

# The Crosby Chronicle

The newsletter of Crosby Ravensworth CE School—Summer 2021



## The Great Outdoors

This year the children did a sponsored walk and it was very fun. There were three different walks. There was a one mile walk, a four mile walk and a ten mile walk. A total of one thousand pounds was raised and half of it went to the air ambulance service. On the ten mile walk the children started at Crosby school and trod on to Shap quarry. Then they continued to Reagill Grange. After that, it was back to school via Crake Trees. After the huge walk, everyone was very, tired, but it was all for a good cause!



By Grace & Ted

## Goodbye fantastic Year 6

This year there are two Year 6 leavers at school; they are the kindest and most helpful children anyone could ever hope to meet. They are Daniel and William. They had a special leavers assembly in church that was led by Stewart and before that they had a special lunch in their honour in the quiet area in school. Freda made some lovely sandwiches and baked cakes specially. Mr Priestley said: "I'm so impressed that they worked so hard and achieved such great standards despite having their classes disrupted by COVID. They are such nice, hard-working pupils who have set a wonderful example to the rest of the school. I know they'll go far in life."



Question: Why couldn't the pony sing a lullaby?

Answer: She was a little horse!

## Huge squirrel on the playground!

On a Friday in spring 2021, there were two exciting visitors. They were part of an event called, 'Picturing the Westmorland Dales' and they said, "We are here today to help you create artwork out of things you find in nature.". First all the children were split into groups for the different activities. Then leaves were collected to make Pudsey Bear faces out of (this all happened on children-in-need day). Next the art was created with more leaves. They had brought wool and rocks to help create the squirrel. The scariest part for the children was being videoed and interviewed! It took almost the whole day! They made videos of all the other schools who did it. "It was so fun" said jade. It was a sunny day and everyone was very hot afterwards. The teachers helped out too!

By ??????



## On the radio

Last Christmas Class 2 made a song that was played on BBC Radio Cumbria. Everyone came up with some phrases or words about Christmas and had to record them to Mr Priestley's music. George said: "It was hard to get right because we kept forgetting them". Finally they had a perfect run through. Everyone thought it was great to hear the song played on Christmas day and was so proud of themselves. It was lodes of fun to make it and listen to it. There was a lot of Christmas spirit in school.

BBC RADIO CUMBRIA



By ????



SLIP 'N SLIDE: Children enjoyed a fun outdoor summer PE play session with John French's Action Ants.

## What a wonderful walk!

On a Wednesday afternoon in the summer, class 2 went outside to the willow den and saw a nice lady called Debbie. She taught them how to use a spinning wheel. Then she gave some wool to play with.



They watched her use the spinning wheel then each got a turn to use it. Archie said: "It was a fun experience." They all brought some jam jars to school and filled one or two with wool and some skin from a fruit or vegetable. They were told to bring the full jars home and filled them with warm water (not from the kettle). The wool will be naturally dyed and ready for a lesson on weaving in Autumn.

By xxxxxx

Question: What did one toilet say to the other?

Answer: You look a bit flushed!

## Spectacular swim week



In June the whole school went swimming but this year it was different. They went every day of the week. It was a brilliant week! Every afternoon every child from nursery to Year 6 went on the bus to Appleby Pool. Children did

every stroke and completed tasks like collecting sinkers. There were three groups for swimming. Most of class one were in the first group. The second group had some of both classes in it and the last group had class two in it. The classes included how to save people from the water, some of whom were wearing pyjamas. Mrs Ball said: "I was so impressed with how well the youngest children got on. It was wonderful to see them learn to swim for the very first time." By the end of the week everyone had all improved at swimming.

By Ted & Grace

## Crake Trees



Both classes went to Crake Trees Manor in May 2021 to learn more about rivers and habitats. The children looked at a map of Crake Trees and a photo which had different colours for different things. Green for wetland, purple for pond and much more. They took pictures of a meadow where they said two ponds were going to go. Grace said: "It will be interesting to see how it looks next year when it's all changed." The children all walked to a beck and went river dipping. They caught some creatures like pond skaters and learned that they liked this habitat. They walked past the beck and drew a map of it with lots of signals and a key. After that they had lunch and it was delicious. It was an educational, fun day for saving the rivers.

By Marta & April

## Fabulous food for life

Three years ago, Crosby Ravensworth began working to a food for life award, which is raising awareness about food and where it comes from. The School has been rewarded with an FFL Bronze Award for its healthy and climate-friendly food. This recognises school activities that make a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of pupils and their families by encouraging them to eat, cook and grow good food at home. School meals at Crosby are fresh and seasonal, with at least 75% of all meals freshly prepared by school cook Freda Smith. The school has installed growing beds and includes produce grown and harvested by pupils on its menus. Another highlight of the programme was a sausage-making masterclass with David Morland, head of butchery at Tebay Services, Head teacher Duncan Priestley said: "Every child in our school learns about climate-friendly healthy eating from a young age."

By William



## Fantastic forest school



Early this year, the children enjoyed a forest school day that was led by Mr Corrie and Mrs Hollis. First the boys and girls made camp fires and toasted cinnamon rolls and pineapple slices. Jade said: "It was so fun and tasty!" Mr Corrie was waiting for the children in the

willow den to help them make spears and a bow and arrow. Everyone went onto the football pitch and tested them. They worked great! The children were allowed to take the spears home but the bow and arrow were left at school as part of the Stig Of The Dump

project. Some months later, memories of this day and the stone age topic inspired a period of den building popularity. Everyone enjoyed forest school day and want to do it again soon.

By xxxx



Question: Why shouldn't you give a balloon to Elsa?

Answer: Because she'll 'Let it go, let it go'!

## Red carpet film premiere



Last December, the stars from Crosby Ravensworth primary school had a very special experience—they went to the Lonsdale Cinema in Penrith to watch themselves starring in the world premiere of the school play on the big screen. It was an incredible chance for the children of both classes to watch themselves perform 'Holy Joe'. Jade said, "It was a very good experience as we got to watch the school play on the big screen." They also got to have popcorn and coke or tango. Sadly none of the parents were allowed to come because of the corona virus pandemic. But all of the parents were allowed to see it at the end

by getting a CD or a USB stick of the performance that had been professionally filmed by Paul Bale. They also got to watch the film 'Elf' which was a great Christmas present paid for by the Friends of the school.

By xxx



## Lots of Leighton Hall fun



On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July class1 went to Leighton Hall Nature Park. They learnt all about minibeasts. Timmy said "it was fun because we learnt about pollinators." There was also a caterpillar maze that was made

out of wood, but was not too hard because they could see over the wall. They all got to play great games about minibeasts. They got to eat yummy smores made from marsh mallows and chocolate biscuits.



By Marta & April

## Lockdown learning

This has been a very strange year for all the school children. They had to go into lockdown because of Covid 19 and because of that, they had to go into home school. Day after day at home got quite boring - there were live lessons for everyone but the children missed being in school. Then Mr Priestley one day said "Class, we are going to a virtual zoo tomorrow!" All children were asked to have a packed lunch ready and some even dressed like zookeepers! They saw penguins and tigers and many more animals. Some time later it was world book day so the children all dressed up as different characters. Jade dressed as Wally and George dressed as Harry Kane. At the end of the period of lockdown learning, there was an online celebration party with glowing lights. Reuben said "It was very fun." Finally lockdown was over and the children were all very excited to get back to their lovely school! & Kaylan

By Iona & Kaylan



## Last supper

Just before Easter, both classes did lots of learning about Lent. In class 2 the children re-enacted the story of the last supper. They picked somebody to be Jesus and the rest to be disciples. They all sat down at Jesus' side and a picture was taken. After that Jesus said, "This wine is my blood." He poured the wine (cranberry juice) into the cups then said "you may drink now." They all took a drink then he said "This



bread is my body." He gave them the bread. "You may eat the bread now." They all got a bit of flat bread, even the dog and the cat (also played by pupils)! They took a lot of pictures and then went to church to see how Stewart broke the bread and poured the wine. What a fun way to learn about the last sup-

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## School Video

On a Wednesday in April this year, the school was recorded doing everyday things to put into an informative short clip by Paul to show to the public. The children were selected and interviewed, and delivered some flattering comments such as, "As soon as I came here I knew it was better than my old school," from April. The children marvelled equally at the flying drone above the school, and the bird's eye view of the school afterwards. The recordings consisted of music being played, the children in a match of football, and even the netball club after school. After the video was finished, edited and sent to the school a while after, the children were shown the finished product and marvelled at what Paul had done. Archie said, "I liked it all, but Bobby screaming at the camera really made me laugh."

By Danny & George

## SUMMER WORD SEARCH

BARBEQUE  
LEMONADE  
HEAT

VACATION  
SWIMMING  
POOL

OUTSIDE  
BEACH  
SUNSCREEN



## What a marathon!

In spring 2021 the whole school took part in raising money for the Salvation Army. The plan was to run a marathon together in a day. So every child



and every teacher took turns class after class. By 2 o'clock the school had run a marathon as a team, so they ran on. By home time they had completed a marathon and a half! All twenty four of us plus the teachers had done it. All in five hundred and seventy pounds for the new food bank at the Salvation Army was raised. Reuben said: "We were really tired that evening, but very were proud."

By xxx

## Sound Walk

Recently the whole school set off on a walk around the village to collect sounds with a sound recordist called Dan Fox. First Dan told them what the equipment was called, which was fascinating. Then he passed around some equipment like headphones and microphones. Then they went on a walk with him and captured loads of amazing sounds. Iona said, "I was very embarrassed when I sung in church" and Marta said, "it was amazing" George agreed "It was fun because we got to eavesdrop on the builders," and Frankie reported, "We wore these head phones with which we heard things very loudly. It was awesome." The most impressive thing was how Dan turned all the sounds into a piece of music for everyone to enjoy.



By xxx

Question: Why are false teeth like stars?

Answer: Because they only come out at night!

