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Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term 2

12th June 2023

What's going on behind the
scenes at Carcroft School?



Dates for the forthcoming week

Summer 2 Diary Dates

What?	When?	Which year groups/crews?
Multiplication Checks for Y4 pupils continue (2nd week)	Monday 12th June (2nd week)	Y4
Phonics Screening Check for Y1 pupils	Monday 12th June (1 week)	Y1
Swimming (Y5 & Y6 catch up)	Friday 16th June	Y5 and some Y6



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Key Messages from the Admin/Business Team

[April Lunch Menu 2023](#)

Father's day breakfast Mon 19th - Thurs 22nd June, see ParentPay for more details.



Sharing our Stories as we go...

We understand that life gets busy so parents do not always get the chance to visit our website but we want to share with you all of the amazing stuff we get up to at Carcroft School; we call this sharing our stories.

In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

However, if you wish to see more of what your child gets up to whilst at school, head to our website using this link and head to crew blogs and select your child's crew.

[Website link](#)

Apologies, some need updating from earlier this year.

The image shows a screenshot of the Carcroft School website. At the top, the Carcroft School logo is displayed, featuring a colorful circular design with the letters 'CS' in the center. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'CARCROFT SCHOOL ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE' and 'CARCROFT SCHOOL IS PART OF THE XP TRUST'. The XP Trust logo is also visible in the top right corner. The website's navigation menu includes 'About Us', 'Curriculum', 'Children', 'Parents', 'Community', and 'Staff'. A dropdown menu under 'Parents' is open, showing a list of crew blogs: 'Crew Ferguson 22/23', 'Crew Flaherty 22/23', 'Crew Gerrard 22/23', 'Crew Godley 22/23', 'Crew Robson 22/23', 'Crew MI 22/23', 'Crew McLoughlin 22/23', 'Crew Marsh 22/23', 'Crew LE 22/23', 'Crew Boswell 22/23', 'Crew Shields 22/23' (highlighted), and 'Crew Welburn 22/23'. Below the navigation, a blog post titled 'Football game' is featured, dated '26th May 2023' and written by 'Ruth Shields'. The post includes two photographs of a football game in progress on a school field. The text of the post reads: 'A lovely game of football this afternoon for Crew Shields as we continue to build up crew in different types of scenarios. Crew Shields love a game of football together and the majority get involved but football can become heated at times so a perfect opportunity to work on negotiating and sportsmanship. It also helped having the sun shining.' The background of the entire image is decorated with colorful butterflies and abstract shapes.

Celebrating the Best Version of You!

At Carcroft School and across the XP Trust we want our children to leave us being the best version of themselves. In order to support our pupils to achieve this, we focus on three key things (3 dimensions):

1. Character Growth
2. Beautiful Work
3. Academic Success

Each week we will showcase how this is done!

This week in crew we have been learning how to keep each other safe if and when we need to...

Character Growth (Crew)

First aid training

9th June 2023 Kate Thompson

This morning, Crew Thompson attended first aid training where we learnt all about choking and burns. We learnt about the two different types of choking and what we had to do when someone was choking. We practiced giving 5 back slaps and 5 abdominal thrusts to the choking person. We also learnt how we should treat burns and who we should call in an emergency.



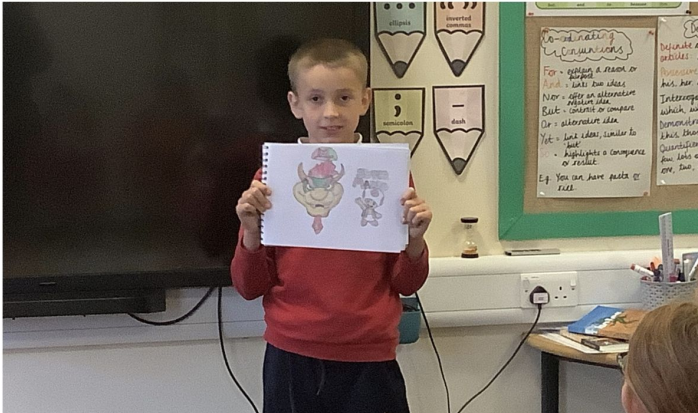
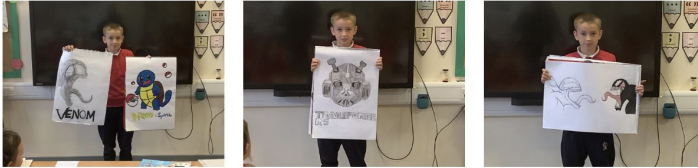
Character Growth (Crew)

Future artist...

📅 8th June 2023 🧑‍🎓 Ruth Shields

This morning in crew we had the pleasure of viewing the art work of Kaylum and we have decided that children will have more opportunities to share their interests with us.

Kaylum is a budding artist and often brings in stuff for our tabletop display. He has brought in his sketchbook from home today and we are truly blown away. I'm sure you will as well.



We are always striving to spot our pupils talents... and show them that **THEY CAN!**

This week in Crew Shields they have showcased their individual talents during crew time.

Character Growth (Crew)

Cirque du Soleil – Kaitlynn

📅 9th June 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

On Thursday morning, we continued with a crew member showing some of their talents.

It was the turn of Kaitlynn who is an avid dancer. She often takes parts on comps and shares her successes the us.

After Kaitlynn showcased her talent, the question of the day was: Does Kaitlynn even have a spine? What do you think?



Another Cirque du Soleil

📅 9th June 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

This morning it was the turn of Esme to share her interests out of school. Esme, just like Kaitlynn, regularly attends dancing comps and dances in different styles. She was going to show us some tap dancing but she changed her mind.

Lovely to see all the talent Crew Shields have.



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FIRST
By THINKING
WE CAN.

- JAMES E. FAUST

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Beautiful Work Celebration with Mrs McClare (Our Handwriting and Spelling Lead)



These pupils have been selected for producing beautiful work this week. We are really focussing on consistent presentation in every piece of work.

Wonderful writers!

📅 8th June 2023 📍 A Welburn

Crew Welburn have been working hard on their writing this week in morning jobs and in adult led activities. They've used their Fred fingers well to pinch their sounds, and to write their sentences independently. Keep up the hard work Crew Welburn!



WOW!

📅 7th June 2023 📍 Hannah McLoughlin

Check out our latest beautiful work in Crew Mcloughlin! We have redrafted our latest narrative and it is definitely Y6 quality 😊 Feeling proud!



Academic Success

We aspire for our pupils to leave us achieving the best they can academically across the curriculum.

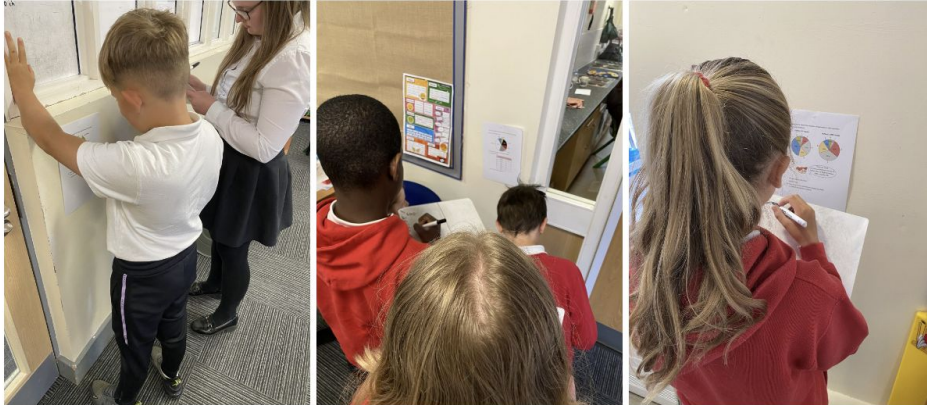


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Fly on the Wall in Crew Boswell

📅 6th June 2023 👤 Matthew Boswell

Ever wanted to be a fly on the wall? Here's what you'd be seeing in Crew Boswell at the moment: interpreting pie charts with percentages. Just imagine the hum and buzz of concentration, focus and helping each other to go with it!



Amazing Maths Progress! 🌟

📅 5th June 2023 👤 Natasha Holdsworth

4/6	5/6
5/6	6/6
4/6	6/6
5/6	6/6
4/6	5/6
5/6	6/6
4/6	6/6



I would just like to share how amazingly proud I am of this small group of mathematicians! Not only do they work hard each week to improve their arithmetic scores but they join in with the times-table chants to get smart with their 2,5 and 10 times tables. The resilience they show, the determination and the pride on their faces is amazing! 🌟

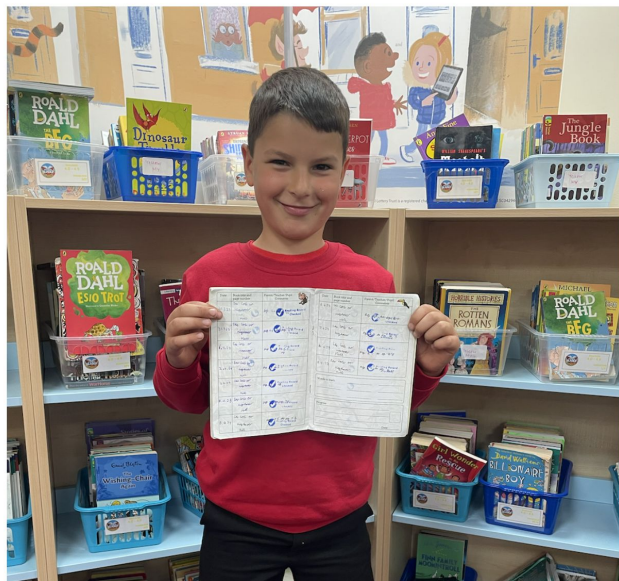
Academic Success- READING

We aspire for our pupils to read widely and develop a love of reading across the curriculum.

Reading Champion in Crew Thompson!

📅 8th June 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

Well done Bohdan! Bohdan has read over 100 times since starting our reading journey in Crew Thompson! Keep up the great work, Bohdan! 🎉📖



Video Call with an author

📅 8th June 2023 👤 Gillian Gilliland

Today, year 6 children met the author P.G Bell, the writer of *THE TRAIN TO IMPOSSIBLE PLACES*.

We even got to ask him a few questions!



We ask that children read at least 3 x per week in order to support them to develop fluency, pace and stamina for reading as well as a love of reading. Please can you ensure that pupils read at home and book bags returned daily.

Expedition in EYFS

Our Expedition this term is outlined HERE



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Getting creative 🎨 ✨ 🍪

📅 6th June 2023 👤 Sarah McGlone

Look at some of our wonderful creations! We've been getting experimental, using the craft resources, as well as the stickle bricks to make wonderful, imaginative creations.



XP Outdoors – Assault Course

📅 11th June 2023 👤 Sarah McGlone

In crew, we completed an assault course in our outdoor area. We absolutely LOVED IT!



This week in Crew McGlone- Nursery we have been focussing on our **creative, art and design skills** as well as our **physical development**, with a focus on **gross motor skills**.

Expedition in KS1

Our Expedition this term is outlined **HERE**

Out of this world 🚀🌍

📅 7th June 2023 👤 Laura Godley

We have been exploring the artist, Peter Thorpe, he's an American artist who creates abstract art about space. We have started to generate our own ideas in the style of Peter Thorpe.



Art- KS1 pupils have engaged in an artist study, whereby they have looked at work created by Peter Thorpe. They then created work in the style of this artist.

Today we started our second case study and our next core text 'The Man on the Moon'.

The story is about Bob, an astronaut, who works on the moon. In a morning he has a slice of toast and a cup of tea so what better way to start our day!



History- In order to engage and hook pupils into their work around a famous historical figure, they have used a key text to 'hook' them into learning and have done lots of experience days (drama) to develop this understanding.

Expedition in LKS2

Our Expedition this term is outlined HERE

Learning from **experts** helps us to remember the information as it's from a real life experience!



More experience fun in LKS2!

8th June 2023 Sophie Elmer

Today we had the great pleasure of another 'experience lesson'! This was due to us being able to welcome a visitor into our school called Kerry Poncia (a teacher at XP) who unfortunately had first hand experience of the floods in Fishlake (in 2019) and came to share her experience with us all.

We started the lesson by recapping our current book, 'FLOOD', and completed a 'silent conversation' listing the questions that we would ask the characters from the book. Such as, how did it feel when you had to leave your home? What was it like seeing your home ruined? Have you ever had to leave your home before? Etc. This then led us to then think of some questions that we could ask Kerry prior to her visit. We recorded these on a large sheet of paper ready for her presentation in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, Kerry visited and she provided us with lots of information about floods to support us with our writing next week. It was a great afternoon and as you can see we were all hooked in by what she was saying! Mrs Elmer recorded lots of facts and emotive language so that we can use this word bank to further support our chotting and writing of plot points next week.



Expedition in LKS2

Our Expedition this term is outlined HERE



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World Ocean Day!

📅 8th June 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

Today in Crew Thompson, we celebrated World Ocean Day! World Oceans Day is all about protecting the ocean. A healthy planet needs a healthy ocean, but our waters do face huge risks from overfishing, climate change, and plastic pollution. Luckily, we can help! We came up with lots of great ways to protect our oceans such as: recycling, picking up our litter and not using as much plastic.



Geography (and Crew)- Our curriculum supports us to understand how we can make a difference to the future of our world.

We are Stewards of our earth and we need to make a stand to ensure that we look after it.



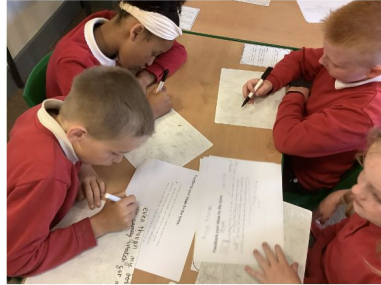
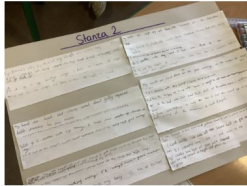
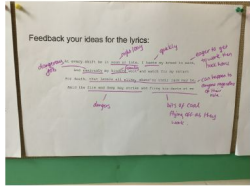
Expedition in UKS2

Our Expedition this term is outlined HERE

Adapting song/music

📅 9th June 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

Yesterday, we continued with unpicking poetry (a song) and worked as mini crews to rewrite it and adapt the verses. We want to be able to generate as many ideas as possible so that when we write our own poetry for the final product, we have lots of background knowledge to pull from. Some great collaboration and communication demonstrated within mini crews.



Music- In Year 5, we have been working on our music case study where we are also required to utilise our English skills, in order to prepare for our final product. We have also been engaging in some additional PE lessons in order to prepare us for Sports Day.

Sport day prep...

📅 7th June 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

This half term, children will be preparing for sports day so they've started with the basics – running.



Out and About doing Sports

This year we have had lots of children out and about doing Sports at a range of venues across Doncaster.



Y3/4/5/6 Rounders Tournament

📅 7th June 2023 👤 Hannah McLoughlin

We have had an amazing afternoon at Campsmount competing in the rounders tournament. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and really worked well as a team. Here are some highlights of the competition...

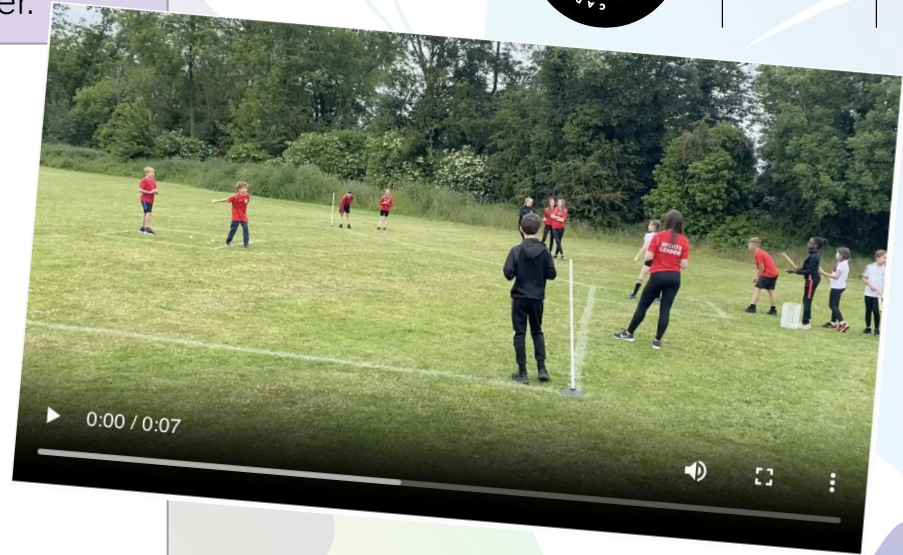
"The other team said we were unbeatable" Lucas

"Today was amazing" Gabriel

"Look on the bright side, least we weren't last" Sophia

"At first we weren't so good but then we just kept getting better and better. It was perfect" Tiarna

"I chipped my nail on the first round!" Ellie



Attendance for this week...

W/E 09/06/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew FE (Y3/4)	98.89
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	98.82
Crew Pashley (Y3/4)	97.60
Crew Boswell (Y6)	97.50
Crew Robson (Y6)	97.50
Crew Marsh (Y1)	96.80
Crew Welburn (FS2)	94.38
Crew McGlone (FS1)	93.91
Crew Thompson (Y3/4)	93.56
Crew Shields (Y5)	85.87
Crew Godley (Y1/2)	83.08
Crew MI (Y6)	80.53
Crew AP	80.00

Well done to Crew FE for topping the attendance table!

But also big well done to Crew McLoughlin, Crew Pashley, Crew Boswell and Crew Robson!



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Just a reminder of our School Attendance Target- 95%



Attendance Challenge and Celebrations (Summer Term)...



Challenge time!

If you attend for 100% of this half term, from Monday 5th June until Thursday 20th July.

On Friday 21st July, we will be having a **whole school water fight** for all those with 100% attendance for this half term!

Don't miss out! It's going to be **AMAZING!**



Attendance Celebration

Is your attendance going to be 95% or above for the whole year? If it is... you will receive a 'golden ticket' that will give you admission/entry to a special event of your choice....

We have asked the children for their suggestions and will let you know next week what we have decided on.



**GREAT
Attendance**