



The newsletter of Crosby Ravensworth C of E (A) School—February 2015 issue

The power of a gift

Recently, two people named Bap and Judith, came in to talk about a charity called Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is where you hand in a shoe box packed with gifts, to send off to Romania and other countries. Once they have arrived, the boxes will be given to children who never get a Christmas present. There are lots of young peoples lives you change by giving them a present.

Kate exclaimed: "I think that giving shoe boxes to innocent children is a very touching idea."



A musical interlude

Recently Crosby Ravensworth School have been getting ... FREE recorder lessons!!!

Everyone is enjoying it very much, Carolyn Fyfe is the teacher and she does it in her spare time so the children are all very grateful .

Carolyn was quoted as saying: "The children are very friendly and are rapidly improving." The pupils are very thankful for all her hard work and even the teachers are recognising the pupils' rapid improvement.



By reporters Robin and Samuel.

Tributary topic

Last year the school was studying rivers. Class two departed on a trip to Barnskew to help save an endangered species of crayfish and place them in a safer environment. The Eden Rivers Trust agency had been shaping meanders in the river to make more habitats for the creatures. On the 16th of October a river picture was made using a technique called batik. To do this some cloth is needed, then draw on a river and then soak it in coloured wax. They have also been writing recounts on different rivers.

By Tom & Taylor

Off we go!



Earlier this term, Phil Dew came in to host a special assembly. He called out four children: Ben, Tom, Samuel and Toby. Their challenge was to ride a pedal car as fast as they could. They all tried hard but found it very difficult. Ben and Tom slid over onto the ground landing on the floor but that didn't stop them!

Toby won and got to choose a packet of sweets and the others got a little bag of Haribos to take home and say: "Look what I did today, I competed in Phil Dew's assembly!"

Phil's moral to his assembly was that in life you will get knocked down but whatever happens you have to stand up again and keep going.

Flow with the beat



A few weeks ago our head teacher (Mr Priestley) was teaching class two how to move like a river, in cooperation with our topic. We were all partnered up in twos and we had to choreograph our own

river dance.

They watched a video of other children to get some ideas. As well as this, the children also took a visit to the nearby river to see how it moved. Mr Priestley said that he would be showing the video to some of our parents, we thought this was such a good idea! Its now on the website for you all to view.

Mr Priestley commented: "I am really proud of all the children because they worked very well together." Asha added: "It was very fun and groovy I will enjoy showing it to the adults."

Wood workshops

Last year, Dave (a carpenter who works for Forest School) kindly came in to the school and instructed us on how to use different tools to create objects out of wood.

Dave and his crew (Gemma) brought in their equipment for us to use. As well as making wooden items such as: sign post for our dens and benches to sit on, we also made a fire and cooked some delicious pancakes. We learnt lots of new techniques and experienced using lots of different professional tools.

We are very grateful that Dave spared his time for us and we hope to do it again sometime!



A hole in one



Recently this term, the pupils in KS2 entered a competition run by Brockhole (the Lake District Visitor Centre). They asked pupils from all over Cumbria to design a mini golf course. There were eighteen winners and all of their designs would be used to create a new golf course at Brockhole. The winning children would also win a free visit for their school to go and experience their new course. Angus, Ben and Jyoti all won with their designs therefore the KS2 pupils will all be going on a trip later on this year.

Question: Why was the hobbit terrible at boxing?

Answer: because he wanted to destroy the ring.

Fact file (Miss Mounsey)

Favourite colour: Pink
Favourite food: Curry
Favourite TV show: The Great British Bake Off
Favourite actress: Reece Witherpoons
Favourite book: Where Rainbows End
Favourite lesson: Drama
Favourite Film: Billy Elliot
Her advice to children: always keep smiling!



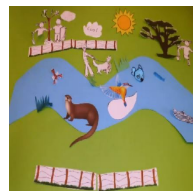
Experiencing new beginnings



The Year 6 children from Crosby Ravensworth went to Appleby Grammar School open evening to experience a taste of subjects at secondary school and find more about life in Year 7.

The event, on October 9th was well attended by pupils from all over the region. The year 7's from Crosby school helped out at the open evening by showing them around and made them feel at home. The year 6 children enjoyed experiencing Grammar school for themselves and are all looking forward to moving on.

Photo story



Jane Davies and her Eden Rivers Trust crew recently came in to help us create a stop motion animation all about the river restoration project. This is one of the many ways to make a short video. Lots of pictures are taken and then put together to make a film. As well as including us in this interesting procedure, she also bought a river simulator. This device allows you to study rivers from a different point of view. Using the equipment you can make a model of a river and experiment making it stronger using stuff like mini trees and boulders. If you would like to see our stop motion animation it is on our website for you all to view.