Growing Well

Pupils got a taste for cooking home-grown vegetables when they visited the community growing organisation, ‘Growing Well’ at Sizergh Farm in Kendal for a ‘Chef on the Farm’ cookery day. Top chef James Holden was waiting to give lessons in preparing and cooking ingredients to make a delicious macaroni cheese dish, followed by a scrumptious fruit salad. Earlier in the day, the boys and girls took a guided tour of the growing areas and got to sample a range of beautiful salads in the poly tunnels. Ethan said: “The food today was delicious. I’m going to ask for Macaroni Cheese at home!”

By Isobel

Community Lunch

The community lunch this term was to celebrate Easter. Freda, our amazing cook, dished out a feast for everyone to enjoy. Jakoby said: “Everyone was friendly and the food was great!” Danny added: “I enjoyed being able to show my godmother around school.” There was also a competition of whose decorated egg and Easter bonnets were the best. The children who had made Easter bonnets paraded around the hall to Mr Priestley’s ‘Easter music!’ The purpose of this was to get to invite people from the village to join us so we could get to know them better—which we definitely did!

By Ethan

Acting Antics

Earlier this year, the entire school got the privilege to see two (yes two) fabulous plays. Firstly, at Kirkby Grammar School, they saw a brilliant performance of ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’. Lacey said: “My favourite bit was when the White Witch tricked Edmund with ‘Turkish delight.” Then, a little while later, they were whisked off to see another play: ‘Beauty and the Beast’ at the Theatre by the Lake. Danny said: “My favourite bit was when beast entered and did a massive roar.” The entire school came back saying how good it was. They found whole experience quite inspirational.

By Danny

The Recent Romans

Recently, class 2 had a fabulous topic learning about the Romans at different places including: Hadrian’s Wall, Vindolanda (which is an old Roman fort and town in Hexam) and also a museum. Schoolboy Danny said: “My favourite thing during the topic was when a man at the museum taught us how to speak Latin.” At Vindolanda, a guided tour was given of the remains of the old Roman fort and village. There was even a grave of a child that had been murdered! It was amazing to see letters at the museum that had been sent by Roman soldiers. They were nearly 2000 years old! Everybody enjoyed learning about the Romans; quite a few people said it was one of their favourite topics yet.

By Harry

Truly inspirational

How inspirational! Round the world cyclist Jaimie Wilson spoke to the children this morning about her incredible adventures. We’ll be following her over the months ahead as she prepares for a world record attempt as the fastest solo female round the world cyclist next summer. What a great way to end our cycle to school week!

By Harry

Question: What’s a banana peel’s favourite type of shoe?

Answer: Slippers!
World’s best booking?

On the 7th of March the school celebrated World Book Day. They had a visit from Keith, a professional story teller, and class 2 took part in a fun book quiz where they mixed into teams with the Lunch Club at the Butchers Arms. As usual the children came dressed as characters from books they had read. There were prizes for ‘best dressed’ from both classes, the winners being Kaylan and Isobel. Rueben, who was dressed as Fantastic Mr Fox, said: “My favourite thing was listening to Keith the storyteller. He was so funny!” Everyone really enjoyed it as it was a great success.

It’s all in the mind...

A few weeks ago the school had a brilliant Mindfulness day! They had the school nurses visit and children joined in with lots of fun crafting activities. Ethan said: “I liked making a mindful statue of a creeper.” They even made stress balls; Katie said: “I like the way the stress balls feel.” Everyone loved making clay tiles about things that made them feel calm. Mr Priestley said: “We take the mental wellbeing of our children extremely seriously and hope to arrange for more mindfulness activities in the future.”

Red face on plastic waste?

This year Red Nose Day was different. The school didn’t sell the red noses because they are made of single-use plastic. Also, only half of the money from the red noses goes to Comic Relief. Instead of wearing them, pupils could paint their noses red. To raise money, the children were allowed to wear their own clothes as long as they gave a donation to comic relief. Isobel said: “I think it was a very good idea not to buy the noses and I enjoyed coming in to school in non-school uniform.” The school won’t be buying the red noses again in future.

A few months ago, Margaret from Croft Avenue Home in Penrith spoke to the children about the struggles people have with dementia. Dementia is when people lose their memories as they get older. It can be very upsetting. The pupils had a work sheet to match up sentences about the illness. Not many people got it all right the first time! Promises were written of what we can do to help people with dementia. Margaret finished by reading a sad story about a lady with dementia and how her grandchild came to visit. Rhona said: “I learned some important things that will help me to be a caring person.” It was good to learn these things.

Quiz-tastic kids

So near yet so far! Pictured above is the Crosby quiz team who were beaten in a sudden death play-off for first place at the first inter-school quizzing completion at Asby Village Hall.

Question: What key can be used to open a banana?
Answer: A monkey!

Aware of dementia

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**Kendal Mountain Festival**

Earlier this year, class 2 went to Kendal Mountain Festival. They learnt all about people’s idols that travelled around the world in different ways such as walking, boating and even flying! There was also a brilliant science show. Katie said: “I liked seeing all the experiments going on and seeing all the people from different schools come in.” There was a new book that had come out a couple of weeks before, signed by the author, Robert Macfarlane. ‘The Lost Words’ is about all the words of nature in children’s dictionaries and how they have been replaced with words like I-phone over the years. The school decided to buy the book. The whole of class 2 really enjoyed it!

By Katy

**Marvellous music**

Earlier this year, the school bought some wonderful new instruments to use for their music assemblies: drums, xylophones and the latest addition – ukuleles! The children used the xylophones when they went carol singing in Penrith; the people at Sainsbury’s really enjoyed the new musical addition. Rhona said: “I liked the carol singing a lot, especially Tebay.” The children have had their first ukulele lesson and will soon be taught more using ‘Charanga’ (a musical website.) Max said: “They will be harder to play than my guitar at home.” Mr Priestley really likes to play the drums, especially at after school clubs!

By Sophie

**Road Safety**

Recently the school has been visited by the police! But don’t worry; the children haven’t done anything wrong! The police taught them many helpful things about being safe: outside, inside and near the road. They showed the children power points on being safe. The teachers drove up and down the road. Everyone had a go (with the help of P.C. Karen) at using a speed gun. None of the teachers were caught speeding though! After this, the school had a full safety day when they covered first aid, bullying, etc.

By Max

**Superstars in ‘Super Star’ play**

In December, the children did a wonderful school play called SUPERSTAR! There were over a hundred people watching including parents and grandparents, everyone was nervous backstage. Sophie said: “It was very nerve-racking because I was first on stage with Katy, Neev, Lacey and Immy.” Max said: “I was glad and sad at the same time because it was my last school play.” Rhona said: “I was really scared it also took a lot of practicing to get it right.” Jai also said that it was fun being a guard holding a spear. In the end everyone gave a big bow and got a huge round of applause. Afterward there were drinks and food and a cake raffle. Everything looked so yummy.

By Neev

**More trust in Eden Rivers**

Earlier this year, the children learned lots about why meanders in rivers are so important. Andrew, from Eden Rivers Trust, helped the children learn about flood defences and how to conserve nature. The children walked through the river and learnt lots of things for example: why salmon jump over weirs. The children loved it. Neev commented: “It was fun even though I got stung on the ankle!” Next month the school will again be helping Eden Rivers Trust to plant trees and relocate native crayfish in a newly built section near Kings Meaburn.

By Neev

**Question:** Why should you give a train toffee?

**Answer:** Because it’s a chew chew!

By Harry

**Poppy holds up the exoskeleton of a native crayfish found in the River Lyvennet.**
**Class 2 trip to York**

On the 20th of March year 5 and year 6 went to York for three days with pupils from Long Marton and Asby schools. It helped them to learn lots of history and also to make new friends ready for secondary school. They all stayed in the hotel called Huntington House. They saw York Minster, the Railway Museum and the Castle Museum. One night they went bowling. Immy’s favourite part was the ghost walk because she loves

*By Lacey*

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**Sports reports**

Children in Crosby Ravensworth Primary School are very good with their sports like cricket, dodge ball, swimming, football and netball! They’ve just done their best performance in the tag rugby tournament at Bolton and only just got beaten by the eventual winners in the group final. Despite being a very small school, they take part in all the tournaments being arranged in Eden Valley. Next term children will get to play wheelchair basket ball which will be amazing fun.

*By James*

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**Outdoor learning**

Earlier this year, every Friday the school went outside, lit a fire and went round the back to participate in various activities: den-building, wood chopping, fire lighting and outdoor cooking. It was great fun! The Friends of the school say they’re hoping to make a special space for a fire pit soon. That would be amazing!

*By Danny*

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**Easter Wordsearch**

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**Easter Maze**

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EASTER  EGG  MARCH
BASKET  CANDY  APRIL
CHOCOLATE  SUNDAY  CHICK
BUNNY  GRASS  LILY
JELLYBEANS
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