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Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term 2

19th 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?
Assessment Week for pupils in Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 (Y3-Y5 pupils will complete their end of term tests)	Monday 19th June- Thursday 22nd June	
UKS2 Father Day Breakfast	Monday 19th June- 8.50-9.20	
LKS2 Fathers Day Breakfast	Tuesday 20th June - 8.50-9.20	
New to F1 (Nursery) Parent Meeting with Headteacher and EYFS Leader	Tuesday 20th June- 2.30-3.00	
KS1 Fathers Day Breakfast	Wednesday 21st June - 8.50-9.20	
National Thank Teacher/School Staff Day	Wednesday 21st June	
EYFS Fathers Day Breakfast	Thursday 22nd June- 8.50-9.30	
Nursery pupils stay for school dinner	Thursday 22nd June- 11.15-12.00	
Solihull Parenting Support Group	Thursday 22nd June- 9.30-11.30	
Staff Day (Training Day)- School Closed to	Friday 23rd June/Monday 26th	



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Key Messages from the Admin/Business Team

[April Lunch Menu 2023](#)



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.



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 Crew Marsh have been exploring what being part of a community really means and how we can show kindness within different communities!

Character Growth (Crew)

Community crew 🏠

📅 16th June 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

In crew we have been looking at what makes a good community and how we can be good people in our communities. We acted out different ways of showing kindness!



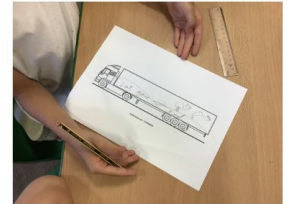
Character Growth (Crew)

Citizenship Crew

📅 15th June 2023 👤 Sophie Elmer

And across Year 3 and 4, they have been considering ways to encourage their community and wider communities to consider how to eat more healthily. They also engaged in providing one another with critique around their designs. We also ensure that we are kind, specific and helpful when providing critique to one another.

As part of 'National Healthy Eating Week' and to celebrate the countdown to Paris 2024, Aldi, Team GB and ParalympicsGB are challenging young people aged 5-14 to get creative and design a lorry that inspires people to enjoy healthy, sustainable food. Therefore, in crew this morning we all designed our own lorries! We thought about writing, colours and suitable images to capture peoples' attention. At the end of the session we critiqued each others and offered notices, wonders and praises! Mrs Pashley has also been tasked with choosing a winner 🏆 from each crew in LKS2! All shall be revealed in crew tomorrow...



Carcroft staff continuing to work on being 'crew'...

📅 12th June 2023 👤 Kirsty Atherton



Character Growth (Crew)

Staff engage in crew too! It's important that if we are going to be the best we can for our pupils that we are able to work together as a staff crew. It was lovely to start Monday with a little challenge and a giggle too!



Character Growth (Crew)

Ballerina

📅 15th June 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

Thank you to Scarlett who shared a ballet routine with us during our morning crew. She has spent lots of time doing dance and was delighted to share it with us.



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

Crew Shields continue with talent spotting. This week Scarlett showed off her amazing talent in ballet. Thank you Scarlett for sharing this with us.

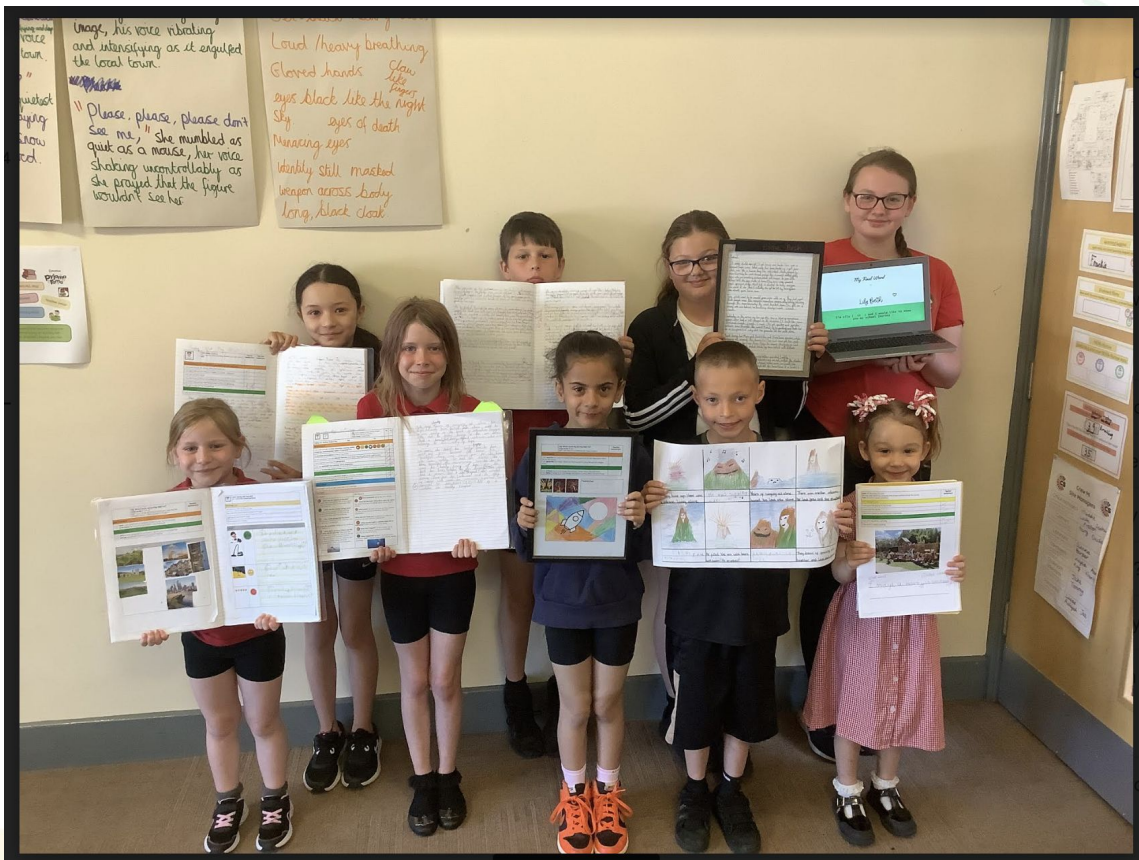
Character Growth (Crew)

It was also nice this week to celebrate some of the children's achievements out of school. This week we had two girls in Crew Thompson who proudly shared their medals 🏆 from a recent football ⚽ tournament, where they came first! 🌟 A fantastic achievement! Well done girls! 🙌



Proud of you both girls! Keep up the amazing work outside of school too!





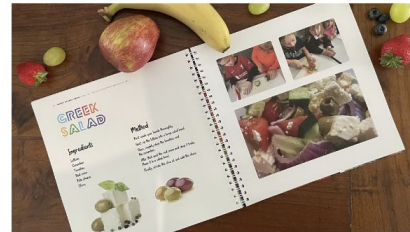
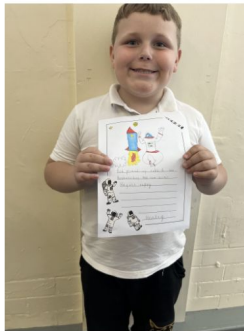
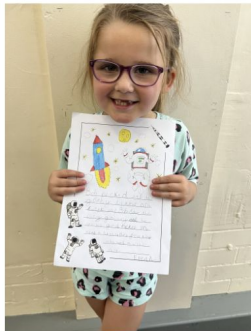
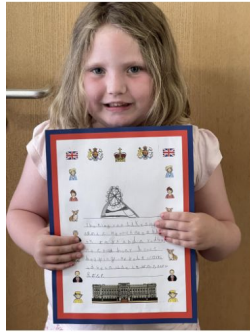
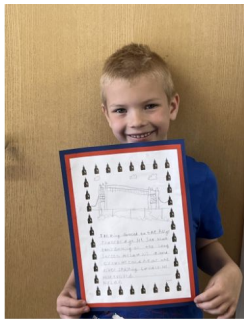
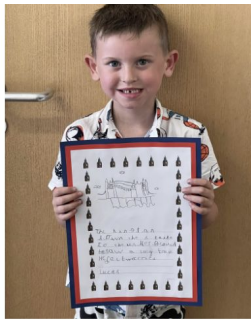
Beautiful Work Celebration with Mrs McClare (Our Handwriting and Spelling Lead)

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



Beautiful Work

Crew Marsh have also blown us all away with the progress they have made in Writing. They are taking so much pride in their work! They make us feel so proud. Keep up the fabulous work!



KS1's Recipe book is also amazing work to be proud of!

Academic Success

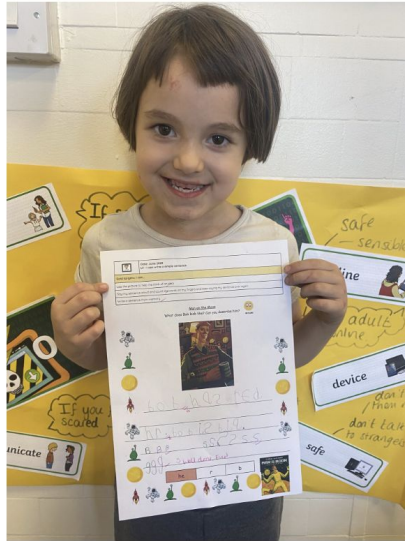
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Out of this world writers

📅 16th June 2023 👤 Laura Godley

The children in Crew Godley were so proud of their writing about our current text, 'Man on the Moon'. Evie and Sofia wrote their sentences independently, we were so proud of them for applying their phonics skills.



Magic maths

📅 13th June 2023 👤 Hannah McLoughlin

In maths we consolidated our knowledge of FDP equivalents and algebra. We really showed collaboration and that we have still got our knowledge from being taught this months ago! 🥰



Poetry – The Miner

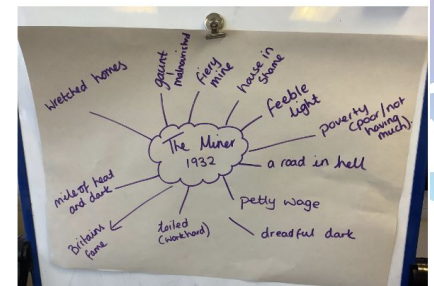
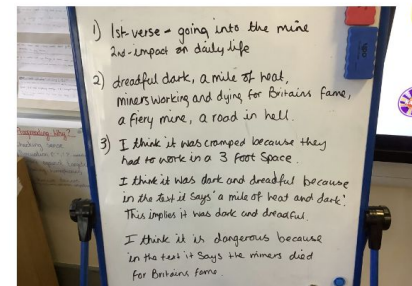
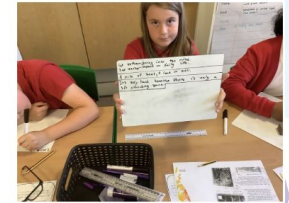
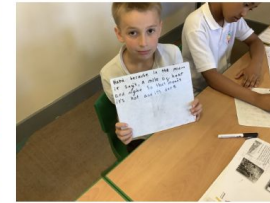
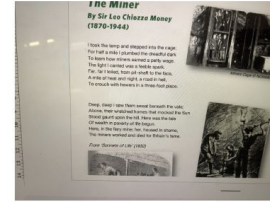
📅 13th June 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

Academic Success- Reading

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

During our expedition lesson, we have been annotating a poem about mining and unpicking vocabulary.

We had a book talk session so that we could discuss the poem and help with our understanding. In addition, we have generated phrases and words that we could use when it comes to writing their own poetry in preparation for our Summer final product.



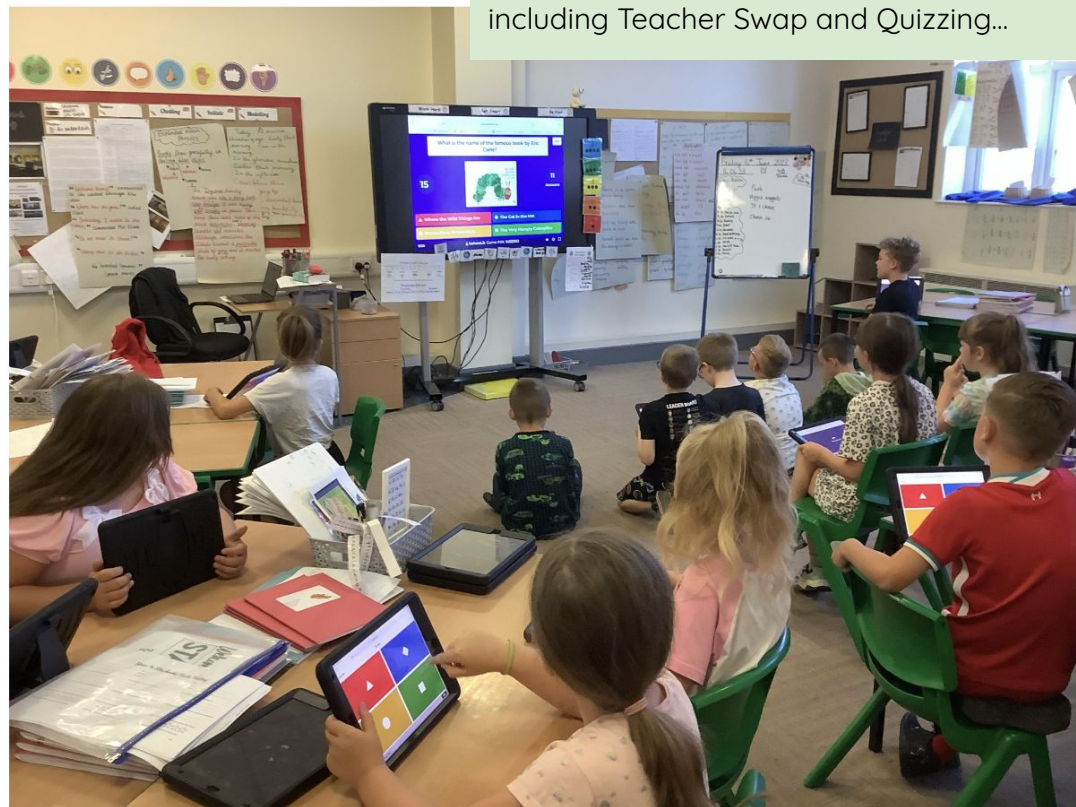
Academic Success- READING

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

Teacher swap (Crew Boswell)

📅 16th June 2023 👤 Gillian Gilliland

As part of Pyjamarama Day, Miss Pashley came and read Billionaire Boy to Crew Boswell. This book was chosen by Crew Boswell, as this is one of their favourite



To continue to develop a love of reading across our school community, Mrs Elmer our Reading Lead organised a 'Pyjamarama Day'. And although it was a little warm for wearing our PJs, we still engaged in lots of great activities including Teacher Swap and Quizzing...

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Our Dads and Grandads came to join us linked to our Fathers Day Celebrations and the Y6's read to us too...

Y6 readers

📅 16th June 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

Y1 have loved having Y6 come to read a book to the this afternoon.

Well done boys! 💖



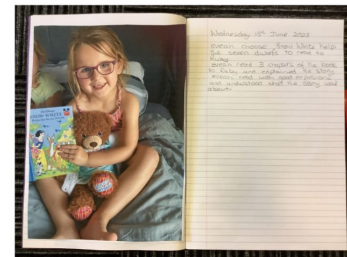
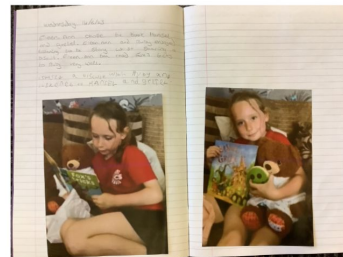
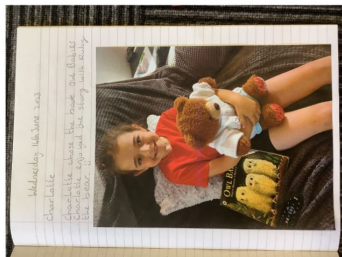
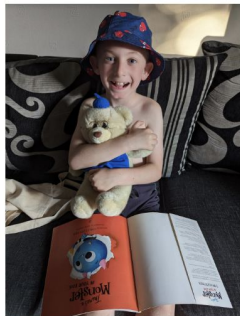
Academic Success- READING

We continue to ask that pupils read at home at least 3 x per week.

KS1 are engaging in Reading at home by reading to their crew Reading Bear.

CrewRobson read with Rosie and Rupert

📅 14th June 2023 👤 Nicola Robson



So far this week Rupert and Rosie have spent time reading with Sydney, SJ, Freddie

Expedition in EYFS

Our Expedition this term is outlined HERE

Clever construction 🧱

📅 18th June 2023 👤 Sarah McGlone

There has been lots of construction happening this week! We've been making car parks, rockets, towers... all sorts! We've taken some inspiration from the example pictures in the construction area and we have also added our own ideas and concepts too. Oly even decided to draw his ideas out first before beginning to build his creation with Hunter. There has been lots of teamwork, resilience and trial and error – fantastic work Crew McGlone!



New additions to EYFS 🐣🐣

📅 18th June 2023 👤 Sarah McGlone

This week we have welcomed 15 new, fluffy arrivals to EYFS 🌟

The eggs arrived earlier in the week, and we watched the incubator in anticipation to see if we could see any movement or cracks appearing.



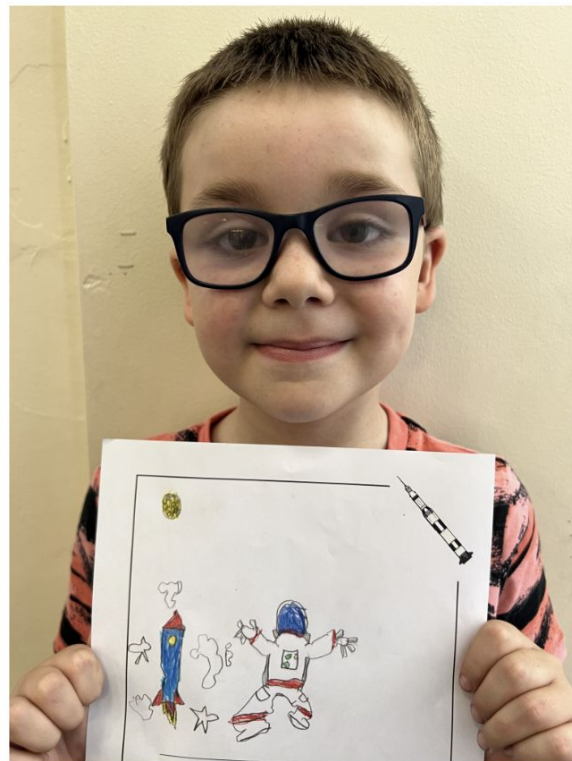
After a couple of days, we came to school one morning to find that some of the chicks had hatched overnight and were starting to fluff up in the incubator! We could hear them cheeping and come out of the incubator!



Expedition in KS1

Our Expedition this term is outlined [HERE](#)

Art- KS1 pupils have been really focussing on the quality of their drawing skills. Thinking carefully about the shapes they use to create their designs.



Expedition in KS1

Our Expedition this term is outlined [HERE](#)

We tried space food 🧑‍🚀🍓

📅 15th June 2023 👤 Nicola Robson

Today in CrewRobson we have been doing lots of research about Mae Jemison. To finish our lesson we tried astronaut food! It was very sweet!

History- We have been working as Historians to find out more information about a famous historical figure- Mae Jamison.

In order to support us to remember more about who she is and what she did for us in the past, we tried some astronaut food. These experiences help us to remember what we have learned as it was so much fun!



Expedition in KS1

Our Expedition this term is outlined HERE

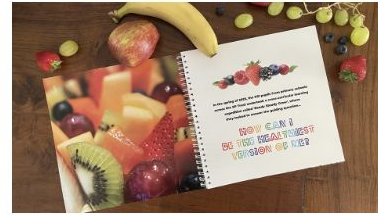
Final Product

Last term, we created a recipe book as our final product.

Ready, Steady, Grow will be on sale soon..

Watch this space!

The children across XP Trust have done an amazing job of creating some stunning healthy recipes which are also really good value too!



Expedition in LKS2

Our Expedition this term is outlined HERE





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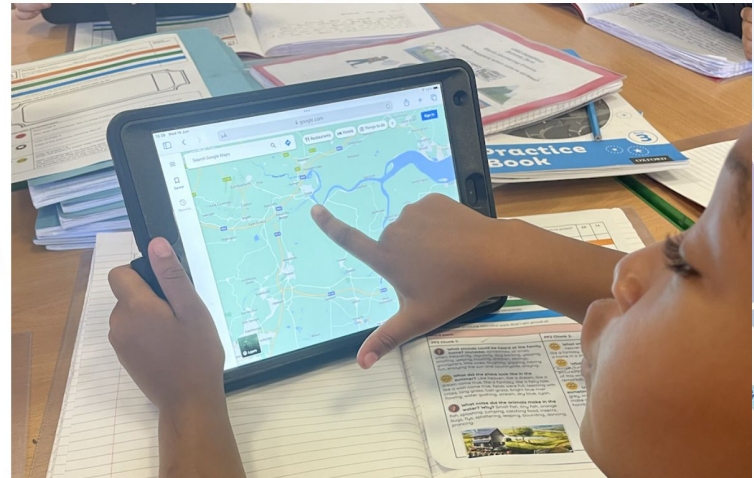
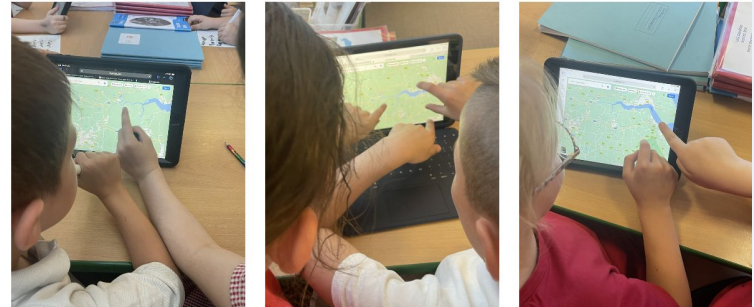
In Y3/4 **Geography**, we have been locating rivers on maps using our computing skills to help US...

In addition we worked in pairs, in order to be able to discuss our ideas and clarify our thinking.

Locating local rivers

 14th June 2023  Kate Thompson

This afternoon, we used maps and iPads to locate the rivers in Doncaster and the UK. We really enjoyed finding the River Don that runs through Doncaster and then expanding our search to finding rivers in the UK finding other well known rivers such as Thames, Severn, Ouse and Humber.



Expedition in UKS2

Our Expedition this term is outlined
HERE

Music- In Year 5, we have continued to work on our music case study, whereby we focussed on notation.
Ask us what a crotchet, minim, quaver, semi-quaver and semi-breve is...

Notation

📅 12th June 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

During music today, the children have been learning about different notes in music. We've learned about the crotchet, minim, quavers, semi quavers and semibreve.

We spent some time clapping rhythms to help use understand the difference in the notes. Children then had to work in small groups to compose their own rhythms using some of the difference notes before performing to the rest of the class. They did a great job with these. Check them out for yourselves...



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.

Running skills

📅 15th June 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

Coach really put Crew Shields through their paces this week during their PE session. They were practicing their running skills. There were lots of tired children when they returned to class.

Well done to Kaleb and Izzy who were stars of the lesson.



This week we have been preparing for up and coming events by practising our skills!

Y1/2 rounders 🏏

📅 14th June 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

We have loved our afternoon playing rounders in the sunshine. I am very impressed with how quickly we picked the game up!



Attendance for this week...

W/E 16/06/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew Pashley (Y3/4)	99.20
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	98.82
Crew Marsh (Y1)	97.60
Crew FE (Y3/4)	96.30
Crew Thompson (Y3/4)	96.30
Crew Robson (Y2)	94.29
Crew McGlone (FS1)	94.00
Crew AP	93.75
Crew Welburn (FS2)	92.81
Crew Shields (Y5)	88.97
Crew MI (Y6)	84.21
Crew Godley (Y1/2)	82.31
Crew Boswell (Y6)	75.29

Well done to Crew Pashley for topping the attendance table again this half term!!!

But also big well done to Crew McLoughlin who are also in the top 5 again!

Crew FE have also been fairly consistent this term!
Keep it going!



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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**