

## Outdoors gets a make-over



The school is proud to announce a fantastic outdoor prayer space has been built next to the pond in the quiet area. It has been paid for by The Mothers' Union and built by Mr Corrie. He said: "It's a living willow dome; I'm putting an arched entrance through the hedge. It will give a great view of St Lawrence's Church." The space will be blessed by Stewart, the vicar. The development follows earlier work on hedge-laying to provide a habitat for wildlife. The next outdoor project will be to make five large vegetable beds—paid for courtesy of money collected from sales of 5p shopping bags at Tebay Services. Mr Priestley added: "We're thankful to all our supporters, including the Mothers' Union and Tebay Services, for helping the school to continue to develop its outdoors."



By Amelia

## Enlightened by Buddhism

Back in late October, the whole school went along to Ulverston to visit a world-famous Buddhist Temple called The Manjushri Centre to learn about a different world religion. A guru (A Buddhist guide) showed them the lobby and the meditation room, which was full of evil and good gods like Fyra, god of love. The children tried meditating in the temple and had to concentrate really hard. Amelia said: "It was really interesting and peaceful; I learnt lots of facts." He also showed the children a special factory on the site where they made their own beautiful Buddhist statues. The trip was rounded off with a lovely walk down to the beach.

By Ben & George



## Hawse End hoorays and horrors

On the 14th to the 16th of March year 5 and 6 joined with children from Long Marton and Asby schools to go on a residential to Hawse End outdoor centre. They had a great time! The activities they took part in were: Ghyll scrambling, Canoeing, Problem solving, fell walking and a mid-night walk.



The children stayed in rooms named after fells and lakes: Blencathra, Skiddaw, Cat Bells, Grasmere, Thurmere and Buttermere.



There were hoorays (like being brave or helpful) and a few horrors (like having a messy bedroom!) On the midnight walk children saw a tawny owl and a frog and walked

along the stoney beach. George said: "I enjoyed fell walking on Cat Bells." Max said: "I loved ghyll scrambling the most." Neither of them found it easy to make their own beds though!



By Katie

Question: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

Answer: A gummy bear!





## Felt like fun

Poppy's mum Debbie came in to do some felting with class 2. She showed a video of felting and the children really liked it. Before she came in they had to draw a picture of what they wanted to make and put it in their art books. Then they had to dip real felt in water to make it stick to the Bubble wrap. They carried on doing this to make their display. They really would like doing felting again.

By James



## Community in for lunch

The school invites the community to join the children for a special lunch cooked by Freda every term. At the Christmas lunch we did lots of activities like: bingo, carol singing and unwrapping presents which Santa came and delivered in person! At our Easter lunch we had an Easter bonnet competition, won by Charley and Max. It was nice that the residents from Croft Avenue Home were there to judge. Freda said: "It's very tiring and I'm worn out."

By Max



## Music to your ears

In school music lessons, the children have made a rap about bullying. The older ones learned some recorder bits for it that went along really well with the song. Everyone wrote their own two lines of rap to perform. Rhona said: "it was very fun and loud." Everyone in year 4, 5 and 6 do recorders and most children didn't even know how to play a musical instrument before. Amelia said: "it has been great to learn recorders because it's good to know how to play a musical instrument." Everyone has enjoyed it. Last month, Crosby and Asby schools went together to listen to a full orchestra play at Carlisle Sands Centre. It was a long trip but it was worth it. Poppy said: "I liked it when those two people dressed up as Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran and they fought over music!"

By Sophie

## Fun Food!

Earlier this year, the school began to take part in a scheme called food for life. The children enjoyed all the food themed experiences. The scheme encourages children to benefit



from having more fresh local food. The hope is that soon the children will be growing their own fruit & veg to eat in school! One of the things that

has happened already has been sausage making. A butcher called Dave Morland came from Tebay to show how to make Cumberland sausages from special ingredients. They even ate them and they were delicious! Another thing the children did was making apple juice at the Woodstrovers' apple farm. Max said: "It was re-



ally interesting and tasty!." Because the school is going to start growing its own things soon, Mrs Swainson came from Ulswater College to help children make their own mini Green Houses in DT. These will eventually grow into vegetable beds when the new beds are laid down. Also they went to Vista veg and made even more apple juice then learned how to plant seeds and harvest cucumbers.



By Immy & Katie

Question: Why do bees have sticky hair?

Answer: Because they use honey-combs!



## Starry Skies over Eden



The children have been doing a Dark skies project thanks to the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership. In February they went to a planetarium that had been put up in Maulds

Meaburn Village Institute. All the children found it brilliant. Inside, a man showed all sorts of things including shows about the moon, Mars, Uranus, the rings of Saturn and the sun.

Amelia said "It was amazing to watch and I loved it all." Ks2 are looking forward to working with an artist and a poet (Rob and Harriet) at Great Asby to produce work about the stars and the night sky.



By Immy

## Sports Corner

### Cross country

Seven children from Y3 & 4 went to Newton Rigg in March. Sophie said, "It was hard and tiring." For the girls, Neev came 7th, Sophie 28th & Poppy 27th. For the boys, Danny came 26th, Sam 20th and Harry 29th.

### Horse riding

Before Christmas the whole school went horse riding every Friday afternoon for a half-term. It was really enjoyed and some were encouraged to start going out of school - they even learnt to trot! As well as being ridden, the horses were groomed by the pupils. Poppy said: "I really liked riding the horses because it felt nice." Everyone agreed it was a great experience which they hope will be repeated.

### Swimming gala

The children competed against 10 schools at Appleby swimming pool. Max said: "It was really tiring but fun." The children did really well and many of them came first in their races. It was a great achievement for a small school and it was greatly enjoyed by the pupils.

### Tag Rugby

Crosby has joined with Asby to make a 'Crasby' rugby team! They recently took part in their second tournament together and did incredibly well, winning two matches and drawing one. The referee declared them the best 'team' in the competition as they played so well together & didn't rely on star players to succeed.



By Rhona & Amelia

## Welcome Miss Banks



By Sam & Neev

The children will have a new teacher in Class 2 over the summer term. Let's learn some facts about her!

- Role in school: Trainee teacher
- Favourite Season: Spring
- Where do you live: Great Strickland
- Star-sign: Scorpio
- Favourite colour: Purple
- Favourite movie: Freaky Friday
- Interesting fact: I was born in Scotland

## Living in the plastic age!



Since the Blue Planet TV series, everyone's been getting interested in cutting down on plastic. The children have been learning about how it affects the environment and then made some posters to persuade people to stop using so much. They also wrote some strong letters to companies about what they could do to help. About half

of them replied—the children felt the best letter was sent by Shap Chippy who explained how they are getting rid of plastic forks. All the children have written promises about what they can do at home to help the problem; these have been put on the Mission Tree.

The Herald sent a journalist and a photographer to find out what we've been learning and we appeared in their newspaper last week.



## 'Snow school today!

Crosby school is attacked by the Beast from the East! In February, Crosby Ravensworth was blasted by an amazing 10 inches of snow! Children were sent back home for four days whilst the storm died down. The storm affected the whole north of the UK.

Head teacher Mr Priestley commented on the storm: "It's always concerning having to close the school and it's an incredibly hard decision to make. We hate having to inconvenience the parents and for the children's education to suffer." Meanwhile, the children enjoyed making snowmen and playing on sledges.



By George