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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Newsletter 22-9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Winter Weather

Thank you very much for all your patience and understanding during the school closures last week due to the extreme weather and the impact of the 'beast from the east'. Thank you for the pictures tweeted about some of the exciting igloo making and snow creations as well as the reading and maths activities that were done. Hopefully you received the texts we sent out about the closure. We wanted to send the Wednesday text earlier than we did but the computer network was not responding early in the morning. If you change your mobile number or email address during the year, please would you let the office know so we have the correct contact details. It has been amazing to see the contrast in the weather over the last few days as spring starts to show its much welcomed face!



### Gregg's Children's Cancer Run

A reminder that the Gregg's Run is on Sunday 20 May 2018 between 9.30am and 1pm at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park. The run is over 1, 3 or 5 miles (adults and children!). We have attached a letter to this newsletter with details of the early bird entry fees which are available until Friday 31st March. We very much look forward to seeing lots of families taking part in this event in 2018-I wonder if we can beat our magnificent entry number from last year!



### Sport Relief Friday 16th March 2018-A Message from Mr Beck and Mr Dickinson

Sport Relief week is fast approaching! At Cragside we are going to be celebrating Sport Relief on Friday next week (16th March). Sport Relief has been a very successful charity since it began in 2002 - in 2016 alone, it managed to raise over £55million for children all over the world and in the UK, helping over 4 million people.



It would be lovely if our children would bring a small donation to school towards the work of Sport Relief and wear some sporty clothes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to encourage the children to wear any sporty clothes that they already have including clothes from sports clubs they attend such as: Karate/martial arts, basketball, rugby, football, equestrian, boxing, cricket, golf and any others. A comfortable tracksuit or similar would also be perfect as we will be getting active throughout the day. Please would all children be able to wear or bring trainers as the staff and children will all be taking part in the Sport Relief Mile. The children will also participate in a Go-Noodle session in the hall with all their friends. Pictures will be updated onto twitter throughout the day if you would like to see the children enjoying such a special and important day. Thank you very much for all your help. We look forward to an enjoyable day and raising money to help many people both in the UK and abroad.

## Reception Den Building

Many thanks for the additional blankets, cushions and yogurt pots kindly donated to Reception for our den building activities. We are very grateful for your support. Thank you!



## Sumdog Competition-A Message from Mrs Cant



All the children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been entered into a maths contest on Sumdog. It starts on Friday at 8am, and finishes at 8pm on March 15th. Children have details of their username and password for Sumdog. The competition can be accessed at [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

During the contest children should simply play Sumdog's mathematics games. As they do so, they'll answer questions that contribute to their score. There's a maximum of 1000 questions for each student - so accuracy is more important than effort! If you need a reminder of your child's log on information, please see your child's teacher.

## SUPERCLASS

Explorers have worked so hard this week and absolutely deserve their Superclass. The children celebrated by decorating yummy biscuits.



## Spring Term Arts and Music Concert- A Message from Miss Westgarth



Parents, Grandparents and Families are invited to our Spring Term Arts and Music Concert on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. We look forward to our talented children performing including our djembe drummers, violinists, penny whistlers, ukulelists, singers, actors and dancers. Please would all performers arrive from 5.45pm. We are looking forward to seeing lots of friends and families on the evening.

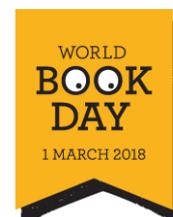
## British Science and Engineering Week



Today sees the start of British Science and Engineering Week which finishes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Next week we are looking forward to taking part in lots of different science based activities and learning all about the wonder of science and engineering.

## World Book Day-A Message from Mrs Bilton

What a joy and pleasure it was to see so many of our children dressed up as their favourite characters for World Book Day. We had all kinds of costumes which showed real thought and imagination. We really showed how well read we all are at Cragside! Well done and thank you so much for your support for this.



## Year 5 Mountain Rescue Visitors

Year 5 are looking forward to a visit from the mountain rescue team to support their topic work on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. I am sure that the children will have lots of questions and find out about the fantastic work that the mountain rescue teams do.



## Digital Leaders trip to The Apple Store – A Message from Mr Davison

Last Wednesday, our Digital Leaders were due to visit the Apple Store in The Metro Centre to take part in an iPad digital drawing workshop. Unfortunately, because of the bad weather, this trip had to be cancelled; however, I am hopeful of rearranging the trip to take place in April as I know how much the Digital Leaders were looking forward to taking part in this exciting workshop.

## Family Worship and Easter Services

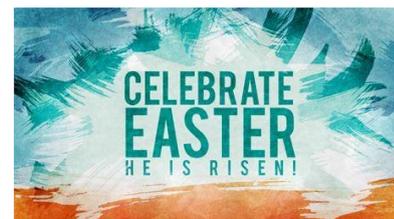
It was lovely to see our Reception and Year 1 families in school this week for our Family Worship. We look forward to welcoming our Year 2 parents and families to our Family Worship which take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March and also our Easter services which take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:

**Year 2**-Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 9am

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**- Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church-9.30am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Year 3 and Year 4**-Easter Service at St Nicholas' church-11.00am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Year 5 and Year 6**-Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church-1.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018



## 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: Freya Tucker for fantastic progress with writing. You are really becoming a confident writer. Brilliant!

Reception Discoverers: Lexie Simpson. For always being a shining example and trying her best. Thank you Lexie!

Reception Explorers: Elle Hodgson for always giving her best all day, every day. Well done!

Reception Explorers: Kyle Nicolaou for being a shining example and a good friend to all. Thank you!

Year 1SG: James Cox for making a big effort to try and improve his handwriting.

Year 1SG: Emillie Joice for her excellent picture of Florence Nightingale in ICT.

Year 1LU: Evie Dixon for fantastic confident singing during family worship.

Year 1LU: Jacob Keedy for fantastic counting in twos in maths.

Year 2JP: Flynn Wilson for a wonderful effort and progress with his handwriting.

Year 2JP: Grace Armstrong for a tremendous Wow write.

Year 2EA: Dylan Barron for a brilliant first few weeks at Cragside School and settling in so well.

Year 2EA: Jack Nicolaou for his excellent effort whilst learning about multiplication.

Year 3RC: Alex Hall for making a huge effort to improve his handwriting and presentation.

Year 3RC: Lucas Munroe for always working hard, trying his best and having a positive 'can do' attitude.

Year 3AD: Erin Wilson for always being a polite, friendly and helpful member of 3AD

Year 3AD: Oliver Barrett for working really hard to improve his handwriting.

Year 4ER: Jacob Tucker for confidently answering questions in lessons.

Year 4ER: Alfie Catling for working really hard to improve handwriting.

Year 4JHW: Yulia Yablonskikh for a great effort in maths this week.

Year 4JHW: Shea Hardwick for being smart and working well in all lessons.

Year 5JB: Cameron Urbanczyk for having a sensible and mature attitude in school.

Year 5JB: Jake Wall for excellent work multiplying 3 and 4-digit numbers by 1 digit.

Year 5HC: Michael Unthank for being brave and trying new activities such as football and dancing.

Year 5HC: Molly Foster for her superb effort and presentation in all subjects

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## Reception News



Well done Reception for your hard work delivering a fantastic assembly about Spring, Friendship and Mother's Day. It was lovely to see so many friends and parents attend and share so much of the children's learning. We thought Reception were very brave and confident and have progressed such a lot since their Nativity in December. Well done and happy Mother's Day!

Fantastic work this week on doubling in numeracy and 'The Hungry Caterpillar' in literacy. Ellis Chapman and Imogen Hall continued their 'Focus weeks' with lots of baking, craft and fun with friends. Reception are also having very active weeks completing sessions of Yoga and Active fit. Super participation from all in these sessions! Reception have enjoyed learning about 'Fair Trade Fortnight'. We took the country Kenya and thought about the differences in living and working conditions and what we could do to help. Imogen, Ellis and friends made a fantastic coffee and chocolate cake, using Fair Trade ingredients. World Book day was a fantastic success with lots of brilliant costumes and favourite stories in Reception. We loved sharing all the fantastic stories. Keep reading at home! It is brilliant to see so many children receiving books and book marks this week and developing such a love of reading at home.

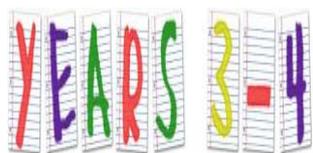


## Key Stage 1 News

In Year 1 this week we have continued to carry out research on Emperor Penguins and have created our very own information leaflets. We explored new vocabulary and used different connectives to extend our sentences. In Maths we have been revising number bonds for 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. We have solved simple addition and subtraction number problems and have started to explore odd and even numbers. As part of celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight we have been busy making our own fruit smoothies, using a Cuban recipe. In Science we have been classifying animals into different groups, such as grouping those which swim/don't swim, mammals/not mammals or legs/no legs, etc. Why not carry out some research this weekend on your favourite animal. What does it eat? Where does it live? What does it look like? We have also been busily crafting our Mother's Day cards in preparation for Sunday. In History we have been learning about Florence Nightingale and about how she has influenced nursing today. The children were shocked to see how dirty and unhygienic the hospitals used to be! Finally, a huge well done to our Year 1 children for their fantastic Family Worship, which they delivered this morning. We loved learning all about Fairtrade, George Stephenson and all about the children's favourite books and authors. Thank you to those who could attend, for showing your support and encouragement.

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed being back to school this week after their unexpected mini snow break! In Maths this week we looked at placing fractions on a number line. Tricky business! We continued to learn about halving, quartering and thirding amounts. We have also been learning our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and using them to solve word problems. By the end of the week the children had aced this! In English we continued our eBook Growing Chocolate. We discussed the purpose of a glossary and wrote our own glossaries for some of the vocabulary in the eBook. We watched a video on how to make a chocolate rose sculpture then wrote an expansion text about it in our Wow writing. The children were able to use some challenging technical vocabulary as well as show the process using a flow chart. In Science we made predictions of how heat would change chocolate, eggs, bread and ice then conducted an experiment to see if our predictions were correct! Of course we just had to sample the melted chocolate! We then started our new unit in plants. We identified different seeds and learnt the difference between the structure of a bulb and a seed. We also did some of our own special planting for some special people for Sunday! We continue to enjoy using Purple Mash in our Computing lessons. This week we used a paint program to emulate the work of Seurat by making our own pointillism pictures. We also studied Mondrian using the lines tool. We are looking forward to continuing our work next week when hopefully we can begin to talk about more signs of Spring!

### Lower Key Stage 2 News



This week Year 3 have continued learning about legends. The children enjoyed writing descriptions of their own mythical beast. They used a range of powerful vocabulary in their work. They then watched the legend of 'Dragon Slayer' and worked in pairs to retell the story. In maths the children have been working on subtraction. They used a number line to subtract by counting up and used this skill in the real life context of finding change. It was great to see all the effort the year 3 children put into their challenge homework. It's such a valuable experience for the children to present their hard work to the class. Thank you for the support you have given your child with this at home. The children have also started finding out about our 'Fair Trade' country which is St Lucia. The children enjoyed using Google earth to look around the island.

Year 4 this week have spent time thinking about factor pairs in maths, using our knowledge of our timetables to help us. We've also continued practicing using written methods for division. We have also been thinking about using our knowledge of place value to count in decimals, and find change using differing amounts of money. During our English lessons we've determined whether statements about a story are true or false or if we really need more information to make that decision and have been thinking about speech punctuation and how to use it accurately. We then went on to analyse the actions of character in our novel The Spiderwick Chronicles and wrote the perfect excuse to get our main character out of trouble. In topic we have been thinking about crime through the ages in particular about the Tudor period and the types of punishments given such as the scolds bridle and the drunkard's barrel. We then went on to learn about what it would have been like to be a prisoner in a Victorian Prison, and after an afternoon sampling some of the types of punishments, we decided it was best to be a law abiding citizen! As part of Fairtrade fortnight we have started learning about our Fairtrade country Peru and thinking about the types of Fairtrade produce that is grown there. We have also learnt about the flag and lots of amazing facts about the country.

### Upper Key Stage 2 News



Year 5 and 6 children have certainly hit the ground running after last week's days away due to the terrible weather! We've continued to enjoy Fairtrade Fortnight and all of the celebrations around World Book Day.

Year 5 have been learning how to multiply 3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers and we have learned all about squared and cubed numbers. The children have been very impressive with how fast they picked up new strategies and how well they know their times tables. Many thanks for all the hard work that has been done at home to help them learn these!

In English we have written a movie review for a short animated comedy called Dum Spiro, which is all about a soldier who is sent to deliver an important message. The soldier encounters a very house-proud bar who does not allow him to pass through the woods but the soldier is determined to find a way through and tries many hilarious tactics. The reviews the children wrote were full of excellent vocabulary, grammar and punctuation and very well written.

The children who are going to the dance festival have spent some time practicing their routine this week whilst the other children have been conducting research into Fair trade products and the history of Fairtrade.

This week has been mock SATs week in Year 6. The children have sat three English tests, three Maths tests to help familiarise them with what they will do during SATs week in May. We have been so impressed with their positive attitudes, effort, determination and resilience throughout the week. Thank you so much for all of your support with ensuring your child accesses Mymaths regularly and reads at home to prepare for our SATs. In terms of revising from Mymaths, the children know that they must now be revising tasks set which are available on the 'Results' tab. We would be very grateful if they could continue to access these tasks as often as possible. We're offering lots of rewards in school to encourage this important revision. Year 6 have also continued reading the novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Docherty and have been creating pop art in our art lessons. As a reward for their hard work, Year 6 enjoyed a reward afternoon on Friday. Very well done, Year 6. Keep up the good work!

### Which World Cup country is Mr Davison 'visiting' this week...?

\* This country's flag is white and red, and the population is estimated to be 53 million.

\* The highest mountain in this country is Scafell Pike, which stands at around 978 metres (3,209 ft.) in height.

\* This country has won the World Cup once, in 1966...

Enter by providing the country and name by email: [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk), contacting us on twitter @cragsideprimary or by using the old-fashioned answer on a piece of paper to 6RD.

Three winners will be announced in next week's newsletter and will each receive chocolate, sweets or a snack made in or associated with this country.

Good luck! Mr Davison



### Out of School Club/ Breakfast Club

As from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 we are adding our Out of School Club and Breakfast Club to our online payment system. If your child attends either of these clubs you will be notified each week by text and email that the payment is available, advising you of the dates and amounts owed and providing you with a link to the School Money website ([www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk)) and a password reminder. Payment must be made on a weekly basis.

If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque you can continue to do so by placing payment in a named envelope and handing it into the school office of at the Out of School Club when you collect your children.

### Weekend Challenge



This weekend our challenges are linked to British Science and Engineering Week and Mothering Sunday:

- For Mothering Sunday, make some decorated cupcakes, breakfast or other tasty treat for a special lady such as your mummy or grandma.
- As we move to the start of British Science and Engineering Week, send in a picture of your children doing a science experiment or engineering challenge (with the help of an adult!)

It's fun,  
it's cool,  
it's awesome.  
It's science!

I hope that all the mums and grandmas in our school have a very special Mothering Sunday and that the spring weather that has appeared this week continues through the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher