuits for the Macmillan cake sale which is on Friday
- The Pearl of Africa always bring some handmade instruments. I wonder if any of our children can make some handmade drums, shakers or other instruments. Please send in a picture of the production process!
- The Sage, Gateshead are having an international food market all weekend. To celebrate this, please send in a picture of your child making something inspired by another country such as Mexican tortillas or Italian pasta.

The children have worked really hard throughout this week. I hope that you have a lovely weekend and the sun keeps shining!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby, Headteacher