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Tall tales by the river



Class 2 have been back to the river-side at Barnskew to help write a walkers' leaflet to promote the area to families. Last year the children helped the Eden Rivers Trust to restore meanders into the river by helping to move crayfish to the new section and planting trees on the river bank. Now they've returned to see how the

changes are holding up in the face of recent flooding while assisting local writer Anja Phoenix with her 'Tail Trail' promotional leaflet. Anja said: "I've made similar leaflets before but this time I've been able to take my inspiration for the walking story from the children." The leaflet will feature a map alongside a walking story that draws upon local geography and history. Becky Helm from Eden Rivers Trust added: "We've created a circular walk that will be suitable for families. We hope that walkers from near and far will be inspired to come and enjoy this beautiful area."



Beech effect affects classroom!

Lately, the school has ordered some brand new furniture! The class has been given a makeover and now it creates a touch of brightness to the classroom. There are: thirteen tables, three book shelves, and two blocks of trays; one has fifteen, and the other has twenty four. Before the 'beech effect', all of the trays, book cases and the tables were really dirty and battered. The children loved to help



Head teacher Mr Priestley order some new tables (amongst other furniture), the room was also filled with democracy and discussion!

School student Francesca Rucker commented: "I like the new furniture because all the tables are nice, clean, and they are all the same height."



Katie Rodgers said: "I was excited because the old tables were dilapidated."

By Jessica & Keelan

Football Crazy!



FA SENDS COACH TO CROSBY

Class 2 have enjoyed football lessons this term with FA coach Tom Penny. When the Year 3's first started they didn't really get what to do at first. However the next week everybody had so much fun! It seemed the penny dropped! The children had a wonderful time learning to dribble and improve fitness. Tom said: "You all work so hard so are constantly improving." Tom hopes that the school football team win some more matches this year. The children always have so much fun. They really like doing football.

By Katie

Staff news

Goodbye Lisa

After 18 years of brilliant work in school, our School Business Manager Lisa is sadly moving on. Everyone will miss her very much. Lisa answered these questions for us:



What are your happiest memories of working here? When the newsletter won a prize I went with some Y5 and Y6 with Mr Ayre to see *Mary Poppins* in London.

How will you spend your time in future? I will start a new job in Kendal but I will still be knitting and sewing in my spare time.

If you taught any subjects in school what would they be? Textiles and Art.

What will you miss most about the school? All the lovely children and super staff.

Welcome Miss Taylor

Crosby School has a superb new assistant teacher Miss Taylor, who will be taking over for Miss Bennet (see underneath). All the pupils young and old are very excited to have her here. Mr Priestley, the very musical Head teacher, says: "Miss Taylor is great to have in school, she is full of enthusiasm which is rubbing off on everyone especially the children."

Bye bye Miss Bennet

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Miss Bennet a very benevolent assistant teacher. However, we are happy for her because she is going to have a baby. Everyone misses her and always will. Pupil Jessica comments: "I loved Miss Bennet because she was really kind and caring to everyone."

By Megan

Question: **When do astronauts eat?**

Answer: At launch time!

Dangerous Dinosaurs



CLASS ONE VISIT MUSEUM FOR DINOSAUR TOPIC

At the start of Spring term, Class one had an amazing trip going back in time to see a dinosaur skeleton and fossilised ferns. Mrs Corrie said : "It was fantastic! It was good to find out about prehistoric life in such a fun way."

By George

Lent Promises



The school has opened a prayer table to provide quiet time for children to pray and listen to God. The table features a promise box which the children use to write Lent promise and prayers.

Pupils have been going in groups at every twenty past for five or ten minutes. Some of the activities includes: Bible study, praying and thinking about what could be given up for Lent. Parish vicar and governor Stewart Fyfe said: "I'm really pleased to see this as it's good for children to interact with the Christian faith in this way."

By Samuel

Snow Show



The children of Crosby Ravensworth went to see the Snow Queen at the theatre by the Lake in Keswick recently. As soon as they got there they all had lunch before going in to see the Performance.

The story was about all of the seasons and how the Snow Queen stole them and even froze her sister! Megan commented: "I enjoyed it because it was really good acting and the lights were cool."

Mrs Corrie, who took the children also commented: "The talking plants were really funny".

By Amber

Supergirl to the rescue

Well done to Neev for completing her charity bike ride from Crosby Ravensworth to Sedbergh. She was accompanied by Poppy as she trekked eighteen hilly miles through the cold to support children with diabetes in developing countries. Her wonderful effort has raised £1,712 so far which is funding diabetes support for children in Yangon Children's Hospital, Myanmar, Asia. Children from the hospital have written to thank Neev. Proud mother, Jane, commented: "We would like to thank everyone who made a pledge or supported Neev, including Stewart Fyfe who helped publicise Neev's challenge and gave us contact details for Sedbergh School. The girls of Lupton House welcomed Neev and Poppy at the finish line with hot drinks and delicious cakes, which were very welcome as the last part of the challenge was completed in the snow. Also, a big thank you to Poppy and Neil who wanted to ride with Neev at the last minute. It really made the day even more special!"



By Francesca & Mr P.

Fact file: Miss Taylor

Role in school: *Teaching Assistant*

Favourite colour: *Green*

Favourite food: *Steak & Ale pie*

Favourite TV show: *Gray's Anatomy*

Favourite book: *Harry Potter*

Favourite author: *JK Rowling*

Favourite movie: *The life of Pie*
Jobs before teaching: *Waitress, fitting rooms assistant, healthcare assistant, telesales*

Interesting fact: *I've swum on the Great Barrier Reef but was rather nervous about being eaten by a shark!*



Question: What did the ground say to the earthquake?

Answer: You crack me up!

Dementia awareness

DEMENTIA KEYWORKER VISITS SCHOOL



Margaret Wilcox has turned Crosby Ravensworth Class 2 into a class of 'dementia friends'. To become a dementia friend, children receive a card to write on saying what they will do as a dementia friend. The children also learnt about life

for sufferers and their families and ended the session by hearing a very moving story. Student Robin Woodstrover, friend of the Wilcox family, exclaimed: "It was an amazing experience to learn about this life threatening illness. Dementia is so sad but it was important that it was raised. I sincerely hope she visits again. Mrs Wilcox who is mother to an Olympic water polo player was impressed by how sensitive the children were to her message.

By Benedict

Young environmental artists

Children of Crosby Ravensworth School, Class 1 have recently been learning about Andy Goldsworthy in their art lessons. So far, they have learnt that he was an artist who used environmental art to show the beauty of nature.

On the 9th of February 2016, the infants were eager to go and see

one of Andy Goldsworthy art pieces. The magnificent art piece that they went to see was built twelve years ago in this village,



Crosby Ravensworth. This particular piece of art was an egg shaped, stone structure; the children counted that it had 50 layers of slate. Neev, one of the class 1 pupils said: "I thought it was really impressive that it had 50 layers of slate".

By Taylor

Question: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?

Answer: To reach the high notes!

Biking begins here



Class 1 received handy hints to develop skills on balance bikes back in October. The sessions were delivered by members of the Eden Valley Sports Partnership as part of their school support package. Following this, the children celebrated their improved skills by holding a 'bring

your bike to school' day with Mrs Corrie which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The children rode on their bikes, learned about road safety and drew pictures of their bike too. They were labelling, writing captions and learning about the history of bikes throughout the week.



Tullie House trip is castled!



In the middle of the Autumn term, KS2 went to Tullie House in Carlisle. In the museum they learnt about mummies because Ancient Egypt was their topic. The pupils did lots of activities before lunch; one of the activities included some drama of

going through a Ancient Egyptian funereal and being important people from it. After eating, the children had a chance to go to Carlisle Castle and learn about local history. Everyone liked it; Imogen Gill said: "I loved learning about Tutankhamun and exploring the castle." Megan Jackson added: "Because we were involved in a 'kids take over museums' promotion, we got a free tour of the castle and we even had our picture taken to go in the Herald."

By Imogen





Jingle Bells

In late December, the pupils of Crosby Ravensworth school received a letter asking if they would attract customers by singing carols for Christmas.



The school accepted the offer and in the following week drove up to Tebay and sang: Rudolph the red nosed reindeer, Silent night, We three kings, When the snowman brings the snow and many, many more. Samuel, one of the students quoted: "It was really good and I enjoyed singing Frosty the snowman." Roughly 27 children went and the services thought they did very well for their size and that they managed to raise lots of money.



Despite being exhausted, after two hours of singing the class arrived in twenty seven pieces. Mr Priestley remarked: "Although we were tired we were also euphoric. It's great to entertain and raise money

that will be spent on children."

By Robin

Super swimmers

Recently the children have started swimming lessons at Appleby pool. They started on the 12th of January and will finish on the 18th of March. The children are separated into seven groups of swimming stages. There are lots of different activities like: a ring to swim through, a brick, sinkers, woggles and many more. The pupils arrive on a Robinson's bus at one thirty and come back at two o'clock. It is hoped they will play a part in improving safety among the children.



Jessica reported: "I love swimming lessons because it's my favourite hobby." Samuel quoted: "They are epic because we get to do fun activities"

By Kate & Tom

Question: **What do elves learn in school?**

Answer: The elf-abet!

Dew some good news



Like the rest of Eden Valley, the children had already heard the tragic story that Reverend Phil Dew (Methodist Minister) was supposed to leave Cumbria forever. However a change has been made: Phil will now be given a year out by the church and will be staying in the area for the next year.

Pupil George Woodstrover commented: "Although it was very sad to hear Phil Dew was leaving, it is great that he's still around. Hopefully we'll still see him in school."

Phil commented: "It's true that I'll be staying in Cumbria for the coming year. Although I'm taking a step back from the church at this time, I'll still be running the Tebay Soccer School in Summer and hope to see as many children as possible." Everyone is hanging on edge with what Phil's next steps will be but the children love his assemblies and are happy that he's still around for the time being.

By Amelia

Flash Flooding

School takes a blast from storm Gertrude; roads flooded.

Storm Gertrude struck the tiny Eden Valley village of Crosby Ravensworth earlier this week, forcing the school to be evacuated at lunchtime.



The storm blew across the North Atlantic after having previously bombarded the East Coast of America with three foot snow drifts.

On closing the school at lunchtime, Headteacher Duncan Priestley said: "This is the first time that I've ever been involved in a school closure due to flooding. The River Lyvennet was dangerously close to bursting its banks and roads throughout the village were in a perilous state. On Health and Safety grounds, I had little option but to close the school."

By Ben & Class 2