



# The Crosby Chronicle

The newsletter of Crosby Ravensworth CE School—Summer 2026

## Snow in the summer time



Recently, the children visited a snow centre in Manchester to try some new winter activities. They had great fun riding rubber donuts down a big slope, and there was also a giant slide where you sit on a mat and zoom to the bottom. The children also learned how to ski, though some found it trickier than others. Micha said: "It was very hard!" The children also got to go on a big climbing wall before they went into the snow. It was lots of fun.

By Livia

## Dancing with Robots

This term, Herons class has been using two robots called Marty and Codey Rocky in their computing lessons. Marty can be programmed to dance, which the children particularly enjoy, while Codey is controlled using a computer. Katherine said: "My favourite bit was when Marty started to dance and move."



By Micah

## Walking on Sunshine



Recently, the whole school took part in a sponsored walk, setting off from school into the surrounding countryside on a scorching hot day. There were three different routes to choose from, each suited to a different year group: Wrens tackled the 1.5 mile walk, Robins took on

the 4.5 mile route, and Herons faced the biggest challenge of all — a gruelling 11 miles. Completing such a long distance in the heat was a brilliant achievement for the Herons. The walk raised a fantastic amount of money, and the children decided that half of the total would be donated to the donkey sanctuary in Shap, with the rest going to the school.

## Christmas Fair Fun

By George

At Christmas, our school held its annual Christmas Fair, and it was a busy and exciting event. Everyone in Heron Class raised money for the school. Thanks to everyone's hard work and the support of families, we raised an amazing **£533.39**. There were lots of games, delicious food made by parents, a popular tombola and plenty of prizes to be won. Rebecca said, "I liked eating sweets." It was a brilliant day that brought our whole school community together.

By Evie

## Peaceful Visit

In June, the children in Herons, Robins and Wrens visited a Buddhist temple in Ulverston to learn about Buddhism and different beliefs. We took part in a fun play, explored a beautifully decorated golden temple and discovered how Buddhists use meditation to develop a positive mindset. Everyone listened carefully, showed respect and represented our school brilliantly throughout the visit. Evelyn said, "It was interesting to learn about different faiths and religions. I also thought it was good because I don't normally do meditation much." It was a fascinating and memorable experience for everyone.



By Emily

## Isle of Man

In March, the Year 5 and 6 children from Crosby Ravensworth and Asby schools travelled to the Isle of Man for an exciting residential visit. The ferry crossing was very rough, and many people felt seasick on the journey. After arriving, we settled into our bunk rooms, toasted marshmallows and got ready for a busy few days. We enjoyed adventurous activities, including high ropes and water sports, while building



confidence and teamwork. George said, "I liked the high ropes." It was an unforgettable trip filled with fun, friendship and new experiences.

By Evie

Bobby's bit : What does a basketballer do in his sleep?

Answer: He dribbles!

## Christmas Boxes of Hope

Just before Christmas, our children took part in a shoebox appeal, filling boxes with toys, food or clothes to send to children in Ukraine. Some children chose to include sweets, fidget toys and toothbrushes. Evie put in a toy car, while Katalina packed a pair of earrings. The shoeboxes were sent off as a way of giving a nice gift to children who might not otherwise receive one.



By Livia

Bobby's bit: What do you call a fish without an eye?

Answer: A fish!

## Making a splash in Morecambe



In July, Robins and Wrens classes headed to Morecambe for a fun-filled day out by the seaside. The day began at the splash park, where everyone cooled off in the water on a scorching hot day. Afterwards, Robins moved on to some geography fieldwork on the

beach, learning more about the coastline while enjoying the sunshine. Once the fieldwork was done, everyone treated themselves to an ice cream — though it was so hot that they melted almost as fast as they could be eaten! Rebecca said the best part of the day was going to the beach and getting an ice cream.

By Jack

## Gearing Up at the Grammar

In the summer term, the Year 5s visited Appleby Grammar School for a day of maths and science activities. The children were paired up with Year 5s from other local schools, with Crosby Ravensworth partnered with Bolton. The day began with a visit to the Wonder Dome, followed by a range of maths challenges. Jamie said it was a brilliant day, especially as he and Jack won the Lego buggy race. This wasn't the only thing Jamie won this year, though - his poem was entered into the Rotary Club writing competition, where it won the regional prize and was commended at the national judging event.



By Jack

## Squirrelling away some knowledge



In the autumn term, the whole school enjoyed a special assembly from Rachel Smith of the Red Squirrel Association in Penrith. The visit came about after Herons class voted, the previous school year, to choose the Red Squirrel Association as their charity for the sponsored walk — the charity which received the most votes. As with every year, half of the money

raised was donated to the chosen charity and half went back to the school, and last year the Red Squirrel Association received a donation as a result. A year on, Rachel returned to school to say thank you, giving the children a book called *Matilda and the Red Squirrel*. The children always enjoy Rachel's visits. Jack said: "It was interesting to learn about the number of red squirrels, which has changed over the last few years in the UK."

By Katherine

## A Christmas Miracle

In the winter term, the school performed "It's a Miracle!" at the village hall. All the children did a brilliant job remembering the actions to every song, while narrators Benjamin and Jamie told the story wonderfully throughout. The actors who played Mary and Joseph also gave excellent performances, helping to bring the whole nativity to life. Not everyone was entirely comfortable with their costume, though — George said: "The tinsel around my neck felt like torture!"



By Benjamin

## Brave in the Gill

In May, the Year 6s travelled to Patterdale for a day packed with outdoor activities, including low ropes, gill scrambling, archery and problem solving. The children had lunch and snacks between activities and thoroughly enjoyed the day. During the gill scrambling, the children showed great courage, jumping off rocks and wading into the cold river water. Emily said: "I found gill scrambling hard because it was difficult to cope with the cold water."



By Evelyn

## Getting down with Hip-Hop

In the spring term, Crosby Primary School welcomed a special guest called Jamal O'Driscoll, who visited to teach the children all about hip hop dance. Throughout the session, the children learned how to freeze and move using their own bodies, picking up new skills they'd never tried before. They also learned a full dance routine with a partner, working together to master the steps, and finished by inventing their own special handshake. By the end of the day, everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and picked up some brilliant new moves. Katherine said: "It was way better than maths!"



By Lyra

Bobby's bit: What do you call a deer with no eyes ?

Answer: No-eyed deer!

## A cathedral calling



In April, Robins class visited Carlisle Cathedral to explore its history and beautiful features. They looked closely at tables set with candles and learned about the special seat where the vicar sits during services. Gwen said: "It was very interesting!" Later, in the summer term, the school's three Year 6 leavers — Emily, George and Bobby — returned to the cathedral for the leavers' service, joining Year 6 pupils from all over

Cumbria. It was a lovely and memorable service to mark the end of their time at Crosby Ravensworth. Bobby said: "I liked singing the hymns, and I got to carry the school flag up to the altar."



By Lyra & Mr P

## A sizzling sports day!

In the summer term, the school held its sports day on a scorching hot day. Wrens raced first, followed by Robins and then Herons. In the Wrens' race, Jude, Abel and Pippa took the top three places, while in Robins, Will and Gwen came out on top. In Herons, Lyra, Evie and Emily led the way. George also won the high jump in the morning, setting a new school record. The excitement continued into the long-distance races, where Will won for Robins and Wrens, and George won for Herons. After a very close competition throughout the day, Squirrels house won..



By George

## Donkey Day

Heron Class enjoyed a visit to the Barnhill Donkey Sanctuary in Sleagill, where we met and cared for the friendly donkeys. We had the chance to stroke and brush them, and we also saw chickens and tiny chicks around the sanctuary. One of the highlights was meeting a young foal and seeing a pregnant donkey with her unborn foal moving inside her tummy. We also learned about a one-eyed donkey that had been rescued after suffering a serious eye injury. Evie said, "The foal was cute and fluffy and had little feet."



By Katalina

## Wild encounters in Kenya

In May, wildlife photographer Peter Nutsford visited our school to share stories from his adventures in Africa and England. He told us about seeing amazing animals, including gorillas, zebras, hippos, rhinos and lions. He shared exciting stories, including being chased by a rhino and meeting the last two Northern White Rhinos in the world. We also enjoyed trying on tribal masks and necklaces that Peter brought back from his travels. Katherine said, "It was very interesting learning about all the different animals in Kenya."

By Evelyn

## Sporting Spirit



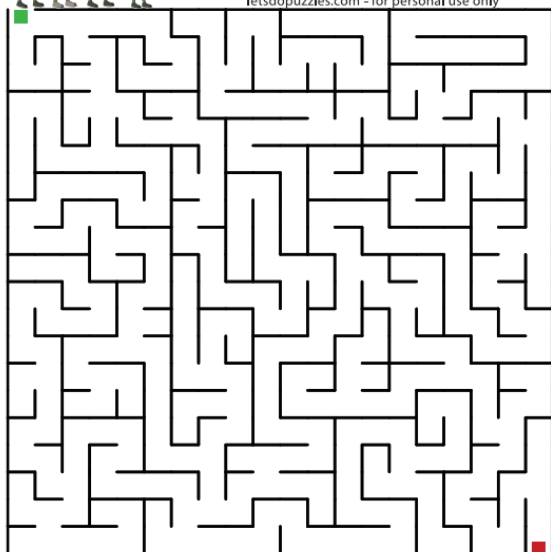
This year, Crosby Ravensworth School took part in lots of exciting sporting events, starting in the early summer term. We competed in football, netball and tag rugby tournaments against other local schools. We also trained hard for a cricket competition, but sadly it was cancelled because of heavy rain. At a tag rugby tournament, we played Brough in a play-off for third place and finished fourth. At the netball tournament in Temple Sowerby, Evie said, "Even though we didn't score a goal, we all really enjoyed the experience and it showed how well we worked as a team."

By Emily



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## A day at the show

At the start of this school year, the whole school visited Westmorland Show near Kendal for a fun-filled day out. The children learned about local charities and heard about different jobs and animals, as well as getting to watch some of the animal judging up close. After all the excitement, the school sat down together for lunch, followed by a well-earned ice cream. Rebecca said: "The best part was getting an ice cream as a treat." Livia added: "It was very fun, and I saw little piglets and naughty goats!"

By Katherine



## A Magical trip to Elf

In the winter term, we travelled to Blackpool to watch a performance of *Elf: The Musical* with other schools. The story was about Buddy, who thought he was an elf but discovered he was really a human. He left the North Pole to find his real family and, along the way, found friendship, love and a happy ending. The show was full of music, laughter and lots of energy. Emily said, "I thought the show was fun, energetic and very entertaining!" We all had a fantastic day.



By Katalina

## River Detectives

In the summer term, Heron Class took part in exciting fieldwork at school, exploring both the grass and the river. On the field, we placed hoops on the ground and searched for as many different types of grass as we could. Some pairs even found 15 different varieties. At the river, we measured the depth and speed of the water at four different locations. In one place, the water was almost as deep as some of the children! Evelyn said, "I liked wading in the water and looking at the plants." It was a fun way to learn about our local environment.



By Jamie

## A Day on the Farm

On 25th March, Wrens visited Susan's farm in Houghton



for a day of hands-on learning in the countryside. They made delicious cheese scones before meeting the chickens, sheep and playful lambs in the barn. They even spotted the farm cat! Later, they explored a nearby field, splashed in muddy puddles and discovered tadpoles in the water. It was a fun-filled day that helped them learn more about farm life and the natural world.

By Jamie

Bobby's bit: What do you call a dinosaur playing hide and seek ?

Answer: A d'you think sawusi

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