WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Hello everyone, and in the words of the jolly fellow that the children look forward to visiting their houses on Christmas Eve:

'Ho, Ho, Ho' - Let the festivities commence.

The classrooms are decorated, twinkling brightly with colourful lights and glistening baubles. The relief Site Manager, Dave, has been busy adding sparkle to the outside of the school building and the children have each made a star that has been displayed on a section of the perimeter of the school fence. Many thanks to the owners of Body Beautiful and the Crawcrook DIY shop for allowing us to display the children's stars on their fence.

It was on a Starry Night...

All of the class teachers were delighted with the stars that the children made; thank you children for taking such care when creating your stars. Congratulations to the following children as their teacher chose their design as the winner in the school star competition:

Alice (Gateshead), Frankie (Newcastle), Meraya (England), Abigail (Scotland), Sophie (Northern Ireland), Emily (Wales), Lenny (Northern Europe), Ebba (Southern Europe), Scott (Africa), Noah (Asia), Kaedem (Antarctica), Charlie (Oceania), Selene (North America) and Bobby (South America).

I hope you enjoy your advent calendar prizes, a well-deserved treat.

Mr Saddington and the Year 5 children have been busy putting together sections of a star that will decorate the Christmas tree that stands in the grounds of the Holy Spirit Church. The children from St. Agnes School are also involved in decorating sections of the star. Once all of the panels of the star are completed, Mr Saddington will assemble the star, which will then be placed on the tree. I am sure the star will be admired by all of the residents of Crawcrook

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

I hope all of our families are busy preparing their festive Christmas sing-a-long video. Don't forget the closing date is Monday 14th December, so please make sure that you post your video onto your child's/children's class Seesaw by the above date. There is a great prize for the winners of each class. It is a movie treat pack that will contain a family sized pizza, crisps, popcorn, hot chocolate, marshmallows and a tipple for the grown-ups in the family. A prize not to be missed, and something to be enjoyed by all the family on the evening of the 18th December.

Oh, my goodness – this is hot off the press!!!

Miss Kenyon has just received an email from the MP Liz Twist, to let her know that Maisey's (South America) Christmas card design has been chosen as the winner of Liz's competition. Such wonderful news, congratulations Maisey. Your design will now grace the front of Liz Twist's Christmas card and it will be received by many people, such an honour Maisey, we are so proud of you.

Weekly Prize Draw

The luck prize winner this week is Aleisha's (North America) family.

Value for the month of December - Appreciation

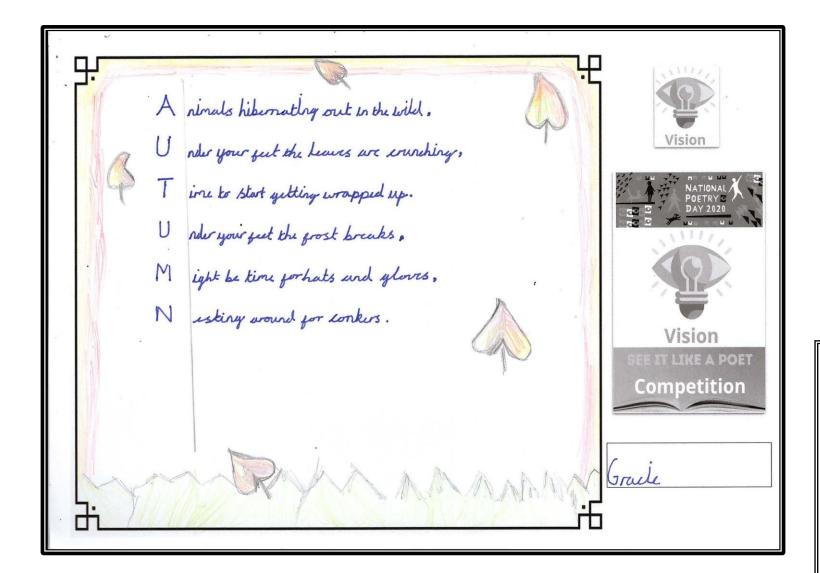
To appreciate what we have and to be grateful. To recognise and appreciate the good qualities of someone or something. This is a value that we try to instill in all of our children.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Very best wishes,

Avril Armstrong.

Date: Friday 4th December '20



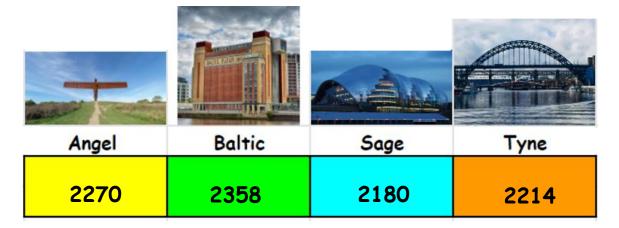


As the children are unable to visit Thorp Academy this year we have formed links with them to take part in a range of competitions throughout the year. In October, Year 4 took part in our first activity - a poetry competition.

Well done to Gracie in Africa class who won this for her brilliant Autumn poem. I'm sure you will agree that her poem is wonderful - well done Gracie!

Mrs Johnson.

Last Week's House Points





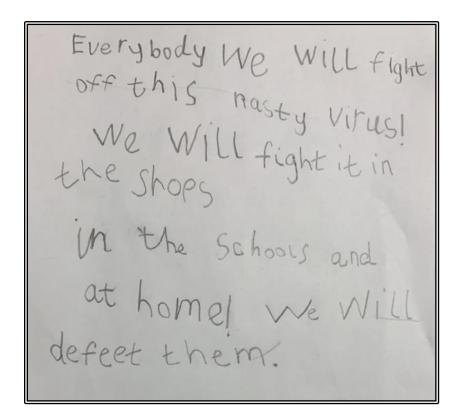
Monday 30th November 2020

Class	Total words read	Increase since previous week
Northern Europe	1,219,545	+243,310
Southern Europe	698,706	+155,888
Asia	1,016,085	+306,329
Africa	1,224,959	+296,165
Oceania	1,831,923	+262,450
Antarctica	795,727	+178,636
North America	4,052,220	+673,706
South America	3,477,937	+74,584



The following children have scored 100% in at least one Accelerated Reader quiz this week - a great achievement!

Class	Children's names		
Northern Europe	Noah, Holly, Phoebe, Rowan, Orla, Logan, Charlotte, Theo, Dexter, Oskar,		
	Adam, Cain, Ophelia, Samuel, Ellie, Kaysha-Leigh, Lydia, Millie, Scarlett,		
	Lacey, Lydia and Alissa.		
Southern Europe	Ella, Harry, Aaron, Ebba, Riley, Lilah, Sarah, Isabelle, Libby, Max, Cara,		
	Archie, Ruby, Jasmine, Holly, Zac, Gabriel, Luca, Charlie, Oliver, Rebecca		
	and Sam.		
Asia	James, Reilly, Edward, Lily, Jonny, Roxi, Maia, Matthew, Noah, Roo, Rose,		
	Annabel, George, Georgia and Billytom.		
Africa	Evie, Alfie, Gracie, Thomas, Scott, Lola, Evangeline, Finn, George, Isaac,		
	Myles, Sophia, Amelia, Lydia, Mina, and Ava.		
Oceania	Oliver, Leo, Dexter, Archie and George.		
Antarctica	Lois, Sophie, Sam, Layla, Lily, Thomas, Frank, Aaron, Molly, Milo,		
	Christopher, Millie, Harry and Harvey.		
North America	Ethan, Jessica, Saffah, William, Dylan, Ronin, Grace and Neve.		
South America	Evie .		



This week in History, we have been learning about Winston Churchill. We learnt about his role as leader, and the impact he had. He gave inspirational speeches and Winston Churchill used his words to help people feel positive and keep spirits up. He encouraged people to be strong and courageous.

We talked about life at the moment, and how we need to stay positive and keep spirits up; we have lots to look forward to.

Oscar was particularly inspired by this, and went home full of questions and facts. He then produced this speech to help us all feel better; I'm sure you will agree, it is very uplifting.

Miss McPherson.



Breakfast and After School Club

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, Breakfast and After School Club provision will remain the same up until February half term.

Could I also remind parents/carers there will be no after school provision on the last day of every term.

Therefore, this will apply to the following dates:

Friday 18th December 2020

Thursday 1st April 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

Best wishes,

Joanne Liddle.

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Whole school attendance 97.9%

School Attendance Week Ending 27.11.20

Year 6	
North America	87.0%
South America	95.1%
Year 5	
Antarctica	95.6%
Oceania	99.3%
Year 4	
Africa	99.7%
Asia	97.8%
Year 3	
Northern Europe	100%
Southern Europe	96.5%
Year 2	
Northern Ireland	99.0%
Wales	100%
Year 1	
England	99.7%
Scotland	98.0%
EYFS	
Gateshead	98.1%
Newcastle	99.3%
Crawcrook	99.6%

Congratulations to Northern Europe and Wales for 100% attendance last week.

Emmavile's Christmas Gift - The People's Kitchen

Thank you all so much for your contribution already to 'Emmaville's Christmas Gift' <u>Just Giving</u> page. After only one week, you have raised £260 (plus gift aid) for The People's Kitchen, which is wonderful. As mentioned previously, whilst Christmas gifts for staff were always appreciated, like last year, we feel a donation to the People's Kitchen would more worthwhile. Thank you so much for your contribution.







Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - The Children of Northern Europe
For their incredible Cheerleading performance.
Watch out for the video that will be posted on the school website.

North America - Enija
For her excellent enthusiasm for our 'words of the week' and exploring vocabulary.

South America - Maddie
For working so hard with lots of enthusiasm.

Antarctica - Milo

For excellent quality of work in all subjects as well as being a fab member of the class.

Oceania - Archie
For his new - found confidence in Maths lessons.

Africa - Dylan
For his lovely poetry work.

Asia - Edward

For amazing creative writing, excellent attitude to everything and a fab member of the class.

Northern Europe - Cain

For being such a superstar in class and having a fantastic attitude towards his work. Well done!

Southern Europe - Oliver For enthusiasm for learning, especially in Maths.

Northern Ireland - Sophie For her superb "Christmas Pudding" star!

Wales - Lexi
For being kind, caring and always just lovely.

England - Harry

For his hard work in Maths and English.

Scotland - Fin

For working really hard with his English story sentences.

Gateshead - Charlotte
For her fantastic name writing - what a star!

Newcastle - Coby
For always trying so hard, especially in his reading.

Crawcrook Nursery - Louie
For super counting in group time.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - Thomas (Antarctica)
For being so helpful at lunchtime.