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**“Let Your Light Shine”**

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**Newsletter 10: Friday 10th February 2023**

Dear Cragside Family,

It's been wonderful to see the brighter mornings and lighter afternoons over the past two weeks both of which are giving a sense of Spring being in the air! Over the past two weeks we have welcomed a number of visitors into our school, including Rev'd Wullie who led our Collective Worship on Tuesday, PCSO Moorhead who shared a lot of information about being safe online with our KS1 and KS2 children on Safer Internet Day and Carol Watson, from Northumberland County Council, who joined us in school last week to talk about road safety with all of our children. I loved seeing our Reception children shining so joyfully in yesterday's family worship – they definitely let their light shine at their very first family worship! I am also really proud of our Year 2 children, who, led by Mrs Cant have organised today's book sale to raise much needed funds for all those who have been so badly affected by the dreadful earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those who so badly need our help. Thank you also for your kind donations which have enabled this to happen.

**Anti-Racism Campaign launched by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors- A message from Mrs Urwin-Clark**

Our dedicated Anti-Bullying Ambassadors completed online anti-racism training a couple of weeks ago as part of their ongoing leadership role in school. On Wednesday of this week our ABAs led an informative whole school assembly on racism. They talked about what racism is, how it affects people, how to identify racist bullying and how to support anti-racism. They spread the word highlighting what an anti-racist school looks like and shared video footage of well-known footballers sharing their personal stories about being targeted by racism.

Following on from this assembly, we have registered our school to take part in the Show Racism the Red Card Competition and we have invited our children from Y1-Y6 to take part. Some of the children have already started their work in school but this may be something you'd like to do/continue at home and then bring into school to be submitted. Further information about this has been emailed via SchoolsBuddy. Here are some examples of the work which some of our children have been inspired to produce:

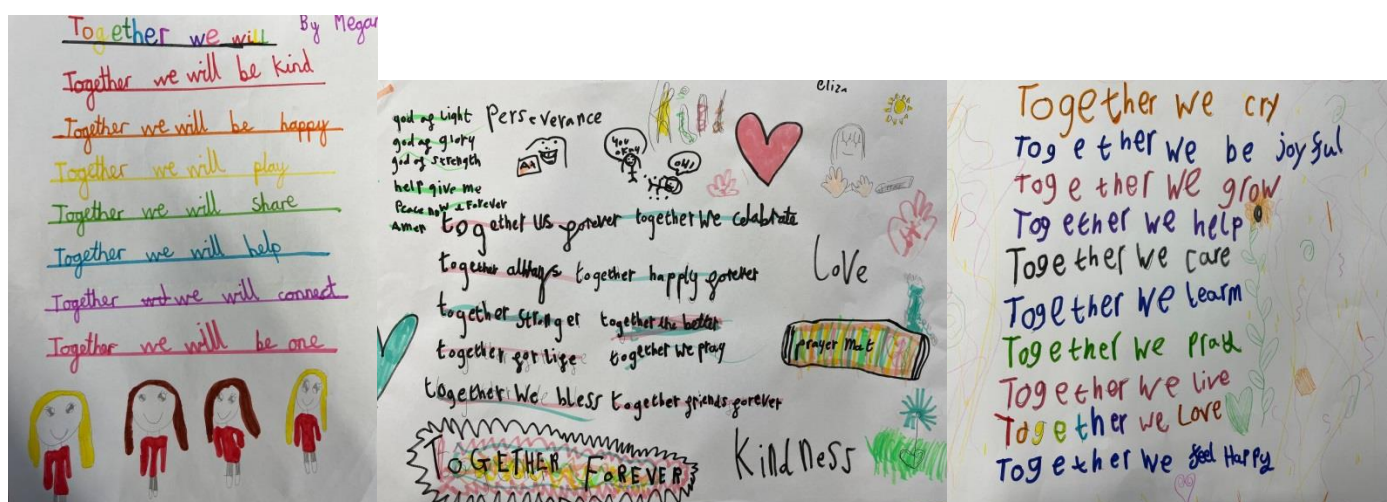


## OPAL Lego-A message from our Year 6 Opal Play Leaders

We introduced outdoor Lego to our playground recently and as you can imagine, it has been a very popular addition to our Opal play provision. Unfortunately, the Lego is a little fragile and some of it has been broken. We are trying to be very vigilant that children use it safely and respectfully by not building large towers to knock over and not having children throwing or standing on the Lego. Could you please support us before and after school by supervising your children if they're going to be playing with it and encourage them to treat it respectfully.

## Children's Mental Health Week - Let's Connect - A message from Mrs Urwin-Clark

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'Let's Connect.' Once again, we congratulate our incredible ABAs for delivering assemblies and lessons across the school which has encouraged our children to think about our own connections and how the people we connect with can support our own mental health. The theme of togetherness has been a focus of this week and I wanted to share with you a selection of the thoughtful words which children have written about how this helps us all to shine brightly, at school and in the world around us.



## Some dates for your diary

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Family Worship and SATs Information session for parents (to be held after the Family worship)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term holidays
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return from half term holidays Fairtrade Fortnight begins
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Proposed date for Industrial action – I hope to provide further updates as to how this may affect school next week
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day – details to follow
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Decorate an Egg competition – Judging Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Services at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am – Year 5 and Year 6 11.00am – Year 1 and Year 2 2.00pm – Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes for Easter break
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school

Thank you very much for all your help as we work together to support our children in school during this Spring term. We all very much appreciate all of your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Joanne Parker