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Dear Cragside Family

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### Robinwood

Thank you very much to our Year 6 staff team of Miss Rennison, Miss Hebdon, Mrs Nesbitt and Miss Dunn who organised this year's Robinwood residential. The children returned on Friday after an activity filled time near Alston. There were lots of sleepy looking faces as the children stepped off the bus to be reunited with families. It was lovely to see lots of pictures of the activities on Twitter-I am sure they were all very grateful for the waterproofs with the rather wet weather at the end of the week.

As one trip returns, the next residential is being planned. We already have lots of our current Year 5 children signed up for the September 2021 residential trip to Robinwood. If your child is currently in Year 5 and you would like further information, please would you contact Mrs Nesbitt, Miss Rennison, Miss Hebdon or your child's Year 5 teacher.

### Amazing Fundraising



Last weekend Nate, one of the children in Year 1, cycled 5.5km to raise money for the Rangers charity foundation. Nate's dad ran alongside him and he had lots of encouragement from his whole family including his little sister who cheered him along!

He has raised over £3000 so far for his efforts which is an absolutely incredible achievement! Nate said that he chose the charity because they 'do lots of great work and I really want to help people'. He also said that he enjoyed the peace and quiet when he was on his bike cycling around the circuit. We are so proud of you Nate, you are a superstar!

#### Nate's sponsored cycle

Distance	Pace	Time
5.51 km	7:09 /km	39m 29s



## Competition Winner

Huge congratulations to Henry in 1EH who won a competition with the Rockpool School for his fabulous photograph of a snail! He won a workshop with the Rockpool School for our school.

Year 1 are so pleased that Henry has won this and are super excited to have a visit from the Rockpool School and to have the opportunity to meet their sea snails, starfish, hermit crabs and lots more! Keep a look out on Twitter for some exciting photographs on Tuesday 25th May when they come to school. I have included his winning photograph which is amazing. Well done Henry for your creative talents.



## Well-Being and Acts of Kindness-A Message from Mrs Urwin

Thank you for sharing your wonderful well-being activities and acts of kindness with us this week.

- Henley 5HC - enjoyed wildlife watching and was lucky enough to capture a video of an owl in flight and a heron.
- Lucy 4UC - relaxed and unwound as she listened to the sounds of the rainforest before sleep.
- Charlie (4JB) and Oscar (2RC) went for a nature walk at the weekend and were using their Countryside Walks book to see which birds, plants, trees and insects they could find.
- Eva KS1 - is doing something which is making her family so proud. She decided to get creative and she is asking family members to donate £1 each for her pictures, which she is going to donate to a cancer charity in memory of her granny.
- Ellis 3SM - With care, helped her mum after her knee operation.
- Alex 4UC - has been an amazing help to his mum since she broke her foot. As well as keeping her company and cheering her up, he's done lots of errands and has been fetching and carrying things up and down the stairs. Alex is also helping his Dad with bigger jobs like making tea.
- Matthew 2AW - really wanted to do some baking so he decided to make a big 'family' cake and made some cupcakes for his neighbours. He delivered the cupcakes this week and had a lovely chat with his neighbours. They were so pleased!

## Reception News-A Message from our Reception Team

A super well done to our Reception superheroes for a wonderful week. This week, we have celebrated Harry's, Mason's, Elliot's and Dominic's focus weeks all about superheroes! We loved reading 'Supertato' and found the Evil Peas in our classrooms! We were very happy to meet some real-life heroes and learnt a lot about being a policeman, a firefighter and helping people to get better. Thank you to our wonderful visitors!

The rain hasn't stopped our outdoor adventures and we loved cooking jacket potatoes on the fire in the forest. We have also been talking about changes and are very excited to see that some of our tadpoles have legs and our caterpillars are growing! Thank you to all our children for their super hard work at home including reading, Mathletics and Tapestry challenges. Well done!

Important dates for Reception:

- Vision tests are taking place on Thursday 27th May in school - please complete the Google form if you do not wish your child to take part.

- Thank you for your support with our Wacky Walk - this is now taking place on Wednesday 26th May. We are very excited to wear our silliest clothes and lots of pictures will be shared! Thank you for sending in your sponsor money by Friday 28th May.

### Football Tournament-A Message from Mr Beck

Recently, school football finally resumed for the Cragside under 11's when they visited Whytrig Middle School for a 7 a-side tournament with Whytrig and Shanklea.

All schools entered two teams in a tournament which began last night and will finish on Thursday 27th of May.

Cragside Red, (Owen B, Riley, Evan, David, Olly Q, Harrison, Olly L, Alfie and Dylan) played their first game against Whytrig 2 and despite having the majority of possession and better chances were unable to break the deadlock and drew 0-0. In their second game however, they found the magic touch winning a very comfortable 5-0 against Shanklea 2.

Cragside Black, (Aaron, Lucas W, Lucas M, Owen W, Luke, Enes, Will, Jamie and Grayson) began their fixtures with a convincing 3-0 win against Shanklea 2. they continued their fine goalscoring form in their second game against Shanklea 1. Having gone 1-0 down in the early stages of the game, the boys turned on the style scoring 6 goals in 8 minutes to win 6-1.

Currently Cragside Black sit on top of the table on goal difference followed by Whytrig 1, with Cragside Red in third place. It's still very much all to play for and we're very excited for the all Cragside clash on the **27<sup>th</sup> May**. Well done to everyone involved, you played brilliantly and we're so proud of how well you represented our school.

### Heights and Weights Checks

Each year, children in Reception and Year 6 across England have their heights and weights taken as part of Government research. Information has been sent home about this. This takes place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you have not yet let us know and **do not** want your child to be involved in this, please would you email [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk)

### Ongoing Safety

Thank you for your ongoing help with the social distancing on the yard and the wearing of face coverings. To help with our safety arrangements, please would it be possible to continue that only one adult per child comes onto the yard. With the wider opening of society over these last few weeks we are conscious of increased possibility of community transmission and are very grateful for all your help with the safety measures which we have in place. Even with the availability of lateral flow testing, our guidance from Public Health continues that if there is a positive case in a bubble then we need to isolate close contacts.

### Half Term

School closes for half term at the end of the day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Our summer term (two) starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We look forward to seeing all our children at the start of their final half term of this year. We continue to look at areas such as transition and events such as sports days and will finalise these at the start of the new half term once all schools have updated guidance from our Local Authority about Covid safety with summer term activities.

It was lovely to see such enthusiastic learning taking place throughout our school last week. I look forward to seeing all our children on Monday morning at the start of another exciting week of learning at Cragside.

Many thanks,  
Paul Rusby