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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Cragside Family,

What a busy week with all the exciting learning this week. It was lovely to share our Year 2 and Year 3 family worship and our whole school Armistice Day service. Well done to all the children who took part in these services and thank you to the staff who spent so long recording, downloading, uploading and editing. It was wonderful to see the children coming into school in their casual clothes today as we celebrated Children in Need Day.

Children in Need Day-A Message from Mrs Urwin

Thank you so much for your support in helping to raise money for the work of Children in Need. We are continuing to receive donations via our Just Giving page, which can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cragside-c-of-e-primary-school>.



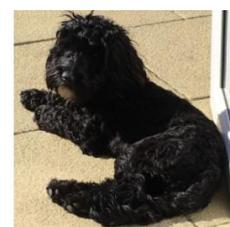
We will let you know the grand total of donations next week. During the day the children enjoyed participating in a range of Five to Thrive activities, aimed at boosting physical and mental wellbeing. From learning about how to effectively connect with others and taking the time to think about and reflect on things in our lives, to understanding the impact physical activity and how trying new things and learning new skills can have a positive impact on our wellbeing.

Armistice Day and Cragside Remembrance Garden

Well done to all the children who helped make our Remembrance Day service so special this year despite us not being able to gather together as we normally do. The poppies in the background added a poignant background to the words that were shared. It was lovely to see that so many families had watched the service as we joined together as a school community to 'remember'. If you missed the service, the link is: <https://youtu.be/JavYbURwXI>

Edin the Learning Dog-A Message from Mrs Parker

We were very excited to welcome Edin the learning dog into our school this week. Edin brought lots of joy to our children (and staff!) as she sensibly walked through our school to begin her work. As a school, we are very appreciative to be working alongside 'K-9 Comprehensive,' a local company which aims to maximise learning and achievement for children through the use of learning dogs. We are currently working with K-9 Comprehensive as part of a school based project, researching the impact that a learning dog can have upon children's learning. For your reassurance, Edin has been fully risk assessed, trained and has all of the required insurance documentation in place. Edin is coming into school every Tuesday morning for the remainder of this autumn term.



Acts of Kindness Shared by You-A Message from Mrs Urwin

Thank you for sharing your wonderful acts of kindness with us. This week we have heard how:

- Scarlett helped to make posters to mark Remembrance Sunday and shared them with her neighbours who displayed them in their windows.
- Oliver, 4JB, helped make a delicious Sunday lunch without much help and without being asked.
- Callum, RSG, has been a lovely little brother helping to make his brother breakfast all weekend to make him “happy”, despite feeling under the weather.
- Matthew, 2AW, very kindly spent three hours last helping to cut back overgrown bushes, then cleared away all of the rubbish. He made it into a fabulous game of bearing the ‘tentacles of the monsters’. Great energy and positivity!
- Daniel, 3JF, has been helping his mum, who has a sore back with the heavy washing loads and tidying up. He has done this without being asked, often stopping his mum in her tracks and taking things off her to help ease the pain.

School Photographs

The school photographer was really impressed with how well the children behaved waiting for their photograph to be taken on Monday. The photographer has sent a ‘proof’ image into school hopefully today which should be in your child’s bag. There is information in the ‘proof’ envelope about how to buy photographs if you would like to do so. Please would it be possible to order the pictures online with the company. There is information about how to do this in the envelope. If you want to send the money or a cheque into school, please would it be possible to do this by Friday 21st November. We can’t take payments over School Buddy for this. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact school.

Rwanda Partnership School

A huge thank you to Alain Clement, from Rwanda, who helps Rwandan refugees living in Newcastle. Alain came to talk to our Year 4 children this week. This is the third visit from Alain to Cragside to support Year 4’s class novel- Christophe’s Story. Alain is also our main contact for our new partnership school in Rwanda and who made it all possible. We look forward to working together for many more years and sharing with you some of our work in learning about our link school in Rwanda which is one of the poorest countries in the world.



Christmas Cards-A Message from Miss McVicar

It was wonderful to see all the Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift tags, designed exclusively by our talented children, arrive at school on Thursday. They have been distributed and we hope they will bring you lots of pleasure over the festive period.

School Menu for Week Commencing Monday 9th November 2020

It has been really helpful to get some feedback from the children about last week’s menu. One of the things some of the children said was how much they enjoyed the cake and custard so we have made a slight change to next week’s menu and added cake and custard on Tuesday as it was so popular this week. The roast dinners (or Sunday dinner as many of the children call them) continue to be very popular which is why we have these on two days next week. I have attached next week’s menu below. Thank you for booking on School Buddy so we can ensure your child has the main meal, or a filled jacket potato or a sandwich on each day.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Chicken Pasta Bake or Cheesy Pasta Crusty Bread	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding & Potatoes of the Day	Curry of the Day Wholemeal Rice Garlic Bread	Roast of the Day, Yorkshire Pudding & Potatoes of the Day	Oven Baked Sausages Chips
	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Puddings	Biscuit & Juice	Cake & Custard	Ice Cream Roll	Mini Muffin	Krispie Cake

Family Worship

A reminder that the next planned family worship dates for this term are. There will be a link for the Year 1 and Reception services sent out next week. We are really grateful for the positive feedback about the collective worship and will send out information next week about how we plan to continue this as we move towards the Christmas nativity season.

Tuesday 17 November	Year 1 Family Worship
Thursday 19 November	Reception Family Worship
Week commencing 7 December	Christmas Nativity performances –all year groups during this week

Reception News-A Message from our Reception Team

Well done to our fabulous Reception children on another successful week! We have celebrated Seth and Gethin's focus weeks learning about trains, space, frogs and the Welsh flag. We have also created some amazing forest artwork and listened to the story of Joseph for Interfaith Week. We also loved hearing the story of Sita and Rama for Diwali and singing our songs for our collective worship video next week! Wow Reception! We can't wait to share all our super work with you next week.

Have a lovely weekend and remember to keep reading your ditty sheets and reading books, which Mrs Pemberton and Miss Grice send home each week. Thank you.

Mr Flynnwood's STEM Challenge

Can you make an EXPLODING RAINBOW? Follow this link and have a go at home this weekend.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/news-and-views/news/stem-learning-presents-exploding-rainbows>

Please would you share photos of your experiment on our Facebook page or email them to joshua.harries-wood@cragsside.northumberland.sch.uk

Also, this weekend, I wonder if you might be able to look up in the dark skies and see if you can see the **Leonid meteor shower** which should be at its peak early next week.

Virtual After School Club-A Message from Mr Beck

Beginning Monday 16th November, Youth Sport Trust are making available a daily 30 minute after school club, designed to be done by children once they are at home, to increase daily physical activity in these testing times. The sessions can be done by the whole family and will be a nice opportunity to get active together. The sessions will run every weekday until the end of term, Friday 18th December, they can be accessed from the link below:

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

We hope you are able to take part in some sessions and you all enjoy them!

Operation Christmas Child - Christmas Shoe Box Appeal-A Message from Mrs Pemberton and Mrs Cowie

Thank you to our wonderful Cragsside families for your generosity and kindness donating boxes and items for our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We have over 50 boxes to take to our local drop off point for delivery to children in Africa this Christmas. Thank you so much.

Primary School Admissions-Applications open on 1st November 2020-Closing date 15th January 2021

If you know parents who wish to apply for places for September 2021, please would it be possible to let them know that the Northumberland admission portal to apply for Reception places for September 2021 is now open. It will close at the start of January 2021. If you live in North Tyneside, you would apply through the North Tyneside admissions portal for our school. If you know someone who might like to talk to someone in school about their application, please would you ask them to call our admin team and I will happily speak with them.

Virtual Author visit with Guy Bass-A Message from Miss Rennison

Thank you for all the orders we received for books linked to our author event. The order was placed with the Northumberland Library Service on Friday 6th November so we're hoping the books should be with us soon. Unfortunately, the Library Service had some technical difficulties with the video. Everyone will have watched the visit by Monday 16th November. I'm looking forward to organising more author events in the coming months.

Virtual Author Visit with Chitra Soundar for Year 2 and 3 Tuesday 24th November

We are lucky enough to be able to celebrate the publication of Chitra Soundar's new book, 'Sona Sharma: Very Best Big Sister'. We are hosting a digital event with author Chitra Soundar. The children will find out how Chitra Soundar, author of 'Sona Sharma: Very Best Big Sister', got her name and how that inspired the book. They will find out more about the elephant that doesn't have a name and Sona's bed that does have one! We hope it will be another event to further inspire creativity in our children. There will be a live Q&A at the end of the event where we can submit questions to the author. There will also be the opportunity to buy a signed copy of Chitra's new book at a price of £5. We will buy some copies for our library so all children can enjoy the book. Further information about how to order and pay for the book will be emailed out. Please note orders must be made and paid for online as stock will not be held in school. Final orders will be completed on 24th November and books will arrive in school at a later date.

Friendship week

Next week (starting Monday 16th November) is our friendship and anti-bullying week. On Monday we are encouraging anyone who would like to, to wear odd socks. It is completely your choice if you wish to do this. If you wear tights, you are welcome, if you wish, to wear odd socks over the tights.



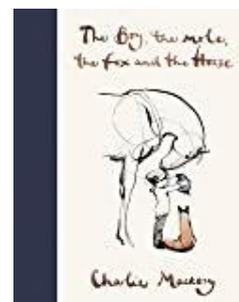
Odd socks day is a national campaign to celebrate what makes us all unique at the start of our Friendship (Anti-Bullying) week. During this week we will be doing a number of activities linked to the importance of care and friendship and how we can, in the words of the sign outside our school, 'Shine bright in all our colours'. Thank you to all the children who have written their own kindness pledges which we have added to a big display in our school. We'll send out a picture to share with you when it is finished.

Weekend Challenges

A reminder that our Facebook group is keen to have any pictures of any weekend learning. The address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/795896960817927/>

Next week, is the start of our Friendship week. Our weekend challenges are linked to Friendship our week and the acts of kindness that we love to share...

- One of the books I have particularly enjoyed this year is this one by Charlie Mackesy. It is filled with wonderful art and messages to encourage all to be kind. I wonder if any of our budding artists might be able to draw or paint one of the pictures to add to a display in school? I have added some pictures below to try to copy.
- With many families apart because of this current national lockdown, maybe you might be able to make some biscuits and leave them on a neighbour or relative's doorstep with a handmade card or note.
- Although the weather is a bit rainy this weekend, please send in any pictures of walks in our local area with your waterproofs and wellies!



Well done to all our children for working so hard this week. I was so proud of all the children for the incredibly respectful manner in which they watched, and took part in, our Remembrance service on Armistice Day this week. I hope that you have a good weekend. I was a little worried to hear from someone that Christmas Day is 6 weeks today!

I hope you have a good weekend,

Paul Rusby

