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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 18-26th January 2018

Weekend Challenges

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

- Kaydon Brunskill (1SG) sent in a picture of a healthy family walk to Wallington Hall in the snow followed off by a hot chocolate to warm up with.
- For our healthy cooking challenge, Jake Miah (4ER) and his grandma made some warming leek and potato soup, using leeks freshly picked from the allotment
- Oliver Barrett (3AD) enjoyed lots of healthy activities including karate, climbing at clip and climb and sledging!
- Lewis Snow (Reception Discoverers) enjoyed a healthy walk in the snow with his dog and 'Pierre the Bear' from school
- Eva Kirkley (Reception Explorers) sent in some pictures of her helping her dad make a scrumptious chicken pie for lunch and then building a snowman with all the energy from eating the pie!
- Bailey Hogg (3RC) enjoyed a healthy family walk around Cramlington in the snow with lots of fun snow activities along the way!
- As part of the healthy food challenge, Oliver Harrison (1SG) sent in a picture of him peeling carrots with his grandma for Sunday lunch and using the extra carrots for some soup!

Messy Craft Church at Cragside-Wednesday 31st January 2018

We are very excited to hold our first ever Messy Craft Church in school next week. Families are invited to attend our first Messy Craft Church on Wednesday 31st January 2018. Mums, dads, grandparents and little brothers and sisters are all welcome to come to school for the session which starts at 3.10pm and will finish at 4.00pm. The session will be led by Rev Wullie from St Nicholas' church and will include lots of activities for children to sing and use their craft skills. We would love it if you and your child could join us for this. If you would like to come, please either complete the slip at the end of the newsletter or email admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk with information about the name of your child and how many adults or other children will also be attending. We will take the children to the shared area for the session and adults are welcome to come into the school through the main entrance and we will take you to the shared area.



NSPCC Number Day-2nd February 2018-A Reminder from Mrs Cant



On Friday 2nd February we will be taking part in Number Day to raise money for the NSPCC. On this day, the children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a voluntary donation to NSPCC. The children are invited to wear maths-themed clothes if they wish e.g. a shirt with a number on. During the day the children will participate in a range of practical, fun maths challenges and activities. Thank you for your support with this event.

Attendance

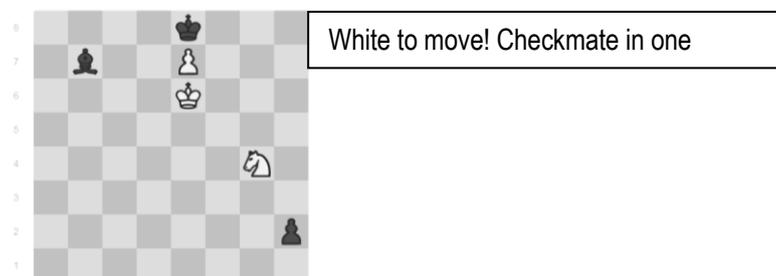
Another really high attendance week...well done to our attendance heroes! The classes with the highest attendance last week were:

Early Years-Mrs Pemberton's Class-Reception Explorers with a wonderful 99%
KS1-Miss Grice's Class 1SG with a really high 99%
KS2-Miss Rennison's Class 4ER and Mr Davison's Class 6RD, both with a fantastic 100%!
4ER have had 100% attendance for two weeks in a row now-well done 4ER!



Chess Puzzle-A Challenge from Mr Harries-Wood

Well done to the children who brought in the correct answer to me last week (Rook to 6H). Here is this week's Puzzle!



Reception News



A super week in Reception. We have been very busy counting, sequencing numbers and finding one more and one less than. Thanks again to all the Tapestry observations that have been added by children and parents from home. We love to see and share them.

Freya Tucker and Elle Hodgson requested to learn about 'cats' and 'dogs' as part of their focus weeks-we have all enjoyed learning about cats and dogs this week! In Literacy this week we have been reading the fiction stories 'Our Very Own Dog' and 'Augustus and his smile', finding facts and writing them into our own non-fiction books. Freya and Elle have also been busy baking and having special time in the Library with the Year six children. Please remember to keep reading with your child- sharing school reading books or Ditty sheets at least four times weekly. Thank you for your continued support.

Key Stage 1 News



Year 1 took a trip back in time yesterday to just over 200 years ago and enjoyed finding out all about George Stephenson. Our special guests from the George Stephenson Museum shared facts about George's life using an interactive timeline. As the facts were shared and as questions were asked, the children were used to help 'build' The Rocket! The children learned that as a young lad George had a number of jobs, including going down the pit to mine at the age of just ten. He always wanted to know

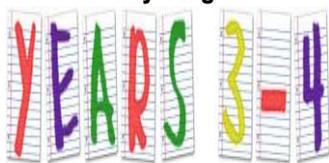
about engines so he went to a night school to learn how to read, since George did not go to school. George eventually built his first locomotive in 1814 and then in 1828 he entered a competition to build the best engine. Stephenson's Rocket beat four other entrants on the grounds of weight, speed, power and reliability. Why not find out more about George Stephenson this weekend, or even take a trip to the Stephenson's Museum. In Art this week the children have enjoyed studying and sketching natural materials. We looked closely at the finer details of shells, conkers, rocks and pine cones using magnifying glasses. In Maths we have been adding a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number and we have been solving simple problems involving addition. Why not count objects around your house, such as shoes, socks, food objects, etc. Solve problems such as, 'If I have 2 fish fingers on my plate, how many more will I need to make 4?' In English we have been retelling the story of Red Riding Hood, using adjectives to describe the characters.

Year 2 have been busy bees again this week and have already made super progress this half term due to their hard work and positive attitudes. In English we explored how fairy tales can be 'twisted' to tell the tale from a different perspective or by changing the setting. Their Wow writing this week really was very Wow! The children changed the setting of Little Red Riding Hood and came up with some fabulous adjectives to describe the new setting. They also experimented with using inverted commas for speech. We were very impressed! In Maths we have been looking at the link between multiplication and repeated addition. We explored real life objects such as fingers, toes, eyes and ears and used them to write multiplication number sentences. In Art we have been using pastels to draw flowers from observation but continuing on our 'twist' theme we changed the colours to emulate the style of Picasso. In History we continued to learn about explorers including Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. In Computing we logged on to School 360 and explored creating pictograms on Purple Mash. The children have a log in for this on page 5 of their planner if you'd like to see what they can do!

SUPERCLASS

Congratulations to 2JP who earned Superclass this week and voted for a movie in our pyjamas with hot chocolate and popcorn. Some children wanted outdoor activities so did this after enjoying their hot chocolate.

Lower Key Stage 2 News



In year 3 this week the children have been working scientifically to investigate mirrors and reflection. We completed a range of challenges such as writing a 'secret' backwards message to a friend & walking through a maze only using a mirror to help us understand how mirrors work.

In Maths we have been learning about multiples. The children rehearsed their 4 and 8 times tables and then learned how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by 4 and 8 using doubling. In English the children have been revising speech punctuation. We imagined a conversation between two characters in the story Gorilla. We have also been working on paragraphs. We grouped facts about different countries into paragraphs.

In Year 4 this week we have been rehearsing our knowledge of the 7 times table and using the expanded written method of multiplication. We have also been solving word problems involving multiplication.

In English we have been learning about newspaper reports and the types of language a journalist would use to make an article interesting and eye catching. In WOW we wrote a diary entry in role as Anne Frank on Holocaust Memorial Day which we found really interesting and insightful. We asked a lot of amazing questions to further our understanding of the Holocaust.

In Science we have been thinking about our teeth and their functions and thinking about how the digestive system starts at the mouth and the important jobs our different teeth do to prepare the food to be digested.

Upper Key Stage 2 News



Firstly, we'd like to say a massive thank you for all your help with the Year 5 Family Collective Worship. It was great to see so many of you in the audience and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. I'm sure you'll agree the children put on a wonderful performance and have shown us all how mature they are becoming as they head towards Year 6.

Year 5 have had a busy week with the family worship and lessons. In Maths this week the children have been working through factors of 2 digit numbers as well as using little tricks which identifies which 3 and 4 digit numbers divide by 3,4,5,9 and 10. In English they have been working through comprehension work as well as writing their own ending to our class novel Oranges in No-man's Land. The children used a range of writing tools including similes, relative clauses and adverbials to engage their reader in the story and have been very imaginative with their story endings.

Year 6 have had another hard-working week showing plenty of determination and resilience! In English, we have been reading stories from the eBook 'Fantastic, Funny, Frightening'. Based on these stories, we have thought about the author's intent and the motives and dilemmas faced by the characters. We have also revised writing sentences in the active and passive voice. In Maths, children have been learning different methods to multiply decimal numbers and have also been multiplying fractions. In Topic, we have continued our study of World War II and learnt about The Holocaust on Holocaust Memorial Day. We were really impressed with the maturity and understanding shown by the children during these lessons. In Science, we have continued to learn about the human body and how the different functions of the body work. Finally, in Art we have been drawing plants in colour. Well done, Year 6!

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February 2018 – Create, Connect and Share Respect

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year in over a hundred countries to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. Internet safety is an on-going dialogue with children in school and we share many messages with children about staying safe on line. Having on-going, honest conversations with children, both at home and school helps us all to keep our children safe whilst they are on-line. To support with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have provided a range of conversations starters, which we have attached to this newsletter, which you may find useful to use. You will also find a lot more information in the Parent/Carer tab on the website: www.saferinternet.org.uk



Shining Stars

Please see the names of the children below who have received a Certificate of Achievement today: It has been a joy to see such a range of hard work happening in classes and to see our children shining bright as good friends this week.

Reception Discoverers: Elliot Bell for working really hard with his cursive letter formation. Great!
Reception Discoverers: Alfie Smith for some fantastic tidying up around the classroom. Thank you Alfie.
Reception Explorers: Dylan Roberts for super counting and number formation to 30 – well done!
Reception Explorers: Ruby Stewart for her kindness and for being a lovely friend - thank you Ruby!
Year 1SG: Mya Graham for working so hard in Maths when adding 2-digit and 1-digit numbers.
Year 1SG: Jack Wright for always sharing his interesting ideas in our class discussions.
Year 1LU: Iris Hunter for always being a shining example!
Year 1LU: Jacob Keedy for super progress in writing!
Year 2JP: Ava Collins for making an absolutely fabulous start at Cragside.
Year 2JP: Lilly Turner for concentrating really hard on her handwriting.
Year 2EA: Beatriz Mendes for a super wow write with excellent speech and inverted commas.
Year 2EA: Bret Turnbull for being extremely hard working and trying his very best.
Year 3RC: Oliver Lewis for a great attitude in all lessons and always giving his work 100% effort.
Year 3RC: Jodie Turnbull for being a shining example and always following school rules.
Year 3AD: Lily Flynn for always being a helpful, happy and kind member of 3AD
Year 3AD: David Newton for creating a beautiful butterfly in our art lesson.
Year 4ER: James Notley for superb understanding of written multiplication.
Year 4ER: Fern Coombs for working hard in all lessons.
Year 4JHW: Ella Kelk for a wonderfully descriptive and magical snowy scene setting.
Year 4JHW: Leon Branley for his honesty and integrity.
Year 5JB: Matthew Gillooly for excellent work with factors and multiplication.
Year 5JB: Joshua Donnelly for an exciting and detailed recount of Oranges in No-man's Land.
Year 5HC: Skye Mouzon for keeping focussed and completing tasks, thoughtfully.
Year 5HC: Ben Savage for showing his maturity this week.
Year 6CB: Evie Edwards for being a shining example in all she does.
Year 6CB: Ben Bishop for working very well in our grammar and punctuation lessons.
Year 6RD: Chloe Stewart for the superb 3 page report about The Holocaust that she made at home.
Year 6RD: Kaitlyn Smith for always giving her best to all aspects of school and setting a perfect example to others.

Under 11 Football Results-A Message from Mr Beck and Mr Dickinson

Cragside 1-2 Ponteland

On Monday Cragside made the trip to Ponteland to play against Ponteland Middle School and Richard Coates Middle School in back to back league fixtures. The first match they played was against Ponteland. The team were eager to get back to matches after their winter break and started off very well. They passed the ball confidently around the midfield and defence. Cragside broke the deadlock when Jake Wall flew down the right wing and knocked the ball into the box where Jayden Broadbent had taken up position. Jayden smashed the ball hard and low into the corner of the net. Unfortunately for Cragside, Ponteland managed to respond and scored two late goals to steal a 2-1 win.

Cragside 0 – 1 Richard Coates

Cragside, not deterred by their misfortune in the opening fixture, took the game to Richard Coates and were on the attack from the beginning. They managed to create a couple of chances with Marley Urwin and Dan Smith creating opportunities from midfield. Both teams had their chances with Cragside's 'keeper Ben Metcalf proving very difficult to beat. The team were unfortunate in their second game; they got caught on the break after losing possession in a promising position in the opposition penalty box. Richard Coates managed race up the other end of the pitch to score with the very last kick of the ball to claim the 3 points.

Collective Worship-Year 5 and Year 4

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 5 families at our Family worship this week. The children showed great maturity and cultural understanding as they shared their recent learning which focused on countries around the world. We enjoyed listening to the children speaking in Vietnamese and the uplifting signing from all the children. Well done, Year 5, we were all very proud of you!

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 4 families to our Year 4 Family Worship on Thursday 1st February at 9am.

Thinking of Others-A Message from Mrs Pringle

Connie Renfree in 2JP would like to get involved in the Trauma Teddies scheme for Northumbria Police. The Police carry teddies in their patrol cars to give to children involved in incidents such as traffic collisions, house fires or domestic incidents. We are very proud of the compassion that Connie has demonstrated in doing this. She would like to invite any other children who would like to help to do so. Smaller teddies are preferable. They can be new or pre-loved but need to be in good condition. If you are a knitter and would like to knit a teddy, a pattern can be found on the Northumbria Police website. Teddies can be brought to Mrs Pringle's class which will then be passed to Bedlington Police Station. There is no deadline for donations. Well done Connie for encouraging this wonderful idea.



Greggs Run 2018 -Reminder

We have attached a letter from Mrs Gillooly with information about how to enter the Gregg's Children's Cancer Run 2018 which takes place on Sunday 20 May 2018 between 9.30am and 1pm at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park.

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 **Sweden**. The five winners chosen out of the hat were **Ben Payne, Bryn Reed, Jasmine Wood, Savannah Flynn and Lily Flynn** who all won a Swedish Daim chocolate bar!

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

The most popular sport in this country is football and the national team have won the World Cup 4 times!

* This country's flag is black, red and yellow.

* Popular food dishes in this country include bratwurst, pretzel, schnitzel and sauerkraut.

If your child can identify this country, please enter by providing the country and their name either by emailing admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk, contacting us on twitter @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:

- Take part in the RSPB bird watch this weekend. Details can be found at www.rspb.org.uk. Please send in pictures of your child bird watching in the garden or drawing/painting a picture of a bird.
- Next week is the start of National Storytelling Week. Please send in pictures of your child reading a story to someone...this might be a family relative or a group of cuddly toys!
- As we move to the last weekend in January, please send in pictures of your child taking part in any healthy activities that have been done this weekend linked to the New Year resolutions set at the start of January.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher



Messy Crafty Church-Wednesday 31st January 2018 (3.10pm-4.00pm)

Please reserve my child and I a place at Messy Crafty Church on **Wednesday 31st January starting at 3.10pm and finishing at 4.00pm**

Name and Class of Child(ren) _____

Number of Adults _____

