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



**Challenge Award**  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROVISION FOR  
ABLE, GIFTED & TALENTED PUPILS  
JANUARY 2016



Dear Parent/Carer,

## Newsletter 23: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Half Term Challenges

Thank you for all the photographs that were sent in for our weekend challenge. These included

- Jake M (5KH) collected some pebbles on Blyth beach on Sunday, and also made some chocolate muffins using Fairtrade chocolate, cocoa powder and sugar.
- Georgia U (4JHW) enjoyed an afternoon at the beach, making sandcastles and picking stones to decorate for World Book Day.
- Anya W (Explorers) collected stones from the beach and painted them with positive messages. Mum and Anya are going to go out and about on Saturday to leave the painted stones for people to find.
- For our Shrove Tuesday challenge, Matthew R (Explorers) made pancakes with mum and dad.

### Messy Church-Saturday



All are invited to Messy Church at St Nicholas' Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am. The theme is "What is Lent?" and I know one of the activities involves making pretzels which are always great fun to make. If you want any further information, please contact the Messy Church team at [messychurch.saintricholas@gmail.com](mailto:messychurch.saintricholas@gmail.com). All are really welcome to come!

### World Book Day- A message from Mrs Bilton and Mrs Pemberton

WOW! The children all looked amazing yesterday for World Book Day. Please check the pictures on Twitter of all of the costumes and activities the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in. It was a very exciting day which included lots of reading and sharing of our love of books. Each child also brought home a book token which they can exchange for a World Book Day £1 book, or put towards a book of their choice. So please, keeeeeeep reading!

Many thanks to parents and grandparents for all the many stones and pebbles for our World Book Day celebrations. A special thank you in particular to parents and grandparents who emptied their gardens! Children have been decorating their pebbles and we will be sending them home to distribute during the Easter holidays. #readingrockscragsideprimary



### STEM Week



We are really excited about our STEM week which takes place next week. We have so many scientists, engineers and even an Arctic explorer who are coming to school to inspire our children about engineering and science. Thank you very much to parents, grandparents and friends of the school who are coming to support this week. It would be wonderful if children could look at any science or engineering activities that they can do at home and tweet some pictures into school. Thank you very much to Mr Flynnwood for co-ordinating all our STEM week.

## Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse-A Message from Mrs Gillooly

We would love you and your family to join our school team at the 37<sup>th</sup> Children's Cancer Run held at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park. Parents and grandparents are invited to bring and supervise their children during this exciting morning which is such a popular event for children and adults to run together in.



The Children's Cancer Run is a cross-country family fun run with one, three and five mile routes to choose from. The event is organised by the North of England Children's Cancer Research charity and is supported by Greggs. We are very excited to be supporting this event and would like to invite you to join us for what promises to be a fun filled family day out. All participants receive a 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal and Gregg's picnic on the day, and all children receive a limited edition t-shirt. Metro Radio will also be there to entertain everyone with music and competitions.

Please complete an on-line entry form to join our team:

1. Log on to [www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk](http://www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk)
2. Select 'Sign me up'
3. Complete your entry form, selecting our school name from the drop down list
4. Click **proceed to payment** to complete the registration for you and your family

Special 'Early Bird' entry fees are available until 31<sup>st</sup> March which are: 16 years and under £6, adult entry £13 and family entry (2 adults and up to 3 children) £35. From 1<sup>st</sup> April standard rates apply under 16 £8, adult £15 and family £40.

Please note that the three and five mile courses are suitable for children over 7. **All children must be supervised by an adult** (parents can accompany their children on the Mini Mile without registering but please register if you would like to receive a medal and picnic).

We would encourage you to do what you can in order to raise sponsorship as all of the funds raised will be used to fund the research team at Newcastle who are working to find better treatments and cures for childhood cancer. Every penny raised will make a difference, helping more children beat cancer. Please raise funds using either the paper sponsor forms that will be provided in your run pack, or the on-line fundraising page created when you register on-line. You will receive your 'On the Day guide', run numbers and start time through the post and your children's t-shirts will be sent home with your child the week before the run. If you have any questions in the meantime please get in touch by email [childrenscancerrun@neccr.org.uk](mailto:childrenscancerrun@neccr.org.uk) or contact Mrs Gillooly in the school office.

## Under 11 Football Match-Cragside 6 - 2 Central-A Message from Mr Beck



After the winter break, Cragside started their new league campaign with a win yesterday afternoon at home to Central Primary School. The boys were in command of the game from the beginning and were ahead after 10 minutes when Jake W scored a screamer from 25 yards over the goalkeepers head and into the corner. The lead was doubled soon after by Lewis N who bagged two goals very quickly to give Cragside a 3 - 0 lead.

Central managed to score 2 goals early in the second half to bring the game to 3-2 and almost equalised but Ben S made some terrific saves to keep the visitors at bay. Shea H made his first appearance for a few games and played magnificently in central midfield managing to score a second half hat-trick to put the game beyond any doubt. Well done to everyone, you all played wonderfully well on such a cold and windy afternoon!

## Instrumental Tuition-A Message from Miss Westgarth

All our musicians are working hard in their lessons this week. The Drummers have enjoyed working on Jabba, jabba, jembe, our Violinists continue to learn Star Wars songs and practising their scales. Our Ukulelists are practising Early Morning Dew and Sponge Bob, Square Pants. A couple of parents this week have enquired about the purchase of Musical instruments. If any parent is wanting to purchase an instrument for their child, please approach Dennis Todd the Music store in Bedlington who do part exchanges, rental and repayment schemes- and are always very happy to help. Well done instrumentalists! Keep working hard!

## School Admissions



Parents who have applied for a Reception place for 2019 will find out about places later this term in April. If you know families who are moving into the area and are looking at places in a primary school, please would you ask them to contact us so we can show them around our school.

## Year 2 Family Worship

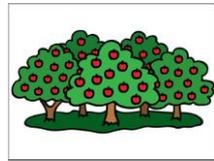
We look forward to welcoming our Year 2 families on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for our Year 2 Family Worship which starts at 9am.

Family Worship



## Cragside Orchard

We have had a number of fruit trees delivered to our school this week as part of our woodland work. The children are looking forward to planting them as we establish our own Cragside orchard area. I wonder when we will be able to harvest some fruit? Please see our Weekend challenge to win your own fruit free.



## A Message from the Reception Team



It has been another very busy week. This week has been Max and Josh R's Focus Week and we have loved reading the story of 'Not Now Bernard' in Literacy, as Josh loves learning about Monsters! The Reception children have also loved listening to stories such as 'Monster's Inc.' and 'Where the Wild things are'. Max and Josh have also loved helping us all enjoy baking and crafting and Max loved sharing his impressive dancing skills on the stage to the whole of Reception in his PE lesson.

Both boys, alongside their friends in Reception loved making monsters from natural materials in the forest as well as baking chocolate bananas by the fire pit! In Numeracy this week we have been thinking about o' clock time, days of the week, months of the year and seasons. In PE, both classes have loved 'Write Dance' where they make marks in response to music they have danced to, to support their fine motor skills and writing.

We loved World book day- thank you parents for all the fantastic costumes. Reception children are painting their reading rocks. Please look out for them around Northumberland, take a picture of where you have found one and tweet us @CragsidePrimary with the #readingrockscragsideprimary. A big well done to all of the children for their efforts. Please remember to keep returning completed homework every Tuesday and using Mathletics as much as possible. Mathletics is definitely up, running and waiting to be used! Thank you.

## A Message from the Key Stage 1 Team



This week Year 1 have completed lots of fabulous writing based on The Snail and The Whale! We have written newspaper reports telling about the whale being beached, and postcards from the snail about her adventures. We used lots of lovely description, and remembered to use -ed to make our writing past tense. In Maths we have been focusing on tens and ones in two-digit numbers. Check out our amazing number pictures on Twitter! We've also started lots of practise of counting in 2s. We loved being dressed as our favourite characters for World Book Day. We listened to the story Billy Jupiter and designed our own front covers for the story. They were very impressive - we definitely have some budding illustrators in Year 1!

Year 2 have had a wonderful week, thank you for the rocks for World Book Day and all the extras that were sent in for those who hadn't brought theirs. The children looked amazing in their costumes, we hope you enjoyed some of the photos on twitter. In Maths this week we have finished our fractions unit with the children finding  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  amongst other tricky fractions of numbers up to 30. We have been very impressed with the children's knowledge. In English Year 2 have been working hard on a non-fiction text about chocolate, which I'm sure you can imagine they've been very enthusiastic about. We completed a flow chart to describe the process of making chocolate from the Cocoa tree all the way to the factory. The children have also been working very hard on their family worship which takes place this Thursday 14th March at 9.00am We hope you can make it!

## A Message from the Year 3 and 4 Team



This week Year 3 have been finishing our short stories to send to the competition held by BBC Radio 2. The children have been very creative and have all had different, brilliant ideas. There have been stories about unicorns, space, snakes, comics, milkshakes, footballers and lots of other excellent ideas. Good luck everyone! After this, we started our next unit in English called the Dragonslayer. We have been looking at the story of Saint George and the Dragon to understand features of a legend. In maths we have been concentrating on measuring and converting between metres, centimetres and millimetres. The children have thoroughly enjoyed measuring each other! In Topic, we have been planning a Climate forecast to discuss the climate in different rainforests. We will be filming these in front of a green screen like a real weather person! In French, we have been learning how to say various animals. The children have learnt rabbit, dog, mouse, tortoise and many more! In Art we have been painting our sculptures of insects, they look fantastic! Well done Year 3 for a very busy, fun-filled week!

Year 4 have been continuing their English unit around the Spiderwick Chronicles. The children have been making up their own excuses for the mess created in Jarred's kitchen (the only time we have encourage them to be creative with the truth). In the power of reading we have been exploring a boy and a bear in a boat. It is an excellent story and the class have used it to inspire some poetry about the sea at night time. In Maths this week we have continued our work on fractions, particularly finding fractions of different amounts. The children have worked really hard at this and shown some excellent progress. As it has been the latter half of Fairtrade Fortnight, Year 4 have all researched different aspects of Fairtrade and created posters and presentations to deliver to the rest of the class and their adults at a fair trade coffee afternoon. It was lovely to see the children working collaboratively, and present their research in such a colourful and professional manner (whilst enjoying some fair trade treats at the same time).

## A Message from the Year 5 and 6 Team



Well done Year 5 and 6 for another hard-working week! We've continued to focus on Fairtrade this week, and enjoyed another exciting World Book Day- please see our twitter page for the amazing and artistic #readingrocks masterpieces. Well done also to all of our Year 5 and 6 children for all their practice at home on times table Rockstars and Mymaths, and asking family members to quiz them!

In English, Year 6 have revised a range of work in spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons. We've also studied the novels Street Child and Goodnight Mister Tom, well done for the incredibly mature, careful work you have produced from your reading. In maths, the children have completed all of their mock SATs papers which we are now using to help us plan our maths lessons for the coming week. We have also studied algebra and solved, and written, a range of algebraic problems. In science, we have learned about the role of chromosomes and DNA in how we inherit the characteristics which make us all unique. In art, we have recreated a variety of scenes from the novels we are reading in water colours.

In English this week, Year 5 have thoroughly impressed us with the depth of the understanding of the text, Varjak Paw. Year 5 have written both from the main characters perspective as well as in third person to describe the moment Varjak steps into the outside world for the first time. We have also shown how we can read beyond the author's literal writing to find the deeper meaning of a characters feeling or action: Our character analysis of Holly showed the brilliant understanding we had of a complex character. In maths, we have used our knowledge of multiplication and division to solve some fractions of amounts problems. In Art we have been learning about the french artist Henri Rousseau. We studied some of his most famous artwork and will begin to recreate some of his bold jungle pieces next week. In Topic, we have started our Magnificent Mountains subject. We read an intense diary entry from an Everest explorer and found clues within his diary to draw conclusions about the features of a mountain.

### Red Nose Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. Children are invited to come to school in non uniform on Friday and to make a voluntary contribution to Comic Relief which we will send off to the Comic Relief appeal.



### Weekend Challenge

Next week is our STEM week so our challenges have a science and engineering focus:

- A Woodland challenge from Mr Flynnwood- to win fruit trees. This weekend we would love to see your family enjoying the woodlands/nature. Tweet in photos of walks, den building, extreme nature reading, cycling, fairy hunting or anything else in our wonderful woodland. You will be entered into a raffle to win a fruit tree planting pack on Monday. There are 10 prizes.
- As we look ahead to STEM week, please send in any photographs of any science experiments or any engineering projects that the children do at home this weekend.
- There is a lot of science and maths involved in baking. Accurately measure the ingredients for a cake and then try to decorate it with something linked to science, engineering or maths.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend-hopefully the weather will be kind to us all!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher

### Cragside Church of England Primary School: Spring Term (Two) 2019 Calendar for Families

Date	Information
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Cragside STEM Activity week (STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) STEM activities and workshops throughout the week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Family worship 9am-all Y2 families welcome
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day-non uniform day for Comic Relief</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter egg competition starts (Reception-Year 6)
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter services at St Nicholas' church 9.30am-Reception/KS1; 11.00am-Year3/4; 1.30pm-Year 5/6</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter egg competition-judging and eggs returned home
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>3.10pm Break up for Easter Holiday</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Bank Holiday Monday
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to school-Start of Summer Term 2019</b>

(A full list of dates can be found in the Google calendar section of the school website)