



# The Crosby Chronicle



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## Eat, sleep, adventure repeat



In February, Y5 & Y6 joined with pupils from Long Marton & Great Asby on a residential in Keswick at Hawse End. On arrival, the children were grouped before going up to put sheets on their beds. Easier said than done! All the bedrooms were named after the hills around the area. There were lots of activities including: walking, canoe rafting, gill scrambling and solving problems. Every night the children had to write approximately 6 paragraphs about what they did in the day. That was enough to send everyone to sleep!

By Jack

## A bit fishy...

Class 1 went on a trip to Maryport Aquarium in June, they had loads of fun! Here is a comment from the class: 'we loved being at the



Maryport Aquarium. We saw loads of exotic animals like Jellyfish, Rays, Tadpoles and starfish. James liked the sharks because they are really big! Poppy liked the sea toads because they look knobbly, and Neev liked the rays because you actually got to touch them. Danny Harry said that his favourite bit was the big blue lobster because you had to have good eyes to spot where he was hiding.'



By Amber & Robin

## Recorders

In school, Y4, Y5 & Y6 had wonderful recorder lessons with Caroline again this year. Some can read music now! Ben said: "I think recorder lessons are fun. Year sixes are playing somewhere only we know and half a world away, and it sounds brilliant." On 12th of July there was a special recorder assembly for parents. Year fives and sixes played Angry Birds and it was great. Year fours played Merrily we Roll Along.

By Amelia



## World Book Day

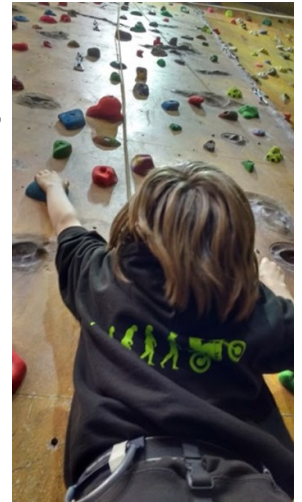
On the 27th of March children dressed up as characters from their favourite books and participated in a world book day quiz with teams such as 'hellbenders' and 'books on fire'. Amelia said: "I enjoyed dressing up and 'being Mr Gum'. Book tokens were given to everyone who took part.

By Benedict

## Climbing Kids

All children have been learning how to use a climbing wall this year. Mr Corrie fitted some holds on the back of the school, as a result the children needed lessons so they went for two sessions at Penrith Leisure Centre. As well as climbing they enjoyed swimming, badminton, gymnastics and bowls. The children found it very fun and exciting. Tom commented: "I loved the swimming and the climbing." Jessica added: "I enjoyed it because the activities were

By Kate & Rhona



## More tales by the river

Children from both classes have been helping The Eden Rivers Trust with their project to put the meanders back in the River Lyvennet.

Last month, as part of the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Crosby Ravensworth School went to The River Lyvennet to clean flood debris. The children split into two groups, class one and class two (two class two members joined class one's group). It was terrible weather and that meant we couldn't see as well because of the rain. We had to strip stuff (mud, straw, sticks) out of the fence and into big waste bags. We sent a letter to the Queen telling her about what we had accomplished for her birthday celebration. A few days later, the Queen sent us a letter to say thank you.

By George



## Maths Trail

This month, two Y5s were invited to UCC for a special Maths trail event. The day kicked off with a mystery murderer challenge: pupils had five clues to solve and each clue crossed off half of the suspects. At the end they found out that the murderer was Jerry! After this, all of the schools met up to have a cake and a drink. Later on, pupils did some surveying of the dimensions of the UCC sports hall which included taking measurements and calculating angles. Jack commented: I really liked doing the maths and I would like to do it again. Taylor added: I liked doing the clue solving to find out who was the murderer.



By Taylor & Jack



## School of rocks



In a special Class 2 science lesson, a man came in to teach about rocks and volcanos. He showed different types of rocks including obsidian! Obsidian is really precious. He told the school how obsidian is made: it's made if

water falls on lava! He said that there was a village near a volcano and it erupted and burnt it down. He also showed what happened if you were in a car close to an erupting volcano. It was terrifying!

*By Ben*

Question: why is bees' hair sticky?

Answer: because they use honeycombs!

## Tackling Totals

Class 1 have been playing tag rugby while Class 2 have learned rugby maths. The children were instructed by Keith Robinson (coach of Newcastle Falcons) and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. In one 'shape spotting' activity, sheets were given with a stadium on for pupils to spot as many shapes as they could. Robin stated: "I liked linking maths with rugby." Poppy and James added: "Rugby was good fun I enjoyed playing 10 pass, where 10 passes wins." Keith hopes that he



might see some pupils from Crosby at one of his rugby half term camps (visit falcons website and click on community for more details).

*By Benedict*

## Typical May Fair

This year's Mayfair was... raining! The 2016 Mayfair was like no other. The excited children were joined by



the May king and queen (Samuel Carruthers and Megan Jackson), who came on a Honda fury (an American motor bike). As soon as the speeches and recorders were over the Mayfair was declared open. The fair had lots of fun things to do including: the motor balls, a bouncy castle, a raffle, a duck race and lots more. Furthermore, there were things to buy: plants, cakes, food, drinks, sweets, books, movies, much more stuff and ice cream! Robin said: "I like the motor balls they were awesome especially when it was raining!"



*By Megan & Max*



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## Sponsored school

School and nursery went on an enormous sponsored walk around Crosby Ravensworth and raised an amazing £800 for the school and for the disaster relief charity—Images of Nepal. There were three walks to choose from: 1.5 miles, 3.5 miles and 9 miles. There were lots of things the children saw from slimy newts in streams to a disgusting dead sheep in the path.



Yes, class two saw a dead sheep! When they got back, everyone was exhausted but really satisfied with the achievement.

*By Imogen*

## Rotary Writers



Class 2 children entered a writing competition called: Our world is beautiful. As a result of this, Jack came second in the competition out of the whole of the North West of England. He said: "I am really happy for what I have achieved." Rhona came second

in the school. She added: "I am very shocked and very happy." George came third and described the competition as "awesome". Everybody was happy with their work and glad that they entered.

*By Katie & Frankie*

## Year 5 & 6's super science day

On the twenty third of June, the year five and six went to U.C.C for a science day they

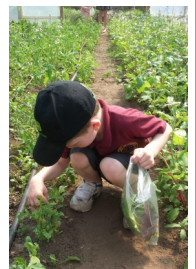


left at half eleven and got on the bus with Asby, they got there at twelve a clock. As soon as they got there they had lunch. After lunch they were introduced to the teacher, Mr Ford. First they were split into groups of two or three then they built a Para shoot for their eggs and tested them by dropping them off the balcony there were four groups that survived. They had a brake and had carton of juice. Then they did their next activity collecting DNA from a strawberry at the end of that activity they all got a certificate and walked out into the bus.

*By Tom*

## Veg, veg and more veg

In May, the children visited local company Vista Veg. When they arrived at the packing sheds, owner Lin Barnes was waiting with activities: planting and watering cabbages, planting seeds in flower pots to take back to school, picking lettuce, putting them in sealing bags and planting seeds in a wheel barrow. After the jobs were all done, the children, Mrs Corrie and Mr Mellors walked down to school, but Miss Taylor got a lift because she took the plants back. At the end of the day everyone was smiling.



*By Tom*

## The departing of the four musketeers



The four year sixes have been preparing to leave Crosby and move to pastures new. Samuel & Megan will go to UCC, while Kate & Jessica are set to

join Appleby Grammar. As well as visiting their future schools, places they have also visited on their leavers' journey have included: Carlisle Cathedral, Morland school and St Lawrence's church where they were presented with leavers' files by Rev Stewart Fyfe. Jessica said: "I'm going to be a bit sad leaving my old friends but excited to be making new friends and getting to know people." Let's hope that they have a good time in Year 7 I and enjoy it.



By Kate

Question: Why can't pirates say the alphabet?

Answer: Because they get stuck at C

## Mission Monument

A few months ago the school thought it would be a good idea to make a mission tree to put in the school front porch. The tree celebrates the school's Christian values of Belonging, Perseverance, Friendship, Honesty and Trust. It took a long time to decorate and the children worked very hard on it, covering the little squares of colourful paper with the glue and water mix. Afterwards, the children drew pictures of all the staff who work in school and hung them on the tree to show they belonged.

By Imogen

## The Scottish Day

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2016, class one had a Scottish day. The Scottish day involved: Scottish dancing, making shortbread, having their own highland games, writing postcards from the isle of Struay, and having a tug of war. They dined on mince, tatties and neeps for lunch. Danny Harry said: "I enjoyed singing our Scottish song called You Canny Shove Yer Granny Off A Bus!" Ethan added: "I liked everything!" Poppy said: "We made porridgees (type of biscuit) and practiced Scottish dancing. It was so much fun!"



By Robin & Max



## Appleby sports

On the 1st of July, the school was invited to take part in Appleby Sports Day. The events included: long distance girls and boy, relay race, 50m and 80m track races and skipping. The field events were: throwing a cricket ball and the high jump.



Samuel Carruthers did very well in the high jump he came 1<sup>st</sup> in the whole Eden valley! Neev Renton also won her heat and went on to achieve a wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Year 2 flat race final. Neev said: "when I was at the start line I was very nervous but excited and I wanted to win... and I did!"

By Samuel

## High 5

Recently, the school had two netball tournaments; the Warcop Cup, and the school's own private best of 3 match against Asby Endowed School.



**The school's own** took place at Crosby,

where over-all, they beat Asby by an amazing 10 nil! It was a nice evening because it was nice and sunny and ice creams were given by the Friends of the school at the end.

**The warcop cup** wasn't quite so pleasant, as it rained heavily throughout! The exciting news was that Crosby team continued their improvements and this year reached the *semi-finals!* Sadly the team lost that round against Long Marton 2 nil but hope to go one better next year. Thanks to Mrs Potts for helping with the coaching.

By Jessica & Rhona

## Super Sports Day

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of July it was Crosby Ravensworth's Sports Day. Children split into 6 groups: Lowther's League of Lynx and Lowther Legends, Dent Diamonds and Dent Dashers and Southward Space and Southward Strawberries. The events started in the morning this year, with a special climbing competition on the new climbing holds at the back of the school. In the afternoon, a large crowd arrived and there were multiple field events including: an egg and spoon, a hockey dribble, the bean-bag throwing, an obstacle course, a rounder ball throwing and a long jump. In the egg & spoon, the hockey dribble and the obstacle course, there were two cones; one for class 1 to reach and one for class 2. There were also some flat races for everyone and finally the big run round the school. Amelia commented: "I thought I tried my hardest and enjoyed it all." After all the scores had been added up, we found out that Lowther were the winners!

By Taylor



## Kings Meaburn Kings



Crosby school hosted the Kings Meaburn cup in Kings Meaburn and were determined to do well. Despite honourable of efforts, we came last in the tournament!

There was a good atmosphere: the WI sold hot dogs and drinks at the back of a horse trailer. As ever, the sawdust lined pitch was crowded with on-lookers shouting encouragement. Despite being shaped like a ski-slope, the players coped well with the challenging surface. Mr Priestley said: "I've had many comments from children and teachers about what a special atmosphere this tournament provides. Playing at Kings Meaburn brings its own unique challenges and I'd like to thank the Addison family for their continued support."

*By Megan & George*

## Nice to know Nepal



Last term, school had a special Nepal week to learn more about the country and celebrate its new links with a school just outside Kathmandu. A Nepalese family came in

(mum, dad and two children) to help. The children made some Nepalese food with one of their dad. It was called aloo dum which is hot spicy potatoes. The school learnt how to march like a Gurkha as one of the visitors had served in that division of the army. The mum and dad taught the children: marching (with straight legs and walking quickly). The children also had races where the person has to carry a basket on their forehead without holding it.



The next week the school made some more food to do with Nepal food.

*By Amelia & Katie*

## Nursery News

Recently nursery has had a topic on transport. They went on a trip to learn a bit more, here is a quote from Janet the nursery teacher 'the children loved the day out and most of them fell asleep on the way back'. The children left as soon as they got to school. The trip included four types of transport mini bus, train, boat and car. At the end of the day the children were shattered.

*By Ben & Tom*

## Mr Mellors' fellas



Mr Mellors is a trainee teacher and he taught us for 10 weeks.

When he first got here he taught us about trains. When he got to know us a bit more we started writing and

learning about the Railway Children. We were watching the full movie and we were writing a letter (to the family) and doing lots of other exciting things. Mr Mellors taught us how to play a train game: he gave out tracks as rewards for good work each week and we worked in teams using them to reach destinations. You could also swap tickets and buy new track. Mr Mellors was lots of fun and we enjoyed him being our teacher this year.

*By Katie*

## Hello new staff

Since Lisa left (the old secretary) we have been looking for a new secretary for our school. It turned out that we weren't getting 1 new secretary, but 2 secretaries! Pauline works most of the week as David only works on Tuesday. If we didn't have these two super stars the teachers would have their knees buried in jobs to do! The main job for the school needed very fast-thinking people to do it, and it turned out to be David and Pauline! These facts of them will give you a better idea of their lives:

### David

- Role in school: Business Manager
- Favourite colour: Green
- Favourite food: seafood
- Favourite book: Silent Spring
- Favourite TV show: David Attenborough
- Favourite author: Gerald Seymour
- Favourite movie: Local Hero & The life of Brian
- Jobs before now: Is also Business manager at two other schools, ran The Butcher's Arms in Crosby, worked in London as a builder
- Favourite band: Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band
- Favourite music: Thunder Road
- Interesting fact: Ran the first London Marathon and has got his running number signed by all three winners.



### Pauline

- Role in school: Administrator
- Favourite colour: Purple
- Favourite food: Chinese
- Favourite TV show: I'm A Celebrity
- Favourite book: Harry Potter
- Favourite author: J.K. Rowling
- Jobs before now: Admin supervisor, Nursery Nurse, Nanny.
- Favourite band: Coldplay
- Favourite music: Pop
- Interesting fact: She has met the QUEEN!



*By Jessica*

Question: Why did the birdie go to hospital?

Answer: To get tweetment!