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Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Autumn 2,
Week 5

27th November 2023

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



Dates for the forthcoming week

Autumn 2 Diary Dates

<i>What?</i>	<i>When?</i>	<i>Which year groups/crews?</i>
KS1 Celebration of Learning	Wednesday 6th December 2:30 - 3:15	Y1 - Y2
KS1 Multi Skills Tournament	Wednesday 13th December- 12.30-4pm	Letters will be sent to those involved
FS1 Celebration of Learning	Thursday 7th December 11:00 - 11:30am	FS1
Christmas dinner and jumper day	Thursday 7th December	All school
FS2 Celebration of Learning	Thursday 7th December 2:30 - 3:00pm	FS2



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Next Week...

Monday 18th December - Non-uniform day
- bottle donation for Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 19th December - Y5 & Y6
Christmas Carol Concert- **9am**

Wednesday 20th December - KS1 Nativity
Play- **9.15am**

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Party
Day/ Children come dressed in their party
clothes / Party Food(lunch) can be paid for
via parent pay if children who usually have
a packed lunch would like this and are not
eligible for free school meals

Thursday 21st December - Christmas
Fayre - **2.00pm**/ Children collected from
1.50pm

Friday 22nd December - Last Day of Term
/ School closes for the Christmas break

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.

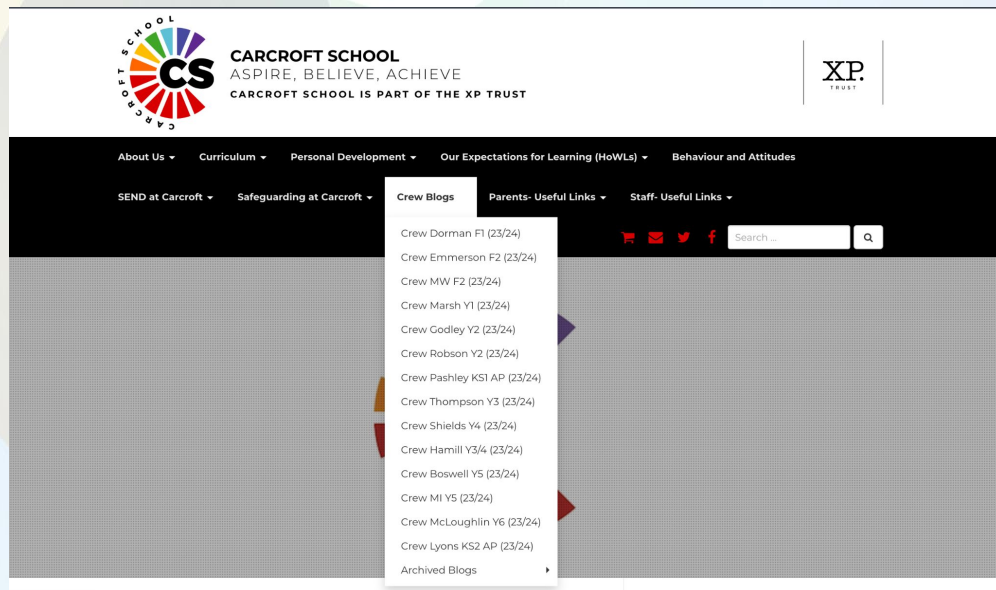
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

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!

Character Growth (Crew)



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Emergency Services



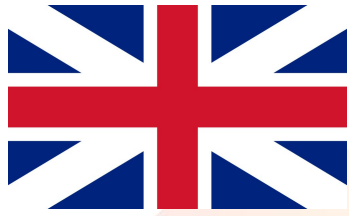
📅 30th November 2023 👤 Eleanor Pashley

This week we have been learning about the different emergency services. We have looked at firefighters, policemen and doctors. Also, we discussed when we should or shouldn't call 999.



Crew Pashley learning about the importance of emergency services and practicing their cutting and sticking too!





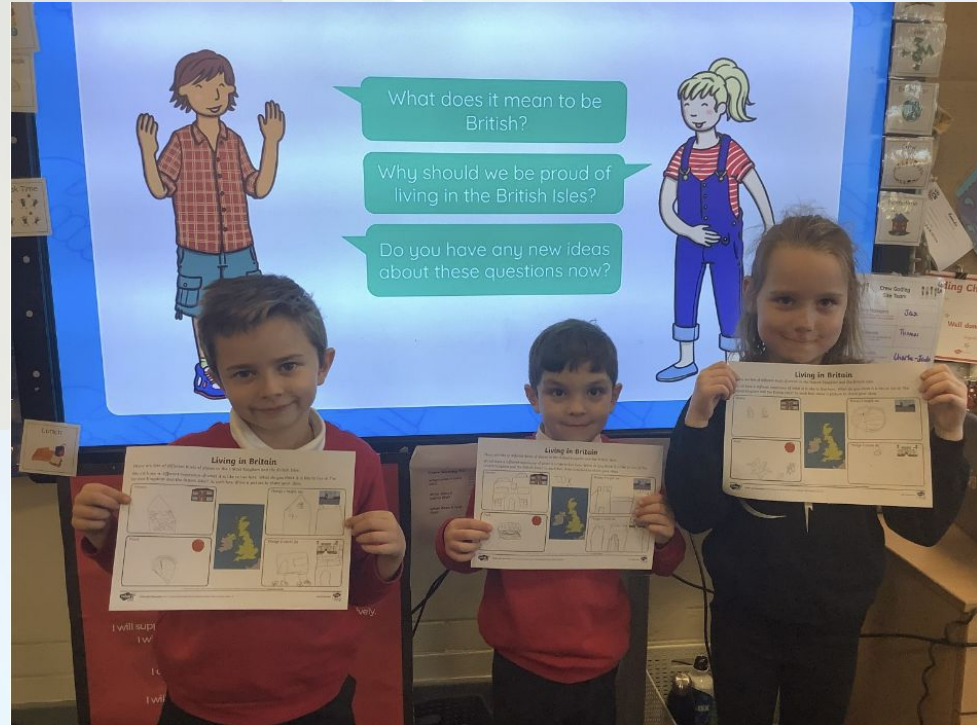
What does it mean to be British?

📅 30th November 2023 👤 Laura Godley

In citizenship crew we have been exploring our nation, Great Britain. We discovered our nation is diverse. This means there are lots of different people. Some will be the same as us and others will be different. It also means there are different places to visit and different things to do and experience. We concluded that diversity helps us learn and grow as people. It is something to be celebrated!

We then drew things that make us proud to be British, what makes our nation special. We drew pictures of Buckingham Palace, the beaches we visit, our lovely homes and our favourite British foods!

Y2 understanding where we come from and why it is special to be British!



Character Growth (Crew)



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Crew Challenge

📅 30th November 2023 👤 Laura Godley

This morning Crew Godley had a difficult crew challenge, especially as we weren't allowed to communicate other than using facial gestures! Our challenge was to group ourselves according to our colour, the tricky part was that we did not know our own colour. Kaison leadership skills were second to none, he was fantastic at leading his crew to success!

This must have taken a lot of patience Crew Godley. Great task to bring you closer as a crew.



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.



Star Reader - Books and Breakfast Celebration



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Another set of pupils working super hard at home and in school. Great to hear pupils sharing how their reading ages have improved - working hard to get smart. Super work guys.



My tie is a scarf for a cold giraffe..

📅 28th November 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

Today we started our new story *The Smartest Giant in Town*. We read the first section where the giant walks through the local town and bumps into a giraffe. The giraffe moaned that he was cold and needed to warm up, therefore we all needed to make a tie for the giraffe to warm up his long neck!

Look at the designs we created on our ties! 🧣



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Academic Success- Reading

Repetitive books are great for supporting language development in children. The children created their own designs based on the book, *The Smartest Giant in Town*.



Academic Success- Reading

Crew MW having their weekly visit to the library... look what they read this week!

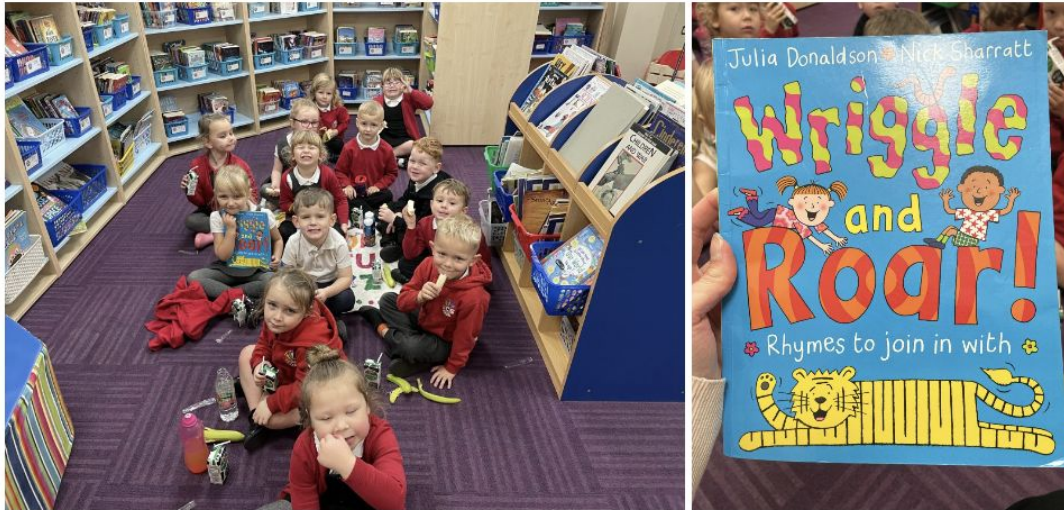


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Crew MW's Library Visit

📅 23rd November 2023 👤 A Welburn

Crew MW enjoyed their library visit again today! This week's choice was 'wiggle and roar' by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt. We loved listening to the rhymes and joining in with the actions! 📖



Expedition in LKS2

At the end of every expedition, we have a 'Celebration of Learning' to showcase all the great things we have learned over the term to our parents and carers. LKS2 enjoyed their afternoon sharing their knowledge and understanding with their adults and showing them their final product!



Expedition in LKS2

Celebration of Learning



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Thank you so much to all the grown ups that joined us for our Celebration of Learning. We really appreciate the support you've shown today.



Kahoot quiz time in MI

📅 22nd November 2023 👤 Stacey McClare

In crew we took part in a road safety kahoot quiz! Well done everyone 😊



Checking our understanding of Road Safety answering a kahoot quiz!



Wider Curriculum

Physical Education



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We have two PE lessons each week.

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

Despite the bitter cold weather, Crew Shields had a great time in Scotty's. They played lots of games to keep them warm which was evident when the coats started coming off.



Wider Curriculum PE



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Miss Shields said it was lovely hearing the great communication but also them holding each other to account so they were playing fair.



Wider Curriculum PE

Thank you to Kodi, a previous pupil, for coming back to Carcroft School to teach some of our pupils some boxing skills. How fantastic to see them working so hard.



Exploring the weather

📅 30th November 2023 🧑 A Welburn

This morning, Crew MW took a little walk around the outdoor area of our school. We discovered that the frost had come! We explored the crunchy, frosty grass and then glittery frost on the tyres! We also found out that frost and ice makes everything a little bit slippery and we practised our skating on the tarmac under the climbing frame! When we walked around to the forest area, we also found that the water in the water tray had frozen ❄️ We talked about what will happen as the sunshine comes out and warms up the temperature, and we decided that the ice would probably start to melt.



Wider Curriculum Science



Wrapping up warm and exploring
the outdoors!



To fit with the weather we have had this past few days, Crew Pashley have been playing with the frozen water outside and using different tools to break up the ice. They then played with the foam and cotton wool this morning and used it as snow. It looks like they enjoyed playing with the different textures and creating different pictures with the foam. Great work!



Attendance for this week...

Current School Attendance is

W/E 01/12/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew MI (Y5)	100
Crew Shields (Y4)	98.96
Crew Boswell (Y5)	97.84
Crew Godley (Y2)	97.43
Crew Thompson (Y3)	96.88
Crew Robson (Y2)	96.43
Crew Hamil (Y3/4)	96.32
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	95.83
Crew Marsh (Y1)	92.67
Crew Haddock* (Y3/4/5)	91.67
Crew Dorman (FS1)	89.58
Crew MW (FS2)	86.76
Crew Haigh (FS2)	78.13
Crew Pashley* (Y3/4/5)	65.63

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.