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Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Autumn 2,
Week 2

6th November 2023

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



Dates for the forthcoming week
[Autumn 2 Diary Dates](#)



What?	When?	<i>Which year groups/crews?</i>
Anti-bullying week Maths Week	All week	All crews
Odd Socks Day	Monday 13th November	All crews
World Kindness Day	Monday 13th November	All crews
Police visiting KS1	Monday 13th November	KS1
TTRS Competition - Dress up as rockstars/non-uniform	Tuesday 14th November	All crews
Catch up flu immunisations	Wednesday 15th November	Any pupils who signed up but missed the first session
Children in Need non-uniform theme is 'Dress to Impress'	Friday 17th November	All crews

Next Week...

Monday 20th November- Thursday 23rd November- Y6 Assessment Week

Monday 20th November- Thursday 23rd November- Road Safety week taking place during crew

Friday 24th November- School closed to all pupils for staff training/work on Spring Term expedition



Anti-bullying Week

This Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

Remember to share all your Odd Socks Day photos on social media on Monday 13th November and use the hashtags #OddSocksDay and #AntiBullyingWeek



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Odd Socks Day... *what's the point?*

Odd Socks Day marks the start of anti-bullying week. All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique and special. Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

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.

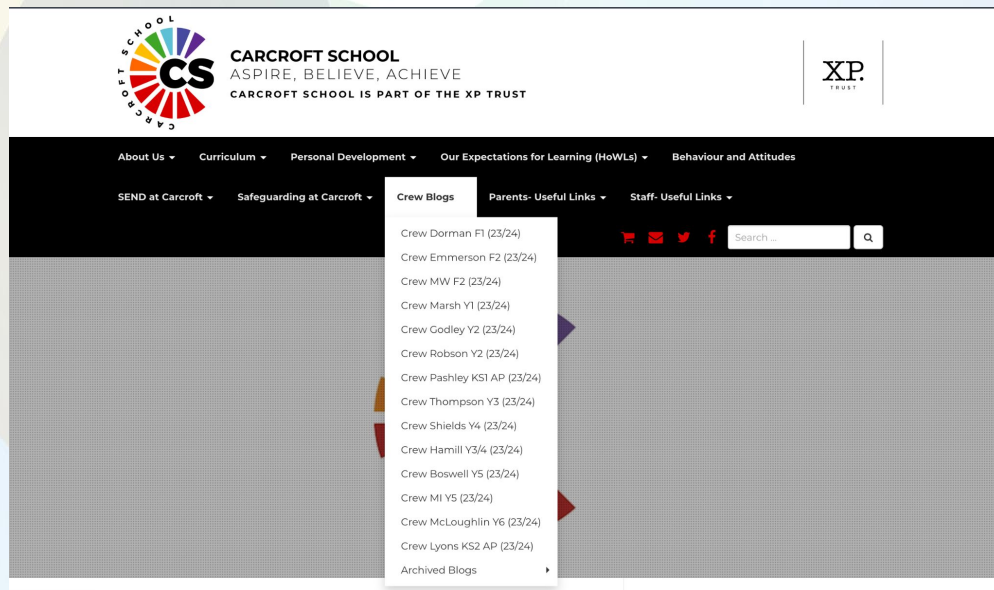
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

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](#)



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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!

Crew Godley exploring kindness!



Character Growth (Crew)



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Being kind ❤️

📅 6th November 2023 👤 Laura Godley

Today in crew we explored what kindness with our hands looked like. We thought about what kind things we can do with our hands to show that we care, for example giving a high five 🙌 or a wave 🙋 or even a hug 🤗 We then worked together in mini crews to sort kind and unkind actions, this led to some great discussions about our views and opinions. This linked perfectly to our stewardship roles in crew and the children were able voice how we take cares of not only each other but our environment too.



What makes me a good friend?

📅 3rd November 2023 👤 Ruth Shields



This week, we have been discussing the qualities that make us a good friend. Children shared with their peers how they were good friends to others. Lovely to hear them saying they are helpful, kind, thoughtful and considerate towards others.

Crew Shields discussing what it means to be a good friend.
It is lovely to hear that they appreciate one another - if we get crew right, we get everything right!



Leaving our trace in the woods ... again

📅 8th November 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

After reading the next part of Hansel and Gretel we learnt that Dad took them to the woods AGAIN! However, this time we dropped bread crumbs in the woods to be able to find our way back out. We saw lots of animals and felt even worse than we did the time before!



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Down in the deep, dark, woods.....

📅 6th November 2023 👤 Laura Godley

For our experience lesson today we were thinking about Hansel and Gretel and how they navigated through the woods back to their father, waiting at home. We found our stoney path and followed it back through the woods. We felt nervous as we twisted and turned through the tall, dark trees, not knowing what was around the corner.



Relating books to real life!

Academic Success- Reading

Crew Marsh and Godley have used some top tips from Hansel and Gretel's story to make sure they can find their way out of the woods!



Reading helps us to get smart!

Next week we will continue with our Books and Breakfast celebration...

Who will be chosen next week?

Are you reading every night? Have you been working hard in your phonics lessons? Has your Reading session taught you some new skills that you can show us?



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The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know. The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss



Academic Success- Reading

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



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Children must bring their book bag into school every day so that their reads can be checked and in case their book gets changed.

It is extremely important that children are reading daily at home.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please can we ask that children are reading their book at home for 10 minutes per day and at least 3 x per week/ ideally 4 times a week.



Funnybones Skeleton Hunt 🦴👤🔍

📅 6th November 2023 👤 Eleanor Pashley

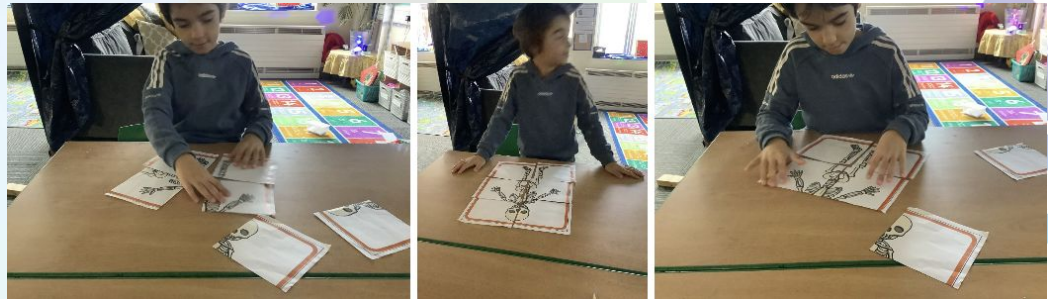
Since half term, Crew Pashley has been writing about the Funnybones story. It is one of our favourite books to read as a crew. 📖 Today, to start our second week of writing, we did a skeleton jigsaw hunt to engage us in our learning! ** We searched all over the classroom then had to join the pieces together- we had to check we had all six pieces and that they were in the right places!



Academic Success- Reading

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Miss Pashley's crew are reading Funnybones. Look at their jigsaw hunt that hooked them into their learning.



Academic Success- Writing

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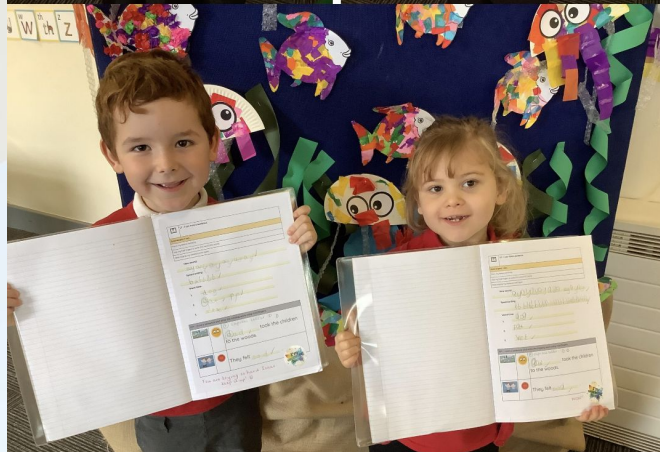
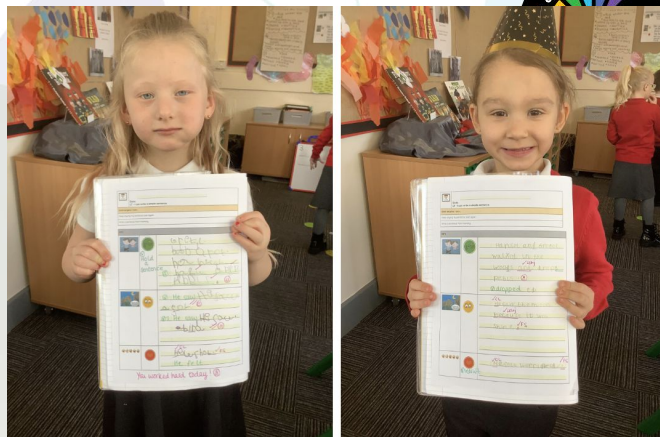
Miss Marsh was impressed with beautiful presentation in her crew.

Fab writers in Y1!

📅 7th November 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

In this mornings writing lesson I have been so impressed with the following children for their beautiful handwriting and fab ideas! We have been working really hard in our writing lessons to become better Y1 writers and we really are starting to show everything that we have learnt.

Well done, you are superstar writers!!



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Academic Success- Maths

In **Maths**, Crew Haddock have used role play to practice using amounts of money!

This is such an important life skill for our children. Understanding how to add and subtract amounts of money.

This was also a time to work as a crew!



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Role play

📅 7th November 2023 👤 Tracy Haddock

Our crew enjoyed playing shops this morning as our maths topic is money.



Academic Success- Maths

In **Maths**, Crew Welburn have been using equipment to measure the mass of objectives.

This is great to see how our children are using accurate language to compare and contrast different items.



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Mass in maths!

📅 7th November 2023 👤 A Welburn

Crew MW have been exploring mass in maths today. We have been using our scales to weigh objects and compare which one is heavy and which one is light. We were really good at using our mathematical language to compare!



Expedition in KS1



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Expert visitor in KS1

📅 7th November 2023 👤 Nicola Robson



Today we were lucky to be visited by Mrs Godley's Grandma who talked to us about what it was like during World War Two and her experience of being in hospital.

The children asked some great questions and we all learnt a lot!

What a fantastic experience listening to someone share their real life experience of WW2. It is great to have experts in school for pupils to learn from!



Expedition in LKS2

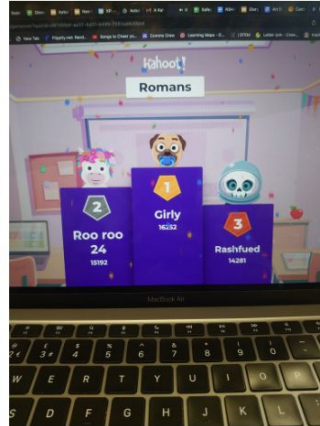
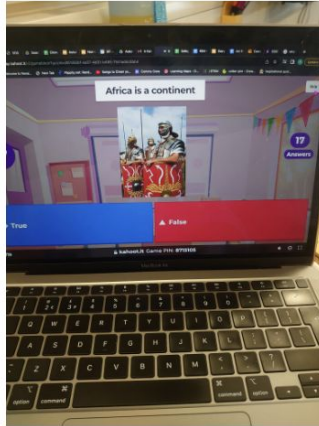


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In LKS2, children have reflected on all the learning they have remembered during their History case study. We complete case study reflections to revisit the knowledge that we have been taught. This helps for information to stick in our brains.

Case Study reflection

📅 6th October 2023 👤 Ruth Shields



Children took part in a kahoot quiz to allow them an opportunity to showcase what they had learned during their case study. Lovely to see they have retained some of the facts etc about where the Romans came from



DRAX visit for UKS2

📅 7th November 2023 👤 Stacey McClare

A great day at DRAX exploring the power station! Tomorrow we will reflect on the trip, thinking about what we observed and discussed and how it links back to our guiding question. We hope today's visit will also help us to answer our guiding question 😊



Expedition in UKS2



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A great field work experience for Y5 and Y6... We ensure that our fieldwork trips are always purposeful for our expeditionary learning. Watch this space to see UKS2 reflecting on their DRAX visit in order to answer their guiding question.



Gymnastics club

📅 7th November 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

We have loved gymnastics club today! The children worked so hard to warm up their body and then learn new shapes using our core.



We have two PE lessons each week.

One with Active Fusion, Sports Coach- Luke and one with our Teacher.

Here Crew Marsh are loving gymnastics!



Case study 3 in MI

📅 6th November 2023 👤 Stacey McClare

We were all excited to get stuck into case study 3, our design and technology case study!

Crew McClare using DT equipment safely and accurately to bring to life their final products.



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Attendance for this week...

Current School Attendance is

W/E 10/11/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew Godley (Y2)	100
Crew Pashley* (Y1/2)	100
Crew Haigh* (FS2)	100
Crew Shields (Y4)	98.33
Crew MI (Y5)	97.14
Crew Marsh (Y1)	95.83
Crew Boswell (Y5)	95.52
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	93.58
Crew Haddock* (Y3/4/5)	93.33
Crew Thompson (Y3)	92.26
Crew Dorman (FS1)	90.53
Crew MW (FS2)	86.90
Crew Hamill (Y3/4)	85.88
Crew Robson (Y2)	81.25

Just a reminder of our School Attendance Target- 96%

Autumn 1 Attendance came out as 95% which is great for the first half term.

Just a reminder that to achieve 96% for the year that children must not be absent for more than 6 or 7 days in a year.