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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 all the pictures that were sent in for our healthy weekend challenges. Some of these pictures included:

- Charlotte I, Libby I, along with Alissa B (all Year 4) have recently joined the newly formed Cramlington United Tigers U9 and won 5-4 in their second match on Saturday. Libby was chosen as Captain and both she and Charlotte scored 2 goals each with Libby being named coaches' player of the match.
- Isabelle H (3JF) enjoyed a healthy day picking blackberries on the border between England and Scotland with her sister and friends. They crossed the Union Chain bridge, and had one foot in Scotland and one foot in England!

Parents' Evenings

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We are very much looking forward to welcoming our parents and carers to our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 1st October and Wednesday 2nd October. Appointments can be booked via the Teachers2Parents message which was sent out last week. If we can help with the booking, please don't hesitate to contact our admin team who will be really happy to assist you with this.

Please come in through the main entrance for our Parents' Evenings. The meetings will be in your child's classroom. If you need to bring your child, please would it be possible for them to bring something like a reading book or colouring pad whilst they wait for you. We look forward to seeing you on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Robinwood-A Message from the Year 6 Team



What an amazing time our Year 6 children had on our Robinwood residential visit! The children took all opportunities that were presented to them and certainly gave every activity their very best shot, from the climbing wall to the piranha pool! We were particularly impressed by the maturity the children showed at being away from home, their ability to look after themselves and support one another was an absolute pleasure to see. Thank you so much for your support, the children were certainly an absolute credit to you all.

Please would it be possible for me to say a huge thank you to Mrs Nesbit, Mrs Bilton, Miss Rennison and Mrs Harper for organising and running the Robinwood visit and providing this special opportunity for our children.

Macmillan Coffee Morning-A Message from Mrs Cant

Thank you very much for all the support of the Macmillan cake sale. We are very grateful for all your support and were overwhelmed with the huge number of cakes. Macmillan are such a wonderful organisation who help so many people and it is a real joy to be able to support their amazing work. Thank you for all the cake that you sent in that made this happen.



European Day of Languages-A Message from Mrs Pemberton



Bonjour! Wow - what a fun-filled day we had in school on Thursday celebrating all things French! We sang songs, listened to stories, made videos and practiced our conversations - all in French! Thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work in making the day such a success! Merci beaucoup!

Cragside 6 - 2 Bothal-A Match Report from Mr Beck



Cragside played their season opener this Thursday afternoon at Bothal Primary School, historically a very tough fixture for us. Cragside got off to a great start when they cleared a corner to the half way line where Lewis was able to beat the defender for pace and chip over the 'keeper for 1-0. Bothal pegged Cragside back soon after but the boys were always on top and regained the lead shortly after when Lewis doubled his tally with another excellent finish just inside the Bothal box following good play from Riley and Olly A on the left hand side.

Cragside added two more before half time when Olly L struck a fine volley from 25 yards that the 'keeper could only parry onto Jim's head for 3-1. Two minutes later the lead was extended further when Luke side footed a volley into the bottom corner for a 4-1 lead at the break.

Cragside continued to dominate in the second half with Will in goal enabling move after move with his excellent distribution to Lucas W and Olly A at full back. The full backs and Shea at centre back confidently spread the ball into the midfield throughout the match. Lucas M and Olly L in the centre of midfield were everywhere, combining great passing with brave and powerful tackles. Cragside introduced Harrison and Olly Q in the second half with both boys making a great impression with more impressive passing and skill on the ball. Bothal managed to sneak another goal against the run of play but Olly Q restored the three goal cushion with an excellent strike from 25 yards having cut inside from the left wing. Luke finished the scoring for the day with an excellent curled shot into the left corner after a lightning fast run, having received the ball from the ever calm Lucas W. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who were in attendance and the support and encouragement from the side-line.

Reception

Reception news-A Message from the Reception Team

We are so proud of our Reception children for all their hard work this week. The children have all loved beginning the week with a session of Hoop Starz. Fantastic listening and participation from all. The children also loved joining in with French day, enjoying croissants, chocolat chaud, decorating French flags and listening to a story in French read by Madame Pemberton. This week Reception have also loved joining in with Lola H and Jessica E's Focus weeks. We enjoyed making crowns, crafting, baking and listening to the story of the 'Elves and the Shoe maker'- why did the shoes keep appearing in class!?! This week, weather depending, we are hoping to do a session of Forest Schooling too!

Please would it be possible to mention that the school doors open at 8.40 and close again at 8.50, if you and your child arrive after the doors have closed, please take your child into school via the school office. Thank you to all the parents and carers for the reading and use of Mathletics that has been happening at home. Well done Reception, super stars!

SUPER CLASS

Well done to 2JB who have earned SUPERCLASS and enjoyed a pyjama and Teddy Bears party.

Family Worship

Thank you to all our Year 4 parents and carers who were able to come to our Year 4 Family Worship this week. Year 4 thrilled us with their knowledge of bridges and the International Space Station. We loved their singing and the real joy that came from the whole Year 4 team. It was so lovely for the children to have our families join us.



On **Thursday 3rd October** we are looking forward to seeing our Year 5 families for Year 5's Family Worship which starts at 9.00am.

Harvest Festival



You are very welcome to come to our Harvest Festival services. These are on Thursday 17th October for Year 1 to Year 6 and Friday 18th October for Reception. The timings for our services are:

Year 1 and 2 at St Nicholas' Church-9.30am on Thursday 17th October
Year 3 and 4 at St Nicholas' Church-11.00am on Thursday 17th October
Year 5 and 6 at St Nicholas' Church-1.30pm on Thursday 17th October
Reception in our school hall-9.00am on Friday 18th October.



Open Morning and Open Evening

Families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2020 are welcome to attend our Open Morning and Open Evening. Our Open Evening starts at **5.00pm on Wednesday 23rd 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 starts at **9.30am on Wednesday 23rd October**. Again, this is for families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2020. To book a place on our Open Morning, families should email admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk or telephone 01670 714200. If this date is inconvenient we can arrange an alternative.

It has been lovely to see a number of new families start at Cragside over the last two weeks. If you know any families who might be interested in applying for a place at our school, please would you mention the Open Evening to them and ask them to register interest in attending with the school office. The Online Portal for admissions to Reception for a September 2020 start will open on the 1 November 2019.

A reminder that the Online Portal for **secondary school** places closes on **31st October 2019**. This is for families who have a child in Year 6. Admissions information can be found at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx> .

Weekend Challenges

With our celebration of the European day of languages, our weekend challenge has a European theme:

- Please send in any picture of your child making a meal or dessert which is popular in one of the countries in Europe. This might include a handmade Italian pizza, some French crepes or Spanish paella. I look forward to seeing some of the culinary wonders that the children create.
- Please send in any pictures of your child making some famous European landmarks (possibly out of Lego or other materials). This might include the Eiffel Tower or Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Please send in any pictures of these or other healthy challenges to admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk.



Well done to our children for such a wonderful week-lots of hard work and caring for one another. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you at our Parents' Evenings next week.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby
Headteacher