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

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**Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Joanne Parker**  
**Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Caroline Bilton**



Dear Parent/Carer,

**Newsletter 25-29<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Jake Miah (4ER) who decorated his hard-boiled egg for the school competition.
- Eva Hancill-Porter (4JH) who patiently worked on her Easter egg creation of Adam and Eve.
- Owen Robertson (4JH) and Lucy Robertson (1LU) who painted eggs for the competition.
- Elliot Bell (Reception Discoverers) sent in a picture of him carefully decorating his eggs for the Easter egg competition.
- As part of the healthy challenge, Isla Joyce (2EA) received her 10m front crawl badge & passed her Stage 4 Swimming on Friday. She also received a distinction in her Primary Modern dance exam yesterday. What an energetic time!
- Hope Heppell (1 LU) sent in a picture of her with her trophy and certificate for finishing her tap dance exam. Well done!
- Well done to Leland Cochrane (5JB) who won a silver trophy at the weekend for judo. Well done to Leland and to all the children who have worked so hard on our health challenges.

## SUPERCLASS

Well done to Reception Explorers who achieved SUPERCLASS this week and enjoyed a disco to celebrate.

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

A huge thank you to all our singers, musicians and dancers who performed so well on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> this week. We were so proud of all our young performers who stepped onto the stage with such confidence. Acts ranged from dancing and singing to 'Eye of the Tiger' to a super version of 'Space Oddity' by our Ukulelists, we were also very entertained by Cragside's dance team who threw some fantastic moves! Thank you to all the family and friends who came to support. If any children are interested in learning an instrument in school please get in touch with Miss Westgarth via the main school office. Many thanks.



## Attendance

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

Early Years-Both Reception classes achieved 97% attendance.

KS1- Mrs Archer's Class (2EA) with 97%

KS2-Mrs Bilton's Class (6CB) with our highest score last week of 98%!



## Cramlington Town Girls' Football



Coaches from Cramlington Town Football Club asked me to mention that they have some new girls' teams starting. These are for girls aged between 5 and 11. If you are interested, sessions are 9am-10am on Saturdays starting on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at Cramlington Sporting Club on 3G pitches. Contact details are: 07788705516 or email [stewartlovejoy@msn.com](mailto:stewartlovejoy@msn.com)

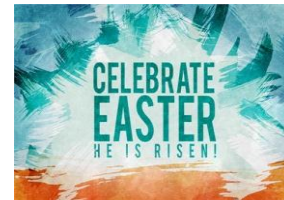
**Cragside 4 - 3 Dr Tomlinson Rothbury- U11 Football Match Report by Mr Beck and Mr Dickinson**

Cragside recorded their second successive league win on Tuesday when they hosted Dr Tomlinson Middle school. Cragside were on the front foot throughout the first half and had many chances to take the lead. Dan Scott managed to break the deadlock with a smashing first half penalty into the top left corner. Cragside doubled their lead before half time when Dan smashed the crossbar from 30 yards allowing Laila Wallace to score a tap in from a couple of yards.

In the second half the visitors managed to peg the game back with two counter attack goals. Cragside, however, were not going to let up and continued to mount attacks at the visiting defence. Dan managed to bag another two goals to restore the two goal cushion. Dr Tomlinson were happy to grab a last minute consolation goal to finish off the game. Player of the match went to Dan Scott who was in terrific form throughout and managed his first school hat-trick.

### Family Worship and Easter Services

It was lovely to see so many families at our Easter services this week. Well done to the children for their beautiful reading, dancing, singing and signing over our three services. Thank you to Mrs Wyness and to Rev Wullie for being so welcoming to our school. Information about Easter services at St Nicholas' Church can be found on their website which is [www.cramlingtoncofe.org.uk/stnicholas.html](http://www.cramlingtoncofe.org.uk/stnicholas.html)



### Nursery and Reception Easter Activities-A Message from Mrs Clarke



A massive thank you and well done to all the Nursery and our Reception children who took part in our Easter morning/afternoon. The children had the opportunity to go on a healthy egg hunt, make Easter crafts, complete Easter themed English and Maths activities and explore the Easter tuff spot. The Nursery children came into the reception classrooms with confidence and enjoyed exploring the different resources. The Reception children worked well and supported the Nursery children within their classrooms; I think they enjoyed the extra responsibility. Thank you to all the staff that helped the children during these activities. We are hoping to run a similar event in the summer term.

### Sumdog Competition

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 5th April. During the contest children are invited to 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 child - so accuracy is more important than effort! We will announce the top players after the holiday. The sumdog address is [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) and all children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have log in details and passwords.



### Reception News



A busy week in Reception. The Discoverers have been reading the story of 'The Tiger who came to tea', making Easter cards, and learning to count in twos. In the Explorers they have been reading Noah's ark to begin thinking about counting in twos and enjoying a SUPERCLASS disco!

All the children loved their last session of Active skills with Tom this week. We have really developed our skills in throwing and catching. We were so proud of all the Reception children who performed so beautifully at St Nicholas's Church on Tuesday. It was lovely to hear such fantastic singing from them all! Thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on the visit. A big thank you too, to Molly Reay's Mum who donated lovely writing books for Reception's writing area. The children love them. Please keep reading at home with your child over the holidays. We look forward to hearing about their Easter holidays over Tapestry and by their writing homework. Please also remember to keep using Mathletics and Active Learn- it really supports your child's progress. Thanks for all your support. Happy Easter everyone!

### Key Stage 1 News

In Year 1 this week we have been exploring the setting of Jerusalem, as Jesus rode through on the first Palm Sunday. The children wrote powerful descriptions of this setting in their English Books. In Science we have been learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. The children sketched a plateful of food for a selection of animals and we looked closely at the teeth of animals. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting to and from a 2-digit number. We have also been busily crafting our Easter cards, using printing techniques! Have a wonderful Easter everyone!



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed this last week of term. We had two futsal coaches in school teaching us some really clever tricks using the heavier futsal ball. We have enjoyed our descriptive writing about Kenya and also making our wonderful Kenyan mud huts. The children also welcomed some new pet tadpoles which they have enjoyed observing throughout this week. The children really enjoyed using all their creative skills to make our Easter cards-we hope you like them! Well done to all of Year 2 for such wonderful singing and reading in our Easter service. It was lovely to be able to share this with so many families. We hope that you have a lovely Easter.

### Lower Key Stage 2 News



This week Year 3 and 4 have been thinking about the Easter story. They reflected on the meaning of Easter and completed work based on this. It has been great to see all the eggs that the children have decorated - there were some great imaginative designs which really brightened up our corridors. During the week we all created Easter cards to celebrate Easter and share with our families. On Tuesday the children in Lower Key Stage Two went to church. It was great to share the Easter message through beautiful singing, great reading and through the use of British Sign Language. Well done to all the children on their exemplary behaviour- they are a real credit to our school. Thank you to all the support we have had from parents and carers this term, we couldn't do it without you! We hope you all have a joyful Easter.

### Upper Key Stage 2 News

Year 5 have enjoyed acting and using rhyme in poetry and have stunned us with their mathematical skills using mixed fractions. Well done to all the Year 5 children who took part in the dance festival this week-you all did so well. We hope you like the Easter cards which Year 5 have made. We wish you a very happy Easter. Year 6 have been learning about the events of Holy Week in RE and created some very thoughtful poetry linked to this. They have really loved the novel Street Child which we finished this week and have really impressed us with their work on geometry in maths. Year 6 have shown their creative skills with the Easter cards which we do hope you enjoy when they come home today. We hope that you have a lovely Easter



Thank you so much to all the families who came to the Year5/6 Easter service. Well done to all our singers, dancers and readers. It was such a lovely and thoughtful service. Well done Year 5 and 6!

### 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

Year 5 worked very hard to put together a dance that was fit for The City Hall. Their precision and timing was outstanding! The City Hall Dance Festival was a memorable experience for all and gave children the chance to perform to hundreds of people. The dance festival brought true joy and the experience has encouraged children who have never danced before to now, truly love dance. A huge congratulations to all the dancers: Alexander Tall, Leon Maddison, Daniel Wilks, Eddie Mason, Kutsal McIntyre, Alex Furness, Tyler Raeburn, Chloe Harris, Skye Mouzon, Molly Simpson, Livia Watters, Milly Cooney, Tuesday Scott, Cara-Lily Baird, Molly Foster, Chloe Mason, Molly Allison, Libbie Arthur, Olivia Gibson, Isla Barber, Paige Johnson and Grace Barnard.



### Easter Egg Competition-A Message from Mrs Parker



It was with tremendous difficulty that a team of judges selected the winners of our annual Egg Decorating competition. The number of entries was incredibly high and the amount of creativity demonstrated by our children was outstanding. Our winning Eggs included a Queen Egg-lizabeth (Darcy Melling, 6RD), a Statue of Liberty (Alexandra Irving, 4ER) and Mummy and Daddy at Work (Samuel Forster, Discoverers).



Winners in Early Years: Finley Duff, Samuel Forster, Eva Kirkley and Dylan Roberts

Winners in Key Stage 1: James Cox, Charlotte Lewis, Sonni Williams, Jacob Braithwaite, Lexie Downs, Chloe Gargett, Ava Collins, Robyn Turner

Winners in Key Stage 2: Molly Foster, Eddie Mason, Laila Wallace, Darcy Melling, Charlie Kelk, Isabelle Hendrie, Ella Kelk, Molly Allison, Kye Patterson, Fern Coombs, Alexandra Irving, Shea Hardwick, Lewis Notley, Sophia Hardwick, Georgia Urwin, Jack Gibson, Faith Green.

Well done to every one of the children who entered the competition. The standard was incredibly high this year and we have never had so many entries. All the children who took part were awarded a small Easter egg and the winners were presented with Easter eggs in our celebration worship today. Thank you for all the help and encouragement that the children received from home-it was very much appreciated. We are really blessed with so many wonderfully creative children!

### 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 **Iceland**. The winners chosen out of the hat were Charlotte Lewis (1SG), Darcy Melling (6RD) and Chloe Turner (6RD) who each won a Choc Dip from Iceland (the supermarket).

I will be visiting another World Cup country over the Easter holidays and will be back with clues and chocolate at the start of the summer term. Have an excellent Easter break. Mr Davison



### Easter Challenge

Please email in any photographs for our Easter challenges which are:



- Try to do as many of the '50 things to do before you are 11  $\frac{3}{4}$ -a copy of the list is attached to the email. We will have a small prize for the top three children who do the most activities.
- Please email in pictures of your child 'extreme reading' in a really exciting place or doing something interesting. In the past we have had pictures of children reading in a canoe, on top of a hill, standing next to a famous landmark. I wonder what exciting extreme reading pictures we will get over Easter.
- Make some healthy sandwiches or items for a healthy picnic. Organise a walk with your family and treat them to the healthy picnic that you have helped to create.
- Please send in pictures of your child (and family?) training for the Gregg's Cancer run which is in May. Places are still available for any families who would like to take part.

Thank you very much for all your help during the spring term. It has been wonderful to see the progress that the children are making. I hope that you have a very blessed Easter and the weather is kind to us all so we can enjoy some spring walks and some lovely spring sunshine!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher

