



The Crosby Chronicle

The newsletter of Crosby Ravensworth CE School—July 2017



After School Club



In March, school started wrap-around-care breakfast and after school club. It's now open from 8am till 5pm every day! Some of these clubs have consisted of: biking, cooking, construction, film, art, nature and many more. One of the most popular is biking club; it has been the Friday club for 2 terms and the students get to go out of school on their bikes. George commented, "My favourite club is film club because there are lots of different films. Just like the cinemas!" Club manager Miss Taylor has even arranged for Lacrosse club next year. Amber added, "My favourite club is cooking club because it is fun and we get to eat our food at the end."

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By Harry

The great outdoors at Crosby



At the start of the year, the school decided to make a day based on their school topic - the Stone Age. They had been reading a book all about the Stone Age people and their lives: Stig of the Dump. There

were lots of activities consisting of creating swords, mallets, rounders bats and spears. These were all made from wood. Volunteers helped the children make a fire in the restricted corner of the school. On the fire, the groups cooked pancakes, waffles and warmed juice. The next week, all pupils made dens as part of 'Forest Schools'. All the dens had a unique feature from a washing line to a child-made zip-wire! At 12 O'Clock the children ate their diners in their dens. To make their dens, the groups had different materials like card-board, tar poling and pegs but



the children shared their materials as well as their ideas. All the children had an amazing day.



By Rhona & Ben

Biking

This term, School has been participating in lots of biking activities including a regular biking club, a visit to the cycle trails at Whinlatter, road awareness training through Bike-ability and also The Slack Randy challenge which raised over £1,200 for the school. The children enjoyed Whinlatter very much. When the school arrived, they were split into two groups—one group was doing orienteering, the other was doing biking. In biking, the children first met their instructor who pared them up with their bikes. Once every child had a bike, they set off



on some warm up activities where they learnt how to handle bumps and use berms properly. After the warm up, the children got straight into a short ride; Rhona said: "the ride was so fun and my bike was great!" The children then had lunch and swapped activities. In the orienteering the children explored the wood looking for stamps.

The school is very thankful to Glenn, Allister and Neil, for organising the fantastic Slack Randy Challenge. Mr Priestley said: "it was an amazing day; I learnt things about my body I never knew." It was a great event and an amazing 76 people turned up to ride. The school is also very thankful to the bike-ability coaches for helping year four reach their level one badge, and year five six reaching their level two.

By Tom & Neev





We like school



School has been getting 'friendly' through the launch of its own facebook account this year. At the time of writing, the school is closing in on 100 likes and this is proving to be a very effective way of spreading its name and reputation across and beyond the community. Thanks to expertise and sponsorship from the marketing team at Askham Hall, the school has also been using the medium to engage in targeted facebook advertising. Please spread the word.



Good Diabetes Care Award



Early this summer, the school was presented with a special diabetes award. For many years the school has been caring for Neev, who has type-one diabetes. The Good Diabetes award was presented to the school by Ian Bains of the charity who

came from Barrow. The whole school was impressed. Mr. Priestley agreed "I was astonished and honoured to receive the reward." Neev said that "It was nice to get the shiny trophy, and I am happy it went to our school."



By Max

Miniature Gardens



Class 2 winner, Robin

In the last 2 months, Class 1 and Class 2 have been making miniature gardens with Sarah Rogers. The pupils made amazing gardens with some nice figures for the finishing touches. Some people used tins or washing up bowls, Frankie used something really odd, some ripped trousers! Neev even used a toilet bowl!! It was the first time the school has entered in the Open Gardens which this year was done in memory of M.P. Jo Cox.

George said: "It was fun making my garden; I never thought I would come third!" Max said: "I enjoyed making my garden, they all looked brilliant!"



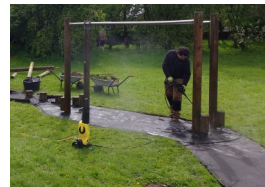
Class 1 winner, Frankie



By Katie

New equipment

Amazing news! Not that long ago, the school bought (and are still getting) some new play equipment. This includes: a bigger shed to store PE



equipment, two football goals and netball hoops on the playground, some brilliant markings also on the playground, a new tight-rope and spongy floor on the timber trail and an outdoor table-tennis table. The school

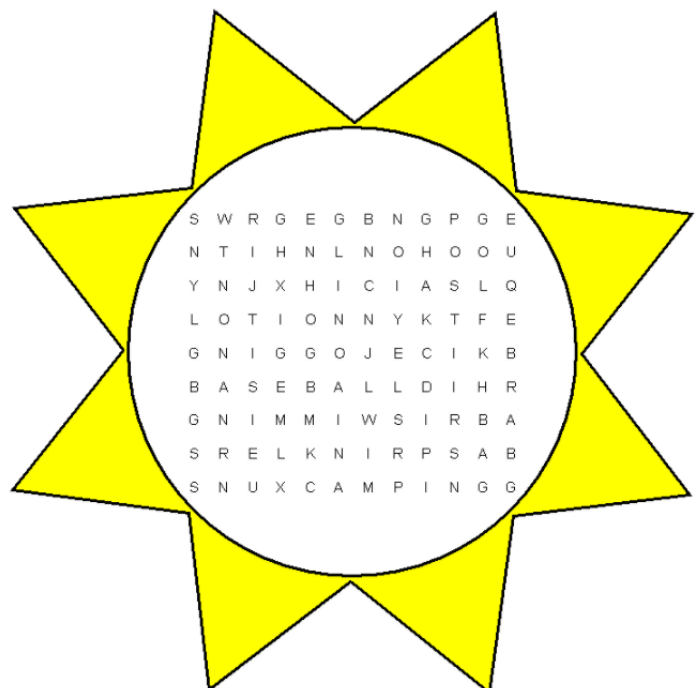
has also purchased table football & table hockey which flips over into a pool table. Benedict said: "I love the new ropes and



I think the soft flooring (under the timber trail) is a brilliant idea, as I have fallen off before." Tom commented: "I like the fact that we now have Goals on the tarmac." The teachers are also planning on adding a fire pit and a willow den as a prayer area which will be blessed by Stuart, the local priest.

By Imogen & Francesca

Can you find the 12 holiday-related words in our summer-sun wordsearch?



Question: What do you call a fly with no wings?

Answer: A walk!



Farewell Year 6!



In May, the year 6s went on a trip to Patterdale outdoor centre to get to know some of next year's new Year 7 friends in advance. "My

favourite activity was definitely gorge walking because our group got to jump off a huge rock into the river, I did a 360!" commented Tom. Crosby students also went on a trim trail in their little group then went into partners then went around and worked as a team to get around the trail. The schools that participated in the Patterdale trip included: Crosby Ravensworth, Long Marton, Great Asby, Warcop, Morland, Bolton and Kirby Thore. After the year 6s had finished their first two activities, they had lunch on the great green field. When they had finished their packed-lunches they finished off their day by doing their last 3 activities. Taylor (QEGS group) quoted: "It was one of the most fun school trips I've ever been on! I liked falling into the gorge backwards the most."



Some weeks later, the children went to a special leavers' service at Carlisle Cathedral where Robin read a sermon in front of 30 other schools.

By Amber

Question: Why was the chicken sent home from school?

Answer: Because it used FOWL language!

The home of sport

2017 has held many close wins, draws and narrow defeats during sporting events including: rugby, cricket, football and netball.



In May the teachers organised a tag rugby tournament in Penrith. Many schools took part and Crosby did amazingly as this was most of the pupils' first tournament. On the 14th of July 7 students competed in the re-arranged Warcop Netball Cup. Five teams arrived ready to take part. Crosby did extremely



well and came 3rd. Robin exclaimed "Netball was both enjoyable and intense."

Crosby has excelled in football this year and has had a strong team. At Long Marton Crosby drew their first match 0-0 and

lost their other two matches 0-1. Tom quoted "I enjoyed the atmosphere and thoroughly enjoyed playing." The Kings Meaburn Cup of football sadly had to be cancelled this year due to bad weather, however it will be held in September, when Year 7s will be invited to join in. The school also visited both Penrith and Temple Sowerby Cricket tournaments, with some outstanding results. Crosby came 3rd in the Penrith tournament and an amazing 2nd in Temple Sowerby. Earlier in the year, the school sent a team of distance runners to the cross country championships at Hunter Hall School. This was the first time in many years a team had been sent and it was a great success.



By Poppy & Benedict

Pictured below, school super-heroes are dressed to impress, fighting the good-fight to raise funds for comic relief in April.





Safari... so goody!

Class 1 have been finding out about animals. They visited Trotters World in Keswick to discover more about African Animals. The children especially loved seeing the Meerkats digging their holes and the cockatoos saying 'hello'. Mrs Corrie said: "This was an exciting topic, the children really enjoyed researching and writing about the animals."



Sporting spectacular

This summer, school held their annual school sports day. There were three teams: Dent, Lowther and Southward. Each team was split into two groups. Before sports day, Mr Priestley gave the whole school a badge template so the pupils could design a name-



badge. The winning badges were named: Lowther Legs, Lowther Leopards, Dent Dominos, Dynamic Dent, Southward Sloths and Southward Stars.

There were many courses on the playground including hockey, egg and spoon, bean bag throwing, an obstacle course and many more. The six courses were judged by year sevens from Appleby Grammar School— everyone loved seeing the school's old pupils again. They gave the results to Mrs Pattinson who added them all up to find out the winning team, which was...Dent. After having done sports day, children had a choice of fizzy drinks, ice creams and chocolate biscuits.

By Jack & Sophie

Walking: challenge time!

Earlier this year, the school started to take part in a project called the '100 Mile challenge'. Twenty-one out of twenty-seven pupils from age 4-11 have completed the trial.



The students were allowed to complete it by biking, walking, scootering or anything similar. The school set everyone off with a 2 mile walk to Maulds Meaburn. More recently, the children also completed a sponsored walk. There were three trails, the longest being 12 miles, roughly the height of Mount Everest! Max (who did the middle walk) quoted, "The walk felt very long but I enjoyed it." Over £1,100 was raised for school funds.

By George

Ms Lowthian

Thanks to Ms Lowthian, the children in class 2 have some fabulous science and computing sessions each week. She also teaches at Bolton and Asby. Here's her fact-file:



- Role in school: teacher / mid-day supervisor
- Favourite colour: Blue or grey
- Favourite movie: Sweet Home Alabama
- Favourite Food: Mushroom & pineapple pizza
- Favourite Book: The Magic Faraway Tree
- Favourite time of year: Easter and Autumn time
- Interesting fact: I've had some very interesting jobs before teaching; I worked at the BBC, at some Ministry of Defence sites and at Heathrow Airport

By James & Tom

May Madness raises big money!

In early spring, the school's annual May Day proved a great hit with the community. Over £1,100 was raised to support the school's fundraising campaign. Highlights included the ritual 'sponge the headteacher', thrills and spills with the petrol-powered motorballs and a super-sized raffle to end the day. May Queen Amber said: "We had such a great day and I really enjoyed opening the event. It was a shame that our May King, Jack, wasn't well enough to join us but Tom did a great speech as his deputy."

Amazing York

This year, years five and six went to York for a residential.

They all had a great time and wished they didn't have to leave. They went to York in late March



and some of the activities they did included: trampolining, going to the castle museum, a journey round the York wall and a spooky ghost walk. Year five pupil Ben said: 'I enjoyed the trampolining the most.' The three schools attending the residential were: Crosby



Ravensworth, Long Marton, and Great Asby. The next people to go on the residential are sure to enjoy York too.

By Amelia

Question: Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?

Answer: Because she will 'let it go'!