



The Crosby Chronicle

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It's a rap



In Herons we did rapping lessons this year and they were very fun. A really good rapper called Kema came in to show us how to do it. We even made our very own rap called the everything which

was about all the things we like to do such as playing football and riding our bikes.

By George

Saddles and smiles on horseback



In autumn the school every Thursday for six weeks went horse riding. It was so exiting and I loved it! Katalina didn't need any help from the people who were helping us control the horses and ponies because she's already a good rider but lots of children were riding for the first time ever. Timmy said "It was amazing to sit on a horse's back and ride it! I will never forget that moment in my life."

By Benjamin

Cricket Glory for Crosby



This year Crosby have entered many sports tournaments as usual. But after many years of trying, one of their teams finally touched glory. They won the Temple Sowerby cricket shield. A small team of seven Crosby players arrived at the green; they borrowed three players called: Louis, Lucas and Benj. They impressed by winning all the matches in the group before going on to beat Temple Sowerby in a close final by five runs. Cooper said: "In the Bolton match when I was batting, a ball went behind me so I tried to smash it for a six but the wicket keeper got in the way and it smashed him in the chest. Katherine added: "In the final I was nervous at the end of my batting because I knew every ball counted." What a great achievement!



By Cooper

Quick foot to Fell Foot

In July, the whole school including preschool went for an amazing day at Lake Windermere. It was a summer treat but the weather was very wet! Everyone arrived at Fellfoot in the morning. The younger children went on a nature walk. The older children had an open water swimming lesson in the lake. It was rather cold. Mr Priestley brought his son, Ben, to help with the swimming and he was the coldest. After having a picnic lunch, everyone went orienteering round the lakeside in partners. It got very wet and everybody couldn't record our results because it was so wet. While the Wrens and Robins were playing at the Adventure play park. On the bus back we were all exhausted but it was a great day!



Question: Why did the ice cream go to school?

Answer: It wanted to be a smartie cone!

By Evelyn & Katherine

Pumping up the learning



Hérons had an exciting day learning about how the heart works to pump blood around our bodies. The head biologist at UCC came in to school to teach us

lots of facts and we got to do a dissection. His assistant gave out gloves and aprons while the biologist handed out the pigs' hearts to each of us. We were told about all the parts: the four chambers, the veins and arteries. The class finished by doing a worksheet about what had been learned. Jamie said: "It was quite a gory experience – we stuck our fingers through the tubes and cut the septum. It was really hard because it was so fleshy."

By Katherine

Question: Why don't crabs share their beach towels?

Answer: Because they're a little shellfish!

Walking for the squirrels

All the children did a big sponsored walk for charity again this year. They voted to give half the money (£400) to Evie's choice of the Penrith Red Squirrel charity and half to the friends of the school. Wrens



class went to Crake Trees for a 1.5 mile walk. Robins went to Maulds Meurburn then went to Reagill where they had lunch in a field. That was a 6.5 mile walk. Herons went up Slack Randy and saw lovely countryside including a big boulder then back to school on their 12 mile walk.



By Jack

Christmas at Crosby

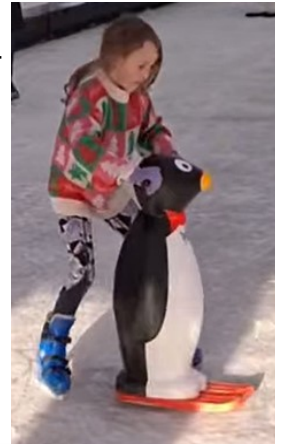
The school did a Christmas play this year called Prickly Hay. Bobby and George were narrators, Rowan was Sam and Cooper was a Shrew. They were the stars and they were amazing and we did singing and dancing. Everyone cheered at the end. We also had a successful Christmas fair. The children in Heron's made Christmas stalls. The money the children earned went to the friends to pay for school trips. One of the best things was when Santa came to visit, we got toys from him and then we had a Christmas party and we got sweets at the end of the party.



By Jack

Dancing on Ice

One morning at Crosby school everyone set off on an exciting icy journey. They went ice skating at an outdoor rink at 'Another Place' hotel at Ullswater. To help beginners, there were penguins to hold on to. Will had thin socks so he got blisters! Katherine said "I slipped over lots of times." Benjamin said "it was fun but I was scared that I would get my fingers cut off by the blades of the skates. But it was actually safe although the ice rink was very, very cold."



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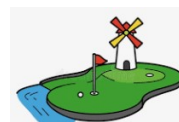
By George

From pages to parks in Penrith



On the 11th of July the whole school went to Penrith Library and did some art and craft. They made some fairies and heard all about the summer reading challenge. They also read a book called

The Concrete Garden. Katherine said "I found it very interesting and I enjoyed the drawings." After that, everyone went to Castle Park where the younger ones played mini golf and Herons class



played on the tennis courts. Jack said: "I really enjoyed it but the net was very high!"



By Rowan

Infant trips

Wrens and Robins went on a trip to learn about transport in their geography lessons. They went on a minibus to the Transport Museum in Haverthwaite. Will said "the best part was looking at all the old cars."



After the museum visit they went on the train and ate their lunch. Hugo said: "I liked looking out of the window and seeing everything going past." Earlier in the year, Robins went to the Salvation Army in Penrith where they saw all the food given



to help people in need. The Class saw all the cupboards and shelves filled with food and drinks to give out in the kitchen. They found out about how many homeless people go there every year and how much food they used. Matilda said: "I am glad we can help people."

By Katherine

Music magic with Mobius



At the start of the year everyone got a musical treat when a mobile music unit arrived in the car park for a day of fun music making. It was called The Mobius Loop. The children got to sing, go on VR head sets and played some amazing instruments like an electric piano that flashed up with lots of colour. Rowan said: "I really enjoyed singing on our own song about the Tudors. It was great to learn how music is recorded." We also sang any song we wanted and Evie, Katherine, Katalina, Rowan and Evelyn sang a few songs like Shivers by ED Sheeran.

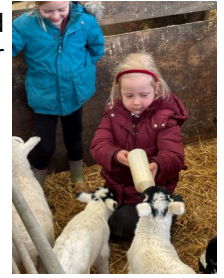
By Evie

Question: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Answer: Because her class was so bright!

Fun down on the farm

In the spring time, Herons Robins and Wrens went to visit Raisgill Farm near Tebay. They got to see lots of interesting things – there were orphaned lambs that had to be fed with bottles by the children. They really enjoyed picking them up and hugging them. They also got to see calves under their mothers suckling milk. They even got to see twin lambs being born. Lots of facts were learned about farming. Evelyn said: "It was really cool because I've never seen lambs being born in front of me."



By Benjamin

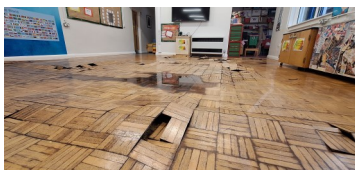
Liverpool



For the first time this year the year 6 and year 5 went to Liverpool for three days and two nights. They went with Asby school on a bus driven by Mr Davies and Mr Priestley. First they did some curling on an ice rink in Preston. It was very cold but they found it so fun! When they arrived at Liverpool they went to Crosby beach for lunch where there was statues of men. These are called Another Place and made by Antony Gormley. After that they got back on the bus to the youth hostel by the Mersey. Next they went on a boat up the Mersey and back again. George and Cooper said "it was so windy!" Later, they went to the Beatle museum to learn about the most popular band in the world. Then they went back to the youth hostel for dinner. The next day they visited lots of amazing religious places including two Cathedrals, a Mosque and a Synagogue. At the end of the day they went to a theatre to watch a play called Pig Heart Boy. There were more visits the next day to museums, galleries and even to the University to have a lecture on nuclear pollution. Cooper said "I really liked seeing the exoskeleton of a Japanese spider crab at the World Museum. It was a great three days."

By Rowan

Watergate at Crosby



At the start of the spring term, a major water leak left the school hall floor completely ruined.

Fortunately, our ever-dedicated cleaner Sharon was in doing an extra weekend clean and quickly raised the alarm. Thanks to her swift action—and our insurance brokers—the hall now boasts a beautiful new parquet floor. "It was a real washout," said headteacher Mr Priestley, "but the end result is flooring we can be proud of!"

Summer sport fun

To celebrate end of year, a man called Rick came into school for an amazingly weird sports day with everyone. First was a game like hungry hippos but the children were the hippos! They went on boards with wheels and used a box to catch all the balls. Next was a game called Kimball where you chuck a huge ball and if it lands in the others team box you get a point. There was a big water bomb fight and everyone finished off by going to a huge water slide. Micah said: "The slip in slide was very fun". Lyra added: "I think everyone would Like to do it again".



By Evie

One woman and her dogs

In spring, the children went to see a local celebrity! Katie Cropper was the first woman to win 'One Man and his Dog'. The children went to see her dogs: she had about 5 dogs and she trains them to become sheepdogs. She lives near the A66 in Shap in the middle of nowhere. Blakey was one of her puppy sheepdogs that we watched being trained. Evie said: "I didn't know that puppies got trained so young to be sheepdogs. They were amazing." When I'm older I

By Katalina

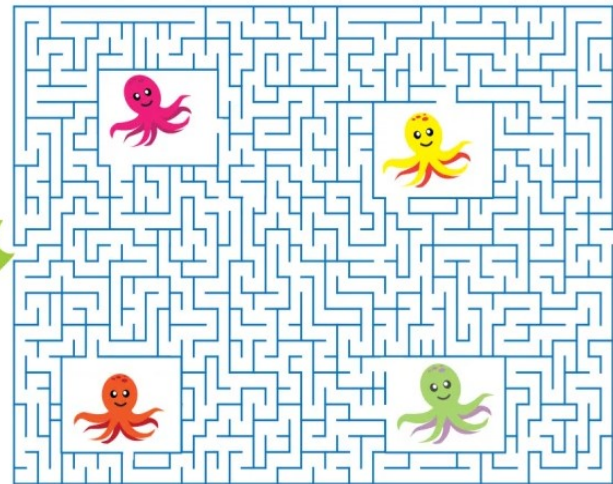


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Question: Where do sheep go on holiday?

Answer: The Baa-hamas!

Solve the maze and be sure to visit all the octopuses!



Vikings invade playground

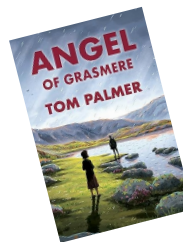
Early this year Herons learned about the Vikings in their topic. Tebay school came along to join them in a Viking day outside on the playground. It was so fun! Jamie said: "My favourite bit was when we did sword fighting and made a shelter with shields while the enemy men threw tennis balls at us." The children



also practised marching like Vikings in special formations. Rowan said: "I got to wear chain mail. It was so heavy!"

By Jack

WW2 story inspires



In spring Heron's class started reading a brilliant book called Angel of Grasmere by a man called Tom Palmer. We got to meet him and ask him lots of questions about how he wrote it and why he chose Cumbria. It is set in world war two. I thought it was really good. It's all about a girl called Tarn and her brother Joss is presumed dead at sea after the disaster at Dunkirk. Or is he? Without giving away too much, it has a very happy ending to the story.

By Benjamin

Summer

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Wrens welcome new life



In the summer term the Wrens class have looked after a range of creatures including: Vietnamese Stick Insects, chicks which they hatched from eggs and butterflies which they watched open from their cocoons. The chicks were in an incubator then they went in a special enclosure with a heater. Once they were too big for that they were moved into a larger enclosure. Lyra said "they were cute but naughty."

By Cooper

Bon Voyage Year 6



This year the Year 6 leavers had lots of fun activities. First, Rowan and Cooper went to Carlisle for a leaver's ceremony. Cooper held a banner and Rowan held a candle as they paraded down the cathedral with other schools from Cumbria. Next, the same two went to Patterdale with other schools. The Year 6 groups did archery, gill scrambling, den making, team activities, and an obstacle course. Cooper said, "I really enjoyed archery, even though I lost one arrow somewhere!"

By Rowan