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A day in Liverpool

This term class 2 went on a school trip to Liverpool. They did a lot of things such as go to the mosque, where they were greeted warmly by Catherine who took them round the building. Next they went to the Catholic Cathedral, when they went in, there was a very big chandelier which represented the crown of thorns. After a quick stop at the Anglican Cathedral, they went to the museum where they had lunch then looked around. Tom said, "The big model lion was my favourite bit!" Next, the class left to go to St Luke's Primary School where they talked to the year 5s about what city life is like for young people to grow up in. What a fantastic, busy day!



By Tom & Sophie

A goal full of fun

Every Tuesday dinner break, Crosby Ravensworth C of E Primary School has a football club run by a coach who works with Fleetwood Town—Graham Emerson. He coaches for an hour. At the end of the session the children all have a match of football for ten minutes. Tom stated, "I really enjoy the games at the end!" After the session, Graham asks the children if there is something that they are thankful for, and then he puts it in a prayer to finish the lesson.



By Jack

A school full of little terrors

This year, Crosby Ravensworth Primary School competed in a writing competition named 'crazy creatures'. The competition has three steps: step one is to design your 'crazy creature'; step two is to write a story about your crazy creature (it has to be fewer than 100 words and step three is to edit and redraft. Neev commented, "I really enjoyed writing them; mine was about the old grannies and the Boo Boo Dragon." Jack added, "I liked writing the stories because we get to write about our OWN crazy creatures!"



By Robin

Beaming all over

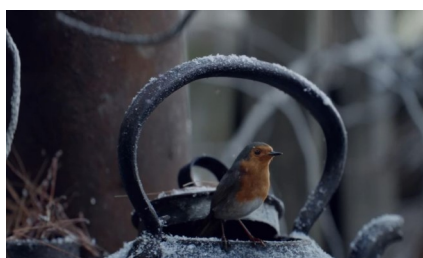
At the start of the autumn term, the entire school went on a school trip to Beamish. The children were accompanied by the teachers: Mrs Pattinson, Mrs Hastwell, Miss Taylor and Mrs Corrie. Max said, "I liked going on the boats which you pulled up and down." Taylor said, "It was one of the best school trips I've ever been on!" While on their trip, they walked through an old fashioned school and had a play with some old toys in the playground. They also went through a mine and saw some steam engines!



By George

Coming Home

Coming Home has been class 2's winter topic for writing. The book is about the Waitrose Christmas advert. The class started reading the book on the 1st of December, the book was written Michael Morpurgo. In this topic, the class have done lots of fun things like drawing pictures, writing poems and painting a Robin bird. They also did a time line drawing about the little robin's adventure.



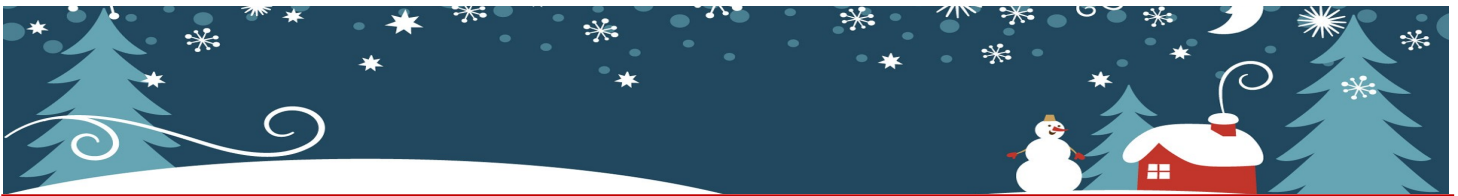
By Amber

Bah Humbug!

On Wednesday the 7th of December, Crosby Ravensworth School staged a Christmas play, entitled 'Scrooge, a ghost of a chance!' an altered version of 'A Christmas carol' by the famous writer Charles Dickens. The play took part in the village hall and the lead role was played by Robin Woodstrover. He really got into character as the old miserly Ebenezer Scrooge. Taylor McCombie helped hold events together in his role as the narrator. Taylor commented: "I was nervous at first, but once it got, going it went brilliantly!"



By Robin



Five minutes of fame



At the of this school term, class 2 started to do some regular 'Show and Tell' slots which they called: Five Minutes of Fame. The children bring in special things that they want to show like: fossils, biking gear, walking gear and much more. The funny thing about five minutes of fame is the jingle that Mr Priestley made up. Benedict said: "I enjoy learning about other people's hobbies." Neev said, "I like it because everybody shares what they do." All the children are currently writing their own jingles to be played at the start of lessons. Mr Priestley said: "I like to liven things up whenever I can!"

By Max

Dodging School!

The cream of the pupils at Crosby Ravensworth were invited to a 'learn how to play dodgeball' tournament recently. At the subsequent competition, the school won certificates for coming third. Jack stated, "It was lots of fun!" Mrs Corrie and Jack's mum, Sarah, drove the children to the terrific tournament. There were a total of eight schools that took part in the matches. After they had finished the tournament, it was revealed that Long Martin had come first, Penrudduck came second and Crosby Ravensworth came 3rd. All the pupils that participated are looking forward to another tournament soon.



By Benedict

Carols for Christmas

On the 9th of December, Crosby Ravensworth School went carol singing at Tebay services. Sophie's favourite songs were: 'Frosty the Snowman' and 'Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer. Ayla said her favourite song was 'Little Donkey'. On the 13th of December, the children also went carol singing in Penrith's Sainsburys and after they had finished singing, Alison (a worker at Sainsburys) showed them around the store. After having a quick look around the super market, and learning about sustainability, they had to dash off to go and sing at Croft Avenue's care home in Penrith. In total, nearly £500 was raised at these events.



By Francesca

Pudsey's people

This year the children of Crosby Ravensworth took part in a competition to fundraise for Children in Need.



They had to colour in a Pudsey Bear picture and there were lots of different designs. The children had to wait quite a while before the winners were announced. It was so hard to decide! Finally after about three weeks someone came in from Greggs. There were two winners from each class: Poppy and Taylor from class two and Charlie and Danny from class one. Amazingly, they had their designs made specially into giant coloured Pudsey biscuits.

By Imogen

School Council



Crosby Ravensworth School's new school council is a gathering of eight pupils of mixed ages who make decisions for the school. The school councillors include: Amber, Benedict, Amelia, Francesca, Katie, Poppy, Neev and Sam. Benedict is the chair of the council, Amelia is the secretary, Amber is the Treasurer and all the other councillors help to make the decisions. At lunchtime they eat in the classroom with the teachers and discuss suggestions to improve the school.

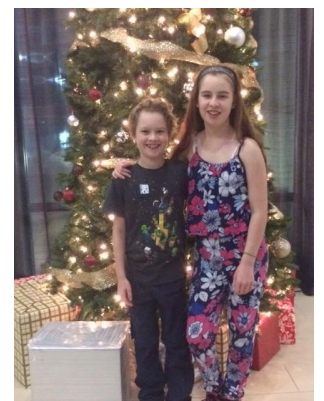
By Amelia

Question: What's furry and minty?

Answer: A polo bear!

Simpsons Christmas Special!

News just in from across the Atlantic... Ben and Jessica are having ENORMOUS fun celebrating their first Christmas abroad. As pictured, Jessica is her usual smiley self despite a schedule of daily therapy. Grandma Liz reports that Ben's been swimming with dolphins; we hope he remembers his trunks for our swimming lessons in Appleby when he gets back!





Stewart's Christian Values

Every other week in Crosby Ravensworth School, Stewart does an assembly on a Christian topic. He usually tells the story by using Lego. Since September he has been talking about Christian values; some of his assemblies have been on: reverence, forgiveness, perseverance, honesty and belonging. The children of the school all enjoy Stewart's



questions at the end of the assembly. Robin said: "I really enjoy Stewart's assemblies, I like how he uses Lego in his presentations. It makes it fun and memorable."



By Jack and George



Art Club

In December, Mrs Hastwell decided to do an art club with the school. Recently in the club, the children have been making paper snowflakes, snow globes, pictures of the front cover of a book and socks to go on the Christmas tree. Immy said: "It was fun to make the sock decoration, I can't wait to take mine home!" At the last session, children made specially decorated candles.

By Rhona

Question: Who delivers the animals' presents?

Answer: Santa-pawsi

Prayer groups at Advent

During the run up to Christmas, small groups of children from across the school have been praying in a special prayer space in the hall each day. Sophie said: "I read about the birth of Jesus which was special because I



got to know more about how he was born." Francesca added: "I got the chance to speak to God and found quiet time to listen for his voice." The children have enjoyed this experience and the teachers intend to repeat it at Easter.

Tullie House

On Monday the 5th of December, Class 1 went on a trip to Tullie House in Carlisle. First they went to learn about old toys; Danny thought that Diablo was the best.

Next they all went through a badger tunnel (the badgers weren't real). Charlotte commented "I liked the massive badger!" When they got out of the tunnel they went to see the stuffed animals, there were sharks, mice and reindeer. Finally they went to see a pretend train. They all said it was... awesome!



By Poppy

Socking around the Christmas Tree



At the start of December, Crosby Ravensworth School entered a Christmas tree festival at Crosby Ravensworth village hall. There were lots of trees entering, both children and adults entered. Crosby Ravensworth School made socks into Christmas decorations. Jack said: "I liked it because there were lots of different designs." Taylor said: "I thought that it was very fun and I liked seeing our tree in the hall." At the end they did a raffle, the

prizes were mostly chocolates and biscuits. After the raffle they announced the winner of the trees, Brownies had won.

By Katie

Community Christmas Lunch

Wednesday the 14th of December, saw the first community Christmas dinner has ever held, with

events such as bingo, recorder concerts and a special appearance from none than Santa Claus, everyone gets a gift. Freda Smith, Crosby's cook, decided she could serve around 60 guests... the result 60 stuffed guests with children eating more than adults!



By Benedict



Guitar Club



On the 3rd of November, Mr Priestley started a guitar club with some of the school's students; the club runs on every Thursday. The pupils of the school have been asking Mr Priestley to do this club for ages and he finally agreed to the demands. Katie said: "I think guitar club is really fun and soon we could play it really well." The children including Taylor, Robin, Max, Tom, Jack, Katie and

Benedict, all enjoy the club and love learning how to play Jingles Bells. Max stated, "I like learning the guitar because it's very useful and really fun."

By Taylor

Carolyn Fyfe



Thanks to Carolyn, the children in Years 4,5 and 6 have had some fantastic recorder sessions throughout the year again. It's time we found out some more interesting facts about her...

- Place of birth: Devon, in South West England
- Role in school: Recorder Teacher
- Favourite Hobby: I love playing the piano
- Previous Job: I was a Speech Therapist
- Favourite Food: Chips
- Person I'd like to talk to: Placido Domingo
- Favourite time of year: Easter and Autumn time
- Interesting fact: I'm a published author! I wrote an adaptation of Gulliver's Travels.

By Poppy

Shoe boxes

The Operation Christmas Child is when all the children in the school send a shoe box



full of gifts to people who aren't as lucky as us. The children go and buy some presents such as: colouring pens, paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and much more. After they have got all the gifts, they place them in the shoe, wrap it up and bring them into school ready to be collected. After that, the boxes go to the airport then go to a poor child in another country so they can have a good Christmas.

This is a good Christian thing to do!

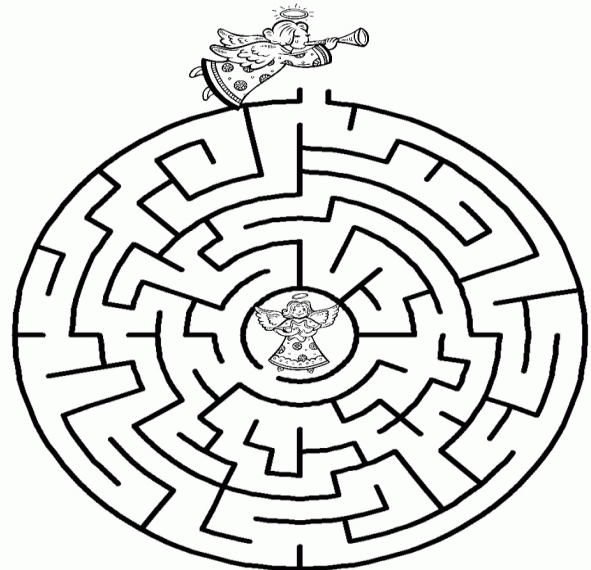
By Amber

Teddy Bears' Picnic

As part of their toys topic and Children in Need Day, Class 1 and 2 brought their teddies to school. In Class 1 the children had a fun day writing fact files about their teddies, measuring them, making biscuits, learning new teddy songs and games and finally enjoying a teddy bears' picnic.

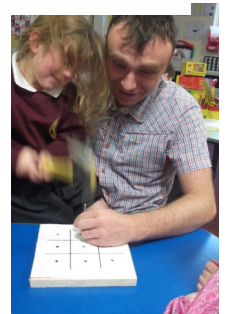


Christmas Angel Maze
Help the Angel find her Angel friend by following through the snowball path.



Wooden Toys

This term, Alister Renton came into class 1 and helped them make wooden toys. To make the toys the children had to follow 5 steps: in step 1 they got the pieces of wood, in step 2 they drilled holes in the games, in step 3 they painted the games (Iona liked that step the most), in step 4 they dried the paint on the games and in step 5 they put in the marbles, Kaylan thought the game turned out so fun. All the children really enjoyed themselves and with that this could happen again in the future.



By Neev

Question: How did Scrooge score a goal?

Answer: The Ghost of Christmas passed!