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**Newsletter: Friday 23rd June, 2023**

Dear Cragside Family,

This last fortnight has been full of lots of fun, music, learning, sport and excitement at Cragside as some of our Key Stage 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening Check, our girls football team represented our school in a tournament, achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place (out of 10 schools), our musicians enjoyed playing together as an ensemble and our Year 6 children enjoyed an author visit to the JLV. It is always so wonderful to see our children representing our school and demonstrating such a joy and enthusiasm in all that they do.

**Planned actions for Proposed Industrial Action on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

As you will be aware, the National Education Union has called for its members to undertake further industrial action on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Following discussions with our staff and governing body, our arrangements for the Industrial Action days will largely be the same as for previous days when there has been industrial action, with the same procedural and risk assessment arrangements in place for both children and staff. What it will regrettably mean is that, once again, school will be partially open to some children and closed to others. Children who will be at home on these dates will be able to access their usual range of online learning resources.

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – School will be open to:	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July – School will be open to::
Mrs Pemberton’s Class (RLP) Miss Hames’ Class (3HM) Mrs Harper’s Class (3RH) Mrs Urwin-Clark’s Class (4UC) Miss Dunn’s Class (5AD) Miss Rennison’s Class (6ER)	Mrs Pemberton’s Class (RLP) Mrs Cant’s Class (2RC) Miss Hames’ Class (3HM) Mrs Harper’s Class (3RH) Miss Burns’ Class (4EB) Mrs Urwin-Clark’s Class (4UC) Miss Dunn’s Class (5AD) Miss Rennison’s Class (6ER)

We will also be open for some additional children, who the school will be in touch with directly. Our breakfast club and after school club provision will also be available for those children whose classes will run as normal. I would again like to emphasise that this industrial action is not against our school or any issues at our school, but is a national dispute between the government and the NEU. I live in hope that a resolution is found to this dispute as soon as possible.

Due to the timing of this planned industrial action, we need to rearrange our Sports Days which were due to take place on the dates of the planned strikes. The new dates for our Sports Days will be:

- Year 3 and Year 4 – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm
- Year 1 and Year 2 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

## Congratulations Y4 Quadkids

Congratulations to our Year 4 Quadkids Team who took part in the Quadkids tournament last Friday at Astley High School, along with other Northumberland schools. Cragside came first place and the children are delighted to be invited back to the County Quadkids Finals on the 3rd July. Well done to Marley for achieving the boys gold place, Harry and Finley M for achieving boys silver and Kaylah for achieving girls silver place. We look forward to joining the next tournament.



## Music at Cragside – A message from Miss Oliver-Cottrell

This week 11 fabulous musicians and singers from Cragside attended a 'Play Day' at the JLV. They worked incredibly hard to learn new music from local songs such as 'The Blaydon Races' to the well known hit 'Roar' by Katy Perry. They spent the day rehearsing alongside children from other schools and came together to perform in a concert at the end of the day. It was such an outstanding show and it was hard to believe that they had only begun practising earlier that day from the quality of their performance. Well done everyone, you did Cragside proud!

In other music news, we are very proud to announce that Samaira from Year 6 has been awarded Learner of the Month by Music Partnership North. She was nominated by her ukulele teacher, Mr Doyle, who chose her for **"getting 93% in her grade 1 ukulele exam. She worked really hard and perfected all the exercises I gave her to do - week in, week out without a single grumble and asked some great questions about music and the exam. She is a pleasure to work with and using the skills she has been taught she has worked on, and perfected, grade 2 songs already without prompting from me."**

Well done Samaira, we could not be any prouder of your hard work and achievements!



In September, we will again be offering private music tuition for Year 1 to Year 6 children. Please keep an eye out for these upcoming opportunities in the Autumn Term.

## **Musical Theatre Summer School Workshops**

Music Partnership North have some exciting opportunities over the summer. They will run the following **Musical Theatre Summer School Workshops**:

The first workshops will be for pupils in year groups 1 to 3 (Age 5 to 8) and it will be Disney Encanto themed. The cost for the 3 half days is a total of £50.00. Students will need to bring their own refreshments for break time. The workshops will take place at the Jubilee Hall in Rothbury on the following dates:

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 from 9:00am until 12:00pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 from 9:00am until 12:00pm
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 from 9:00am until 12:00pm

The second workshop will be for pupils in year groups 4 to 8 (Age 8 to 13) and it will be Matilda themed. The cost for the 3 full days is a total of £80.00. Students will need to bring their own refreshments for break time, as well as a packed lunch. Again, the workshops will take place at the Jubilee Hall in Rothbury on the following dates:

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 from 9:45am to 3:00pm
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 from 9:45am until 3:00pm
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2023 from 9:45am until 3:00pm

For more information, please refer to the attached leaflets where there is a QR code to sign up to sessions. Applications must be received by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, with payment made in full by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Please note, spaces are limited.

## **Rainbows of Positivity - Anti-Bullying Ambassadors work (ABAs)**

As part of their ongoing work, our amazing ABAs decided that they wanted to sprinkle some positivity across the school through their Rainbows of Positivity initiative. Each week, a child from each class will be given a Rainbow of Positivity, which will hold a positive affirmation. They will get to keep their rainbow all week, on their desk. Our ABAs have been writing these affirmations, which include uplifting messages such as, 'you are enough', 'you make a difference', 'you are loved', etc. A huge thank you to Abigail's grandma for kindly knitting our rainbows.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Joanne Parker

