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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenge

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

- Jacob K (Year 2) added some positive messages on stones he found on Roker beach which he has put in our main entrance for all to enjoy. Jacob also went on a long walk in the woods looking for signs of autumn.
- As part of our healthy challenges, Luke W (Year 4) sent in a picture of him playing football against Nottingham Forrest.
- Also being healthy, Leland C (Year 6) won a bronze medal in a judo competition at the Kettering international competition.
- Emilia B (Reception) really enjoyed making her own healthy snack with raspberries, carrots, banana, cucumber and apple. She also had a walk in the woods where she looked for colourful leaves and spotted a spider which climbed on her dad!
- Jake M (year 5) took an autumn walk on the beach at Whitley Bay and then made some healthy fruit kebabs.
- Katharine B (Reception) enjoyed a healthy stroll in East Cramlington Nature Reserve although they didn't find any bears on their adventure!
- Georgie A (Reception) enjoyed going on a healthy woodland nature walk.
- Congratulations to Daniel W, Jack W and Ben P (all Year 6) who received their Chief Scouts Silver Award, the highest award a Cub Scout can receive and their final award at Cubs as they move into Scouts. Lots of proud parents!
- Isabelle H (Year 2) sent in a picture of her making some flapjacks for the MacMillan coffee morning.

Messy Church-A Message from St Nicholas' Church Messy Church Team



Messy Church is on **Saturday 6th October from 10:30 am**, registration 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.

Parents' Evenings

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A reminder that Parents' Evenings are on Tuesday 2nd October and Wednesday 3rd October 2018. Both evenings start at 3.30pm and finish at 6pm. If you have not been able to log onto the online booking system, please speak with our school office team who will try to help you. If the dates are inconvenient, please contact your child's teacher so we can try to arrange an alternative date. All the meetings take place in your child's classroom. Please enter school through the main entrance. The meetings are for parents and carers but we understand that sometimes you might need to bring your child. If your child comes with you, please would it be possible for them to bring something to do whilst they are waiting such as a book or something to colour. We really look forward to seeing you.

Open Morning and Evening-Cragside

The Online Portal for admissions to Reception for a September 2019 start will open from the 1 November 2018 until 15 January 2019. We will be holding an Open Morning and Open Evening on **Wednesday 24th October 2018**. If you know parents who are looking for a Reception place for 2019, please would you let them know about these sessions which start at 9.30am and 6.00pm.

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 24th 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.



Our Open Morning runs between **9.30am and 10.30am on Wednesday 24th 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 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.

Flu Consent Forms

Nasal flu Vaccinations will take place in school on 28th November 2018 for those pupils in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 for whom we received completed forms. There was a leaflet sent home with information regarding the vaccine. The NHS wish to make parents in all schools aware of the fact that the vaccine contains porcine gelatine which is derived from pigs. For further information please go to:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccines/pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx>



SUPERCLASS

Each class in our school works towards the award of SUPERCLASS. We turn over each of the letters one at a time to celebrate something excellent that has happened until eventually all the letters of SUPERCLASS can be seen and then the class choose a special reward.

- A Message from Miss Hebdon-Well done to **Year 5KH** who have achieved their 'Superclass' this week. They have settled into Year 5 brilliantly; their hard-working attitudes and beautiful manners have stood out in particular. We hope they enjoy their well-deserved treat of bringing in bikes, scooters and games for the last session of Friday. Keep up the fantastic work, and continue to shine!
- A Message from Mr Beck-**Year 2JB** have achieved their first Superclass of the year. The children have made a magnificent start to the year and opted for toys, teddies and treats for their reward. Well done 2JB!

Play Time Snacks and Water



Just a quick reminder about play time snacks. Child are welcome to bring into school a health snack for morning break such as a piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar. Thank you for your help encouraging healthy snacking by avoiding sending items such as chocolate, sweets, crisps or other unhealthy snacks. As we have some children with nut allergies, please also avoid sending in nuts to school. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free fruit or snacking vegetables each day so it is not essential to send a snack in.

Thank you for ensuring that all children bring a water bottle into school with plain or lightly flavoured water. Thank you for supporting our school's environmental drive by avoiding single use plastic bottles. Named water bottles are really helpful so they are not mixed up with other children's bottles.

Attendance

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

In Early Years- Reception Explorers (Mrs Pemberton's class) with 97%.

In Key Stage 1-1SG and 2GH (Miss Grice's class and Miss Higgins' class) with 97% each

In Key Stage 2-4HC (Mrs Cowie's class) with an amazing 100%.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for all your support with our Macmillan coffee morning. We were overwhelmed with the generous donations of cakes which the children really enjoyed as we joined in with the Macmillan coffee morning. We will let you know how much we raised next week. Please don't let Mrs Rusby know how many pieces of cake I had today...all for a good cause!



Reception News

Reception have had so much fun this week! They have loved visiting the forest to look for signs of autumn and toasting marshmallows on the fire in our forest. They have also loved learning some French and trying brioche as part of International Day of Languages! Next week, we look forward to our first Focus week!



A huge well done to all the children who have read their school reading books at least four times a week and all those children for logging into Mathletics, Active learn and Language Nut (log in details on page 5 of the reading logs). So proud of all your enthusiasm for learning! Our Reception children are doing so well, settling brilliantly and really getting involved. Please could you begin to encourage your child to come in independently, in the mornings and hang their own coat and bag on their peg as the term progresses? It would be great if they could do that by the end of the half term! Thank you too, to parents for providing your child with a PE kit. Please would you take them home at the end of every half term to wash. We are so proud of all Reception's shining stars! Thank you parents for all your support.

Key Stage One News



This week Year One have been learning about ordinal numbers in Maths. We collected twigs and pine cones from our Forest School then labelled them with position cards. In English we made our own puppets to act out the story The Cat on the Mat, remembering the beginning, middle and end. In Science we practised another skill when working scientifically - categorising and sorting. We learned about the first zoos and sorted animals depending on their features. As part of Safety Week we learned about safe handwashing with Nurse Gilly, and enjoyed a visit from PC Paul about staying safe in our community! We've also started learning our Harvest Celebration songs - we can't wait to share them with you in church on October 16th!

Year 2 have had a fun and busy week for Safety Week! Our first visitor was PC Moorhead from Northumberland Police who taught the children about road safety, stranger danger, and what to do if they get lost when out and about. We enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service on fire safety – which also tied in nicely with our Great Fire of London Topic! We have also had a very sporty week, with lots of sports sessions including throwing and catching skills with Coach Nic. Later in the week we had an extra multi-skills session with the Year 6 Sports Leaders alongside our normal PE lessons. In English lessons this week we have been looking at a fantasy underwater world where all the creatures are items of clothing. We drew out the events of the story on a story map, and then looked in detail at the different creatures. We used expanded noun phrases to describe the creatures which practised our new skill of using commas to list adjectives, and then matched these to exciting verbs creating interesting sentences. In maths lessons we have been furthering our understanding of addition and subtraction with number families and related facts; using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us with addition to 100. Within our Great Fire of London topic we have been creating fiery London skylines with paint and black paper, and sequenced the events of the fire. We have also been using body percussion and singing songs about the Great Fire, adding actions and movements. Mr Beck's class had a pleasant walk in the forest looking for signs of autumn in nature; we even saw a hedgehog!

News from Lower Key Stage 2



This week Year Three have been rehearsing for our **Family Collective Worship which is on Thursday 4th October at 9am**. The children have been singing, dancing and acting. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. In English the children have been editing and improving their explanation texts on Tutankhamun. In maths we have been finishing our work on number and place value and completed an assessment on the work so far. In art the children went into the forest and collected leaves. They used these to create drawings in pencil and colour.

In Year Four this week we have been continuing our work on place value by using number problems that involve estimating values on a number line and comparing numbers to 10,000. In our English we have finished our class novel, 'Oliver and the Sea Wigs', using this to inspire beautiful sea poetry and re-tell our own adventure stories. We have had a fantastic time in science this week, hunting down invertebrates around our school and collecting them to bring back into the classroom and examine. The children have used classification keys to find out what invertebrate they collected.

Year 3 Family Worship



On Thursday the 4th October, Year 3 will be sharing their first family Collective Worship of the year. We would like to invite all of our families with children in Year 3 to join us for our Family Worship. We look forward to seeing you at 9am in the school hall. Year 4 Family Worship is on Thursday 25th October which is the day we break up for half term.

News from Upper Key Stage 2



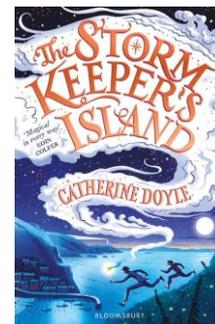
Year 6 had such an amazing time at Robinwood this week. The time flew by as the children enjoyed one exciting and challenging activity after another! Year 6 really showed how mature and confident they are as they organised themselves for two nights away from home. Miss Rennison, Mrs Harper, Mrs Nesbit, Mrs Forest and I were so impressed with the children; they really were an absolute pleasure to take away. Please make sure you check out our photographs on Twitter!



Year 5 have had an exceptionally busy week this week. We have enjoyed visits from both Northumbria police and Martin from Big Streets. Year 5 listened very well to our visiting police officer, who shared lots of tips about how to stay safe online with us. We really enjoyed looking at the area around our school and making suggestions for how to improve the aesthetics and safety of our area. In maths, we have started our reasoning work on formal methods for the four operations, beginning with addition and subtraction. In English we have loved learning more about the author of Friend or Foe: Michael Morpurgo. It was interesting to watch his interviews about the inspiration behind his stories. Year 5 have stepped up to the responsibility of being the eldest in the school this week. What super role models you have been in the absence of Year 6 - well done!

Exciting Author Visit for Year 5 and 6

We are really blessed at Cragside to have excellent relationships with national book companies and through this have the opportunity of national and internationally renowned authors coming into school to inspire our children. Next Wednesday (3rd October), Year 5 and 6 will welcome the author Catherine Doyle to Cragside. She's coming to talk about her new book *The Storm Keeper's Island*. Catherine was inspired to write it, by her ancestral home of Arranmore Island and the adventures of her many seafaring ancestors. We will hear all about how stories of real life and Irish legends helped Catherine to create the world of her latest book. Catherine will talk to the children and sign copies of her book for any children who would like to buy one. Thank you so much for your support with this exciting visit.



Hoopstarz Letter

It was lovely to receive a letter from the Hoopstarz team who were in school last week. The letter said: ***"We would like to thank you for hosting another fantastic Hoopstarz day in your school. We are increasingly amazed every year by the children's skills with the hoops; it is obvious to us that they use them regularly in PE lessons and at break times. Please pass on our compliments to your children on their behaviour which was again, exemplary"*** It is always really lovely to receive glowing reports of high achievement and excellent behaviour. Well done to all our children for all their hard work with the Hoopstarz lessons.



Safety Week

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Many thanks to our local police and fire service offices who came into school this week to speak to our children about keeping safe in the community and online and about fire safety. We are so grateful for all their help. It was lovely to receive a message from PCSO Paul Moorhead who came into school and mentioned that our ***"children were polite, well behaved and asked sensible questions."*** Well done children, it is lovely to hear such a positive message from our visitor.

Weekend House Point Challenge

Our weekend challenge this week is inspired by today's Macmillan cake sale and the autumnal change from September to October.

- Bake and decorate some cupcakes with some autumn colours. Please send in a picture of your child making them and possibly sharing with a family member who might appreciate a lovely treat.
- Take an apple or potato into the local woods and use twigs, acorns and other items to transform the apple or potato into a hedgehog or other creature. We look forward to seeing your creative designs.
- Make a picture using some of the autumnal leaves, pinecones, conkers and twigs that you find on the ground.

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



Thank you, again, for your support of the Macmillan coffee morning today. They are such a wonderful organisation who provide excellent help to families. We look forward to seeing you at our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby
Headteacher