It’s been a great end to the year for the children, who are loving playing with some new play equipment. They have a climbing frame and some outdoor musical instruments surrounded by mulch surfacing. The school kindly got a £10,000 grant to pay for the equipment from ‘Awards for All’. Poppy said: “My favourite thing is the wooden climbing frame but I also really enjoy the giant xylophone.” It is also a great opportunity for class 1 and 2 to mix. Two children from class 1 said: “I like going on the rope on the climbing frame and it doesn’t matter if I fall off because the floor is very soft.” The school couldn’t have done it if they didn’t get the mulch laid by some men that came four hours on the road to do it. The school also got their play-church (willow den) floor done with mulch so that means they can now have outdoor lessons. They’re very lucky they have this equipment that will be here for years to come.

**Goodbye fantastic Year 6**

This year there are 6 levers at school, there are: Jay, George, Max, Rona, Katie and Imogen. Before they left school they went on three activities which were Patterdale Hall where they were split into several groups which they did three activities in involving: gill scrambling, the adventure park and tree swinging. The year 6 also travelled all the way up to Carlisle Cathedral to a special year 6 leavers service which was a lot more enjoyable than most expected it to be. In fact, it was brilliant! Finally they had a special leavers assembly. Mr Priestley said: “I’m so impressed that they all passed every SATS test! It’s even more impressive to me that they are such nice, hard-working pupils who have set a wonderful example to the rest of the school. They’re all amazing and will go far in life.”

**By Max**

**Epic equipment at playtime!**

In June, Crosby school held an awesome outdoor day, when the children made their own lunch from the produce grown in the school grounds. In Class one, soup was made with vegetables and herbs coming from the school veg beds. They later ate their soup and bread, along with elderflower cordial they’d previously made, and locally caught trout for lunch. The bread was made by the children too. The elderflower came from the elder flower tree in the school grounds, and the trout from Neil Cruickshank. Neil, as a keen farmer, caught three brown trout for class two to gut, prepare and cook on a fire. This was a very tasty way to learn about how to cook local produce!

**By George**

**The Great Outdoors**

This newsletter has been written and compiled entirely by our pupils.

**Question:** What do you call a clumsy building?

**Answer:** The I fell Tower!
Recently, class 2 joined with Asby to take part in a fabulous event at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School called the Big Sing. They stood bravely on a stage to perform songs which they’d been preparing, like: No way down, Not Exaggerating and Dragon Days. On the big day, schoolboy Danny said: “I’m kind of nervous but at the same time, I sort of just want to get it over with.” The whole team, Rhona, James, Ethan, George, Poppy, Danny, Katie and Immy, along with part of Asby, put more effort into it than ever before and received a huge ovation from a crowd of around 300 parents.

By Immy

Basketball Inspiration

Recently, both classes of children have been lucky enough to play wheelchair basketball with a member of the English U23 team. Last month Nat came in to teach the basics, including how to pass and move in the chair - it was fun! First he talked about his motorbike accident which caused him to need a wheelchair. George’s favourite part was: playing basketball. After talking about his accidents, class 2 went outside to play British bulldogs in a wheelchair followed by an actual game of wheelchair basketball. Immy said, “It was a fun way to learn and made us think about how hard it is to use a wheelchair.”

By Rhona

Fun with our new teachers

Two student teachers joined the school this term to help the children in both classes with their learning. They were Miss Thwaites and Miss Dickinson. Lots of fun topics were taught, including Habitats in Class 1 and ‘Keen to be Green’ in Class 2, where children learned about global warming, pollution and greenhouse gasses. In English, they studied the Ted Hughes classic, ‘The Iron Woman’, which also deals with the chemical pollution in rivers. Miss Thwaites, stayed for 12 weeks in the summer term and the children say that they are going to miss her a lot, and wish her the best at Kirkby Stephen, where she has her first teaching job. Miss Dickinson has more schools to visit next year. If you are reading this Miss Thwaites and Miss Dickinson, everyone here hopes you are well.

By Jay

National award for our writer

Year 6 has an award-winning writing in its numbers this year. Katie’s submission to the Rotary Club’s ‘Young Writer 2019’ competition not only won as the local entry, it also won the regional competition (Cumbria and Lancashire) and then went on to be ‘highly commended’ in the national competition, where it was judged into fourth place. What an incredible achievement! Children were asked to write about someone or something that was ‘an inspiration’ to them. To read her piece, visit our school website.

By Danny
**Liking Bike-ability**

The children in year 4, 5 and 6 got taught how to ride a bike safely, on the road this term. Firstly Steve and Rachel (Instructors) checked the bikes to make sure they were safe, then we all went on the road together as a class. The second day everyone practiced signaling and being safe on bridges. The last day we biked all the way to Morland. At Morland we bought ice cream from the local cafe, where we sat down for a short time before we set off back to school. The distance of our bike ride was approximately 11 miles, also it was a tiring journey it took a long time to get back!

By James

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**Football’s coming home**

Crosby Ravensworth School has been working extremely hard on their football. As usual, the team has been to tournaments at Warcop Cup, Long Marton and the Kings Meaburn but this year was very successful for the first time in many years, showing great resilience against much larger schools. In the Warcop Cup they scored their very first goal in four years and actually went on to win the match against Asby who are brilliant players themselves. The awesome team includes a brilliant goaly (Danny) who has saved many goals and many times turned an almost certain defeat to a draw or even a victory. The first goal (in four years) was scored by Harry, who said: “I felt very nervous when I was running up with the ball but when it hit the back of the net I felt happy and proud of myself.” Overall the school is looking forward to next season and hopes to claim another victory despite its small group of players to pick from.

By James

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**Piper Meadow**

This month, the whole school went to a farm called Piper Hole in nearby Ravenstonedale to see goats and learn about the meadow. Piper Hole is unusual because it is one of the few, rare examples of meadow habitat in the country left undamaged by agricultural intensification. Lots of herbs are grown, such as great burnet, which is why it’s known as “herbie meadow”. When the children arrived, they got shown around the goat farm and saw numerous types of goats and learnt about them. One of them quite liked somebody’s coat! They then did some activities around the meadow and finally made a memory of the day by sticking different types of flowers and plants to take home. Rhona said: “I really enjoyed looking at the goats.” George added: “I really enjoyed the activities we did.”

By James

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**Is this the real life?**

Children in class two gave a recorder performance to remember at the community lunch and on prize day. Eight of them played (as an ensemble) Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen. It took five months to practice which was a long time! The eight of them worked hard to learn their parts but giggled whenever things went wrong. Poppy said: “At the end we played it almost as good as the real song.” Carolyn (the recorder teacher) had a book of Queen’s greatest hits – Danny and James played Another One Bites the Dust and Neev played Crazy Little Thing Called Love. The children had suggested these ideas so it was even more special. The crowd of parents and teachers loved the performance. Mrs Nye said: “It was totally amazing!” It’s not the only time that children have played instruments this year, earlier on, Mr Stoneham visited with lots of brass instruments for everyone to try. That was really fun and quite noisy!!

By Poppy

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**Question:** What do snowmen do at the weekend?

**Answer:** They chill out!
Making Elderflower Cordial

Recently, class 2 made elderflower cordial. They got out some scissors and clipped off some elderflower, from their tree. After that they took it inside, gave it a wash and started preparing the cordial. First they got the pan heating, and while it did that, they were busy peeling lemons to add to the cordial. Ethan enjoyed making it with his best friend George. He said: “I thought it smelt delicious” after they tipped the sugar and elderflower in. After that, they added the lemon and stirred it for a while, before filtering it the day after. Then it was frozen into lollies by Poppy and served at sports day. YUMMY!

Sports Day

Last month, an amazing sports day, jam-packed full of amazing activities, took place. Firstly, the children were split into their house groups: Lowther Lions, Lowther Lavenders, Southward Snakes, Southward Shooting Stars, Dent 777s, and Dent Dinos. Then the children did some fun activities including new throwing events such as basketball throw and bean-bag knockdown. There was then a whole-school relay, where nobody managed to drop the baton! Then, a race around the school and then finally the three-legged race and the wheelbarrow race for children and visitors. Katy said: “It was extremely fun – I loved the running race.” Max added: “It was very tiring but also very fun.”

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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Summer School Trip

This summer, the school finished off the year with a fantastic trip to Kong Adventure at Keswick. On the way there, everyone called in at EVAN Arts Centre in Penrith where they all went to look at an exhibition of artwork they’d made—that was really special. They had special workshops. After lunch by the Lake in Keswick, they had a quick ten minute walk to Kong Adventure where they were split into two groups: caving and climbing. Katie said, “I had an amazing time but mostly enjoyed the caving!” They each had one hour for caving and another for climbing. The whole school really loved Kong Adventure.

Minibeasts in Class 1

This summer term Class 1 did a topic about mini beasts (because they love mini beasts). Before they did anything they went outside to look at mini beasts. They enjoyed finding out about their local area. They made mini beasts like Ants, Worms, Grasshoppers, Spiders and Beetles. They made a wire frame and they covered it with tissue paper. After that, they put the Modroc on it, painted it and stuck on the limbs. They made habitats out of cereal boxes and then they painted the outside of the boxes green or brown depending on what mini beast it was. Inside they put some green paper but first they cut the green paper into strips and then they made a fringe out of them and glued them in as grass. They put some plastic mini beast toys in the boxes and wrote about their fantastic creations. Little class has had great time learning about this topic and are hoping to do it again one day.

SUMMER MAZE

Help the kids get through the maze and find their sand castle.

By Ethan & Danny

By Katy

By Katie

By Lacey & Sophie

By Ethan & Danny

By Katy

By Katie

By Lacey & Sophie