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



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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Newsletter 5: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Weekend Challenge

Many thanks for all the pictures that were emailed to school linked to last weekend's challenges. These included:

- Jake M (Y5) made a cute hedgehog from a wild apple, twigs, pine cones and wild flowers.
- Monty L (Y2) and Jenson L (Reception) baked a birthday cake for daddy. They decided to make a carrot cake and thought the orange of the carrot and the brown pecan nuts, went well with an autumn theme. The cake looked amazing!
- Alfie C (Y3) sent in an autumnal picture made of bright orange leaves.
- Tom H (Y2) made some wonderful woodland creatures with twigs, feathers and lots of other items found in the woods.
- Ava A (Y2) created a wonderful picture using lots of items that she found walking around Wallington Hall.
- As part of our Macmillan challenge, Kayleigh C (Y3) raised £35 for Macmillan, at a charity event with her big sister.
- Matthew R and Katharine B (both Reception Explorers) had so much fun together at Saltwell Park playing in the autumn leaves and spotting squirrels collecting acorns. They used acorns and some twigs to make wonderful potato people!

### Messy Church-A Reminder from St Nicholas' Church Messy Church Team

A reminder that Messy Church is on this Saturday (**Saturday 6th October from 10:30 am**). Registration is from 10:20am. We are continuing our Bible Baddies theme with the story of Pharaoh and Moses. Messy Church is always lots of fun and a wonderful opportunity for children and families to enjoy some games, crafts, a light lunch and time together. All primary aged children and parents are very welcome. If you have not been before, you would be made extremely welcome and all the fun starts at the main entrance door to St Nicholas' Church.



The day after Messy Church is St Nicholas' Harvest celebration on Sunday 7th October at 10am. Families are very welcome to attend and any gifts of tins and packets of food for the Food Bank would be welcome.

### Harvest Festivals

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations which are at the following times:

- Reception- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am in school
- Year 1 and 2-Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am in St Nicholas' Church
- Year 3 and 4-Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am in St Nicholas' Church
- Year 5 and 6-Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm in St Nicholas' Church



We would really appreciate any donations of food which will be donated to local foodbanks. Please send these into school in the run up to the Harvest Festival. All donations should be sealed rather than fresh or frozen. Suggested donations include, cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned vegetables/fruit, lentils, beans, tinned meat or fish, UHT milk, jar and packet sauces, biscuits, crisps etc. Thank you for your support with this.

## Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to see so many families at our two Parents' Evenings this week. If you were unable to attend, please would it be possible to contact your child's form teacher to organise an alternative meeting time. Miss Rennison will be contacting her class to arrange times for her postponed evenings.

Parents'  
Evening!

## Open Morning and Evening-Cragside

Families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2019 are welcome to attend our Open Morning and Open Evening. Our Open Evening starts at **6.00pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** with a short talk followed by the opportunity to look around school. No booking is required for this and children are welcome to attend with families.

**OPEN  
EVENING**



Our Open Morning runs between **9.30am and 10.30am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. Again, this is for families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2019. To book a place on our Open Morning, families should email [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk) or telephone 01670 714200. If you know any families who might be interested in applying for a place, please would you mention the Open Evening and Open Morning to them and ask them to register interest in attending with the school office.



## Cragside 2 v 8 Ponteland -A report by Mr Davison and Mr Beck

Cragside began their league campaign with a home fixture against Ponteland A. Ponteland took an early lead with a goal after just three minutes. They then doubled the lead five minutes later after some nice play down their left. Despite this, Cragside kept working hard and were rewarded with a goal in the 15th minute when a lovely free kick by Josh S was finished first time by James N. Just before half time Ponteland regained their two goal advantage to make it 1-3 at half time.

Ponteland started the second half as fast as they did the first with an early goal after two minutes to make it 1-4. Not long after, James N scored his second of the game capitalising on a mistake in the Ponteland defence to make it 2-4. Cragside were unlucky a few minutes later when a shot hit the post and rebounded into the net to make it 2-5. Cragside's defence held out for ten minutes before a very good Ponteland side scored again. Cragside gave their all against a side containing 7 academy players and never stopped trying. Well done, boys-we were really proud of your resilience and hard work.

## South Northumberland County Team

Three boys from Cragside were invited to take part in the Under 11 County trials. Congratulations to Ben S, Kye P and Jake W (all in Year 6) who were invited to these very prestigious trials. All three boys performed extremely well and should be really proud of their achievements.



Special congratulations to Jake W who was selected to play for South East Northumberland County team. A great honour for Jake-well done! I am sure that Jake will be an excellent ambassador for Cragside during all the games that he plays at County level.

## SUPERCLASS

- A Message from Miss McVicar- **Congratulations to 3JM** who have been working very hard and settling extremely well into Year 3. As a class, the children have earned 1000 dojo points and are looking forward to enjoying SUPERCLASS this afternoon. They voted to have bikes and scooters, a football game alongside this and to bring a teddy in! Well done 3JM!
- A Message from Miss Westgarth and Mrs Pemberton-**Well done to Reception Explorers and Reception Discoverers** who have both worked so hard and achieved SUPERCLASS this week. They enjoyed a teddy bears picnic.

## Attendance

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

In Early Years- Reception Explorers (Mrs Pemberton's class) with 98%.

In Key Stage 1-1SG, 1EH and 2GH (Miss Grice's class, Miss Harris' class and Miss Higgins' class) all with a really excellent 99% each.

In Key Stage 2-5KH (Miss Hebdon's class) with an excellent 99%.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for all your support with our Macmillan coffee morning which we held last week. The final amount raised was a magnificent **£523.66**. Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful organisation.



## Reception News

A super week in Reception. All the children have been very busy with their learning! We have been thinking about Noah M's focus week around transport and James B's week around super heroes. As part of this we have been reading 'The Train Ride' in Literacy, playing super heroes in our role play areas and crafting bat caves and cars! Lots of fun! Reception also enjoyed visiting the forest to make autumn crowns and toast marshmallows and have loved busy times throwing and catching in the hall for PE! Reception children are working hard for their Harvest thanksgiving service which is on Monday the 15th of October at 9.15am in the main school hall. We look forward to seeing lots of family and friends then.



Thank you so much to all the parents who came along for Parents' Evening sessions. It was a fantastic opportunity to share the children's achievements. If you did not manage to make parents evening this week- please speak to a class teacher to arrange another convenient appointment. Thank you too for all the support from home with reading, homework, Mathematics and Active Learn. Keep it up! It is also great to see so many children coming in independently in the morning. We're proud of you all Reception children!

## Key Stage One News

This week in Year One the children have really showed off their writing skills! We started off our learning by spending time in the Forest School making an apple hedgehog. We made up a story about finding a poorly hedgehog with a beginning, middle and end, then planned our own 'lost animal' story. Yesterday we enjoyed a brilliant writing session to turn our plans into interesting stories using capital letters, full stops and the word 'and'. In Maths we have started thinking about number bonds and addition number sentences with numbers up to 20. The 'part-whole' model is really helping us to find lots of different ways to make up a whole number. We'll carry on with this next week! In our DT lesson we are planning on making a 3D map of the area around our school using only natural materials. This week we went out into the school grounds to find lots of different materials that could be used on our maps like leaves, bark and pebbles. In RE we thought about the type of fruits and vegetables that may be harvested in our country and other countries, and tasted mango, grapes, and raspberries. We compared apples grown in England to apples from Spain - the Spanish apples were definitely sweeter! Well done on another week of fabulous effort Year One!



This week Year 2 have been continuing work on addition and subtraction by working out 10 more and 10 less than any number, we have even been challenging ourselves to work out 20 more and less too! In English we have been writing up our fantasy underwater world stories, using all of the exciting vocabulary we have been working hard to collect. We have also begun to look at the features of non-fiction texts such as headings, diagrams, facts, and more. We explored the school library to try and find these features in the books. In Science this week we have been continuing our work on materials by testing which one would make the best scuba suit and also which would make the best parachute. We really enjoyed making the parachute men! We have also started learning our Harvest songs ready to share them with you in church on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all families who came to parents evening, it was lovely to be able to meet you all and share how your children have settled and shined so far this term!

## News from Lower Key Stage 2



This week Year 3 enjoyed performing their collective worship. It was great to share our Science learning about healthy eating and our RE learning about kindness. Well done to all the children for great singing, acting, speaking and dancing. Thank you for your support at home, helping children to learn lines and practice. In Maths we have started our unit on addition and subtraction. The children made numbers using base ten and then used them to represent different addition and subtraction calculations. In English we started a new book called Storm. The children have started learning about speech punctuation and have been able to identify it in the text.

Year 4 have been using intonation and drama to read spooky stories while gathering some fantastic creative vocabulary for their own story. In Maths, Year 4 have been showing their understanding in place value in many ways including ordering negative numbers. Our Science topic of Living Things made us think about our local area and how we can help so Year 4 have been on a local litter pick up. A huge thanks to Northumberland Council for lending us all the right equipment.

## Family Worship

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents at our Year 3 Family worship this week. Well done to Year 3 for their wonderful singing, acting, speaking and dancing. It was lovely to see their bright smiles as they sang and danced. Our children are practising for their Harvest festival services at the moment so our next Family worship will be with Year 4 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October starting at 9am.



## News from Upper Key Stage 2

Well done to all of our hard-working and very sensible Year 5 and 6 children. They've all made us so proud this week! The author who visited us on Wednesday, Catherine Doyle, described our children as the best behaved she'd ever spoken to. The children listened beautifully as she talked about what inspired her book and thoroughly enjoyed listening to her read extracts from *The Storm Keeper's Island*. Seven Stories have now challenged the children to finish the novel and write a brief review which they will display in their bookshop at Seven Stories. So please keep reading!



In Year 6, we've moved onto our poetry unit in English. Our work on the poems of Ted Hughes coincided perfectly with National Poetry Day on Thursday. We've also revised spelling rules for pluralised nouns. In maths, we've continued to work on written methods for division and applied our knowledge to a number of problem solving tasks. In science, we've looked at how plants and animals are classified and the life of Carl Linnaeus who invented the system of classification we use today. We've also continued with our Pilate's lessons and working on illusions in art.

Year 5 have had another busy week and have risen to the challenges set for them in their learning. In English, we have begun a new unit of work, looking at poems by Charles Causley and Michael Rosen. We have answered comprehension questions about poems, used clues from a poem to write a letter and written our own poems using rhyme and repetition. In Maths, we have continued our unit of work on addition and subtraction. We have estimated and rounded 5-digit numbers, used inverse operation to check answers and solved reasoning questions. In Topic, we have identified Anglo Saxon artefacts and culture, and in Science we have continued our study of forces. Well done Year 5!

## Gardening and Outdoor Learning

We are trying to expand our outdoor learning provision. If any families have any spare small spades, rakes or trowels that would be suitable for our children to use, please would you consider donating them to school so we can use them in our gardening activities? Thank you very much for your help with this.



We are also trying to find funding streams towards an outdoor learning classroom or yurt. If anyone has any information about possible funding streams to apply for this, please would it be possible to contact school. We are blessed with wonderful outdoor learning areas and we are really keen to further extend the use of these areas this year as the children love learning in them.

## Weekend House Point Challenge

Today is World Smile Day. To celebrate this and thinking of our Year 3 Family worship which looked at the story of the Good Samaritan, our weekend challenge has a happy and caring feel:

- Make a card for a special relative to make them smile.
- Make a cake, tasty treat or cupcake and share with a neighbour or relative to make them smile.
- Do something really helpful and kind at home such as helping with the washing up, tidying up or helping to make a family meal to make the grown-ups in the house smile.



Please send in photographs and information to our school admin email address: [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk) or to our Twitter page.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing all our children on Monday morning ready for another exciting week of learning at school.

Yours sincerely

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