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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 24-23rd March 2018

Weekend Challenges

Thank you for the emails that were sent into school celebrating all the activities the children took part in relating to our weekend challenge. These included:

- As part of our healthy challenge, Jake Miah (4ER) and his grandad had planned to go for a bike ride, but because of the snow, they went for a healthy walk around Cramlington instead.
- Kaydon Brunskill (1SG) enjoyed baking with his grandma using green food colouring for St Patrick's Day. Yum!
- Isla Furness (1SG) sent in a picture of her doing some extreme reading at the dentist!
- As part of our healthy challenge, Samuel Forster (Reception Discoverers) earned his stage 1 swimming badge with his sister this weekend!
- For our St Patrick's Day challenge, Tom Harbertson (1SG) made some wonderfully green St Patrick's Day biscuits. weekend challenge
- Inspired by our healthy challenges, Lewis Snow (Reception) enjoyed a long walk in the snowy weather with his family.

Gardening Club-A Message from Mr Harries-Wood

Thank you very much for the seeds, seed trays and gardening bits and pieces that have been donated this week. If you find anything in your garden shed which you do not need and think it would be useful for our gardening club, please would you consider donating it to our green fingered children! Thank you very much.



SUPERCLASS

Well done to all the classes who have achieved SUPERCLASS this week. These include:



- Mrs Bilton's class (6CB) who enjoyed watching a movie.
- Mr Davison's class (6RD) who also enjoyed watching a movie. Well done Year 6!

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



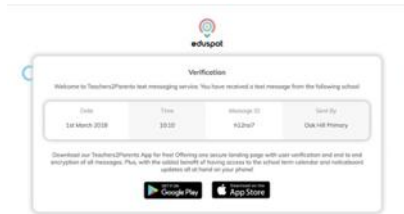
Mrs Bilton's sing up club, Mrs Cowie's dancers, Miss Halliday's dancers, ukulelists, djembe drummers, violinists and penny whistlers are all looking forward to performing at our Spring Music and Arts concert on Monday 26th of March. The concert will begin at 6pm, but children are invited to arrive from 5.45pm. Please can all children arrive wearing full school uniform unless otherwise informed. We look forward to seeing lots of performers and friends and family to cheer us along. Thank you.

Text Messaging Update-A Message from the Admin Team

You will have noticed that the text messages you receive from school now appear differently on your phone. You will now receive messages from a secure number with the school name ID now in the body of the text message, accompanied with a link at the beginning of the message to click through to a Teachers2Parents verification page; confirming that the sender of the message is genuine. A typical message will look like this:

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Attendance

Well done to our attendance heroes! The classes with the highest attendance last week were:

Early Years-Mrs Pemberton's Class-Reception Explorers with 97%
KS1-Miss Grice's Class (1SG) and Mrs Archer's Class (2EA) both with 97%
KS2-Mr Davison's Class (6RD) with our highest score last week of 98%!



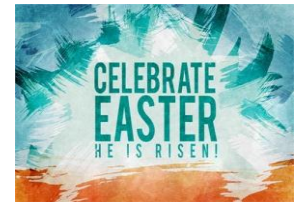
Family Worship and Easter Services

A reminder that our Easter services take place on Tuesday 27th March. Parents, grandparents and families are very welcome to join us and Rev Wullie at St Nicholas' Church in Cramlington. Each service will last approximately 30 minutes.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2- Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church-9.30am on Tuesday 27th March

Year 3 and Year 4-Easter Service at St Nicholas' church-11.00am on Tuesday 27th March

Year 5 and Year 6-Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church-1.30pm on Tuesday 27th March



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: Cassie Earle for always being a super help to others around the classroom. Thank you.

Reception Discoverers: Samuel Forster for great progress with your writing and cursive letter formation. Well done!

Reception Explorers: Maisie Thompson for super sounding and independent writing. Well done!

Reception Explorers: Eva Kirkley for amazing listening skills and always being a super kind friend to all! Thank you!

Year 1SG: Finn Hancill-Porter for asking lots of interesting questions in our Animal topic in Science

Year 1SG: Oliver Harrison for an amazing attitude in our phonics lessons!

Year 1LU: Tom Savage for excellent improvement in handwriting and attitude to work.

Year 1LU: Isabelle Hudson for creating a fantastic rhyme in her Wow book

Year 2JP: Shaye Frost for amazing effort and enthusiasm on Mathletics.

Year 2JP: Adam Carter for a huge improvement in handwriting.

Year 2EA: Isla Joyce for wonderful effort and always being a shining example.

Year 2EA: Kalen Arnold for trying really hard to improve his handwriting and presentation.

Year 3RC: Sophie Lydon for always being caring and kind to others and being a good friend.

Year 3RC: Bailey Hogg for always being friendly, helpful and positive.

Year 3AD: Faith Green for her effort to improve her handwriting in class.

Year 3AD: Lex Crackett for always being a friendly, helpful and happy member of 3AD.

Year 4ER: Georgina Bailey for a wonderful WOW write for an episode of a Science TV Show.

Year 4ER: Jack Lee for always working exceptionally hard to get better and doing extra homework.

Year 4JHW: Ross Williams for an excellent enthusiasm and interest during the river cruse

Year 4JHW: Oliver Atkinson for being an inquisitive and thoughtful scientist.

Year 5JB: Matthew Gillooly for coming to the rescue and helping at the hockey tournament.

Year 5JB: Caitlin Barnes for fantastic work converting mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Year 5HC: Tyler Raeburn for writing a powerful action packed scene inspired by the book Varjak Paw

Year 5HC: Jazmine Freeman for being consistently amazing in lessons and keeping the peace at playtimes.

Year 6CB: Sophie Hart for working very hard in maths both at home and in school.

Year 6CB: Lily Hall for being a shining star in our maths mentors sessions.

Year 6RD: Shane Davies for excellent work in maths translating and reflecting 2D shapes.

Year 6RD: Rachael Bibby for super work in English writing a diary entry based on the novel Street Child.

Reception News



Some fantastic work this week in Reception. All the children have loved learning about Goldilocks and the three Bears in Literacy and Measurement such as length and time in Numeracy. We have been writing sentences alongside measuring bowl, chair and bed size from the story from Goldilocks. As part of Dylan Roberts's and Jaylan Branley's focus week they have been baking, crafting, visiting the forest and having parties for Teddy bears.

The children have all had their heights and weights measured by the Nurse, a yoga session with Emma and an Active Skills session with Tom. The children also loved going to the forest to search for signs of spring. They checked on their bug hotels and toasted a marshmallow. Reception children have loved watching their new addition to the classroom too- frogspawn! Well done Reception a very busy week. We're proud of all your developments. Keep it up!

Key Stage 1 News

In Year 1 this week we have been reading a range of poems, identifying rhyme, pattern and repetition. The children worked very hard in their WOW books to create their very own poem based on a strange machine. We can most certainly see progress in both spelling and handwriting. In Maths we have been revisiting work on time. We have been talking about what activities we do at different times during the day, exploring vocabulary such as morning, midday, afternoon and evening. The children have been using analogue clocks to set the time to o'clock and half past times. We have also talked about how 60 minutes is equal to one hour and 30 minutes is equal to half an hour. In History this week we carried out some research on Edith Cavell. The children explored how Edith bravely helped the soldiers from both sides of the war and they were able to express their opinions about what she had done. In Science we have been exploring the features of different animals. We developed our bank of scientific words, including words such as claws, horns, antlers, feathers and scales. We are very much looking forward to delivering our Easter Service on Tuesday morning of next week.



We have had another fun-filled week in Year 2 this week. In English we imagined that we were on safari and wrote some fabulous letters home to describe what we had seen. The children rose to the challenge of including adverbs to describe how the animals moved and thought of some wonderfully adventurous verbs to describe the actions of each animal. Our handwriting continues to improve and our Wow books are now looking very wow!

In Maths we learnt about division as sharing. We practiced sharing using grouping then moved on to making links between multiplication and division when we learn about inverse. The children really clicked with this and we were delighted to see how enthusiastic they were to see some division homework! Our Mathletics competition came to an end today. A huge well done to all of the children who made an extra effort to spend more time on this fantastic resource. Mathletics really supports the children with their mathematical development and also speeds up their mental maths skills. Although the competition has now ended we will be keeping a really close eye on who is continuing to work hard on Mathletics and may give out some spot prizes for outstanding effort! We spent one afternoon this week in the Create room using terracotta clay to make our African mud hut models. The children absolutely loved this activity and their final products were absolutely super. We are keeping a close eye on our beans that we planted in Science and are starting to see some roots developing! It's all very exciting!

Thank you so much to Inez Smok and family for all the wonderful information, objects and photos all about Ghana. The children especially loved trying the chocolate! We were really impressed with the special wrapper that decomposes as well. Thank you to Oliver Smith's grandma for donating lots of craft supplies to school. We really appreciate the thought and can't wait to get crafting! Thank you!

Lower Key Stage 2 News



The children in Lower Key stage Two have continued to work hard on their **Easter service which is in St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 27th March at 11am**. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

In Year 3 this week the children have continued to think about Myths and Legends. The children have now planned their own legends and have started to write their own stories based on all the learning over the past few weeks.

During maths the children have been learning the formal column method for addition. They have all successfully been able to do this with and without exchange and were able to solve problems using this skill.

In RE the children have been thinking about the sorrow and joy within the Easter story. They verbally retold the events of the story and looked at a range of different crucifixes from around the world. The children then designed their own crosses thinking to reflect the emotions of Easter.

In Year 4 we have spent some time thinking about fronted adverbials in English and how best to use them to improve our writing in preparation for writing the next episode of our very own Spiderwick Chronicles.

During Maths we have been learning about the 24 hour clock and how to tell the time accurately using both analogue and digital formats to the nearest minute.

We have spent time during RE thinking about trust and betrayal and how it feels to have a trustworthy friend and how it may feel to have been betrayed by someone.

We thoroughly enjoyed our River Cruise this week and the behaviour of all the children was commendable. We learnt lots of facts about the history of the River Tyne and were also lucky enough to get to steer the boat down towards the coast. I think we have some budding sailors in our midst. Well done Year 4!

Upper Key Stage 2 News



What a hard working week we've had in Year 5 and 6 this week. There's been lots of important work in lessons and preparation for our Easter service next week.

In Year 5, we have been focusing on individual class novels this week which have inspired a remarkable setting description full of figurative language. They have raised all expectations and made Mr Beck and Mrs Cowie very proud! In Maths, Year 5 have been sorting improper fractions to mixed numbers and placing them on a number line. In topic, we have been looking at the positive and negative impact of tourism on mountains. Very mature debates!

In our English lessons this week, Year 6 have continued to read the novel Street Child. They have written a diary entry, made a character outline and created an illustration based on events from the book. In our Maths lessons, children have been interpreting and constructing line graphs and pie charts. They have also been plotting, translating and reflecting shapes using their co-ordinates. Year 6 have continued to look at past Maths papers to prepare them for their SATs and have enjoyed their PE lessons where they have been doing hockey and volleyball. Well done, Year 6: another hard-working week!

Easter SATs Revision for Year 6

Thank you so much for all of your support in preparing your child for SATs in May. We are delighted that our children are reading regularly at home and completing lots of Mymaths practice. To further support your child, we will be sending home a pack of revision materials for the Easter holiday. There is a pack for maths, reading and grammar which your child should complete when they are able. It's based on 10 minute blocks so little and often is definitely the advice we would give. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Easter Holiday Reading Challenge-A Message from Mrs Bilton

The Easter holidays are such a lovely time to enjoy a gorgeous book! We would love to encourage all of our children to read as much as possible, especially as the Easter bunny might bring some new books to enjoy. Please record all of your child's reading in their planner so we can see how much they have enjoyed reading a range of wonderful books over the holidays. In our Celebration Collective Worship after the holidays, we will give out a High Flying Reading balloon to the child, in each class, who has impressed their teacher most with lots of holiday reading. **Keeeeeep reading!**

Creative Dance North East-A Message from Mrs Cowie



A huge well done to Livia Watters in class 5HC! Livia performed at The Sage in Newcastle on Wednesday night with Creative Dance North East. The dance title and song was Cramlington Academy- 'He Lives in You'. Livia said, "We got front row seats for the whole show and there was flashing lights and a big stage." Livia had great fun and made her family and Cragside Church of England Primary School very proud.

Staffing Changes

Next week we say farewell to Mrs Collins who will be leaving at the end of the Easter term to take up a new post at Percy Hedley School. We are very grateful for all that Mrs Collins has brought to our school and wish her well in her new venture. We look forward to keeping in touch when she picks her children up from Cragside!

Year 6 hockey tournament

Cragside took two teams to the Year 6 hockey tournament at the JLV on Thursday evening. Team A was drawn in a tough group but were awesome throughout scoring two draws and two losses, narrowly missing out on a semi-final place. Team B played some amazing team hockey winning all 4 group games to book themselves a place in the semi-final. They started the semi-final full of confidence and it showed as they powered into a 4-0 lead to seal themselves a place in the final, against a strong Northburn. The final was 0-0 at full time and during a close extra time period Northburn snatched a late goal to take the final 1-0. Both teams were amazing and were truly a credit to our school with their attitude and commitment. The players were Jayden Broadbent, Christian Robinson, Shane Davies, Evie Edwards, Darcy Melling, Laila Wallace, Alisha Munroe and Matthew Gillooly.

Easter Egg Competition

Our annual 'Decorate an Egg for Easter' competition starts on Monday. Children are invited to decorate hardboiled eggs in as creative a way as possible. There will be two winners selected from each class and each child who enters the competition will receive a small Easter egg for taking part. Last year we had our highest ever number of entries. The closing date for the competition is Wednesday 28th March 2018. Judging takes place on Wednesday and eggs will be returned home at the end of the day on Wednesday. Best wishes to all who take part...we look forward to seeing lots of 'eggcellent' entries!



Please would children bring their entries to the shared area on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning and place them on the table for their year group. Please would it be possible to check that the name and class of your child is included on their entry.

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 **Denmark**. The winners chosen out of the hat were Alissa Black (2EA), Aaron Carr (1LU) and Lily Fellows (6RD) who each won a Danish pastry. To be in with a chance of winning this week, simply identify the country I 'visited' using these clues:

* The capital city of this country is Reykjavik.

* This country has over 20 active volcanos! In 2010, Eyjafjallajokull erupted causing huge problems for the country and news presenters who had to pronounce it.

* This will be the first time this country has ever competed in the World Cup. Their most famous player, and captain, is Gylfi Sigurdsson.

Enter by providing the country and name by email: admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk, contacting us on twitter [@cragsideprimary](https://twitter.com/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



Weekend Challenge

This weekend our challenges are linked to Sports Relief, Spring and the start of Holy Week



- Please email in any picture of Sports Relief activities that children have taken part in, or organised, during the weekend.
- Sunday of this week is Palm Sunday. Make a palm cross or create a picture of Palm Sunday.
- Decorate an egg for our Easter egg decorating competition.
- Make some Easter biscuits decorated with some spring colours.



I hope that you have a lovely weekend. Remember that the clocks change on Sunday and 'spring' forward to British Summer Time. Farewell winter and hello to lighter nights and warmer days!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher