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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

Harvest Celebration

We would like to thank everyone for coming along to our Harvest Festival on Tuesday, I'm sure you will agree that the children delivered their lines and sang beautifully throughout both performances. Once again, the generosity of the Crookhill Community has amazed us and the People's Kitchen were absolutely delighted with your donations, especially in such times of hardship. Please check out the pictures on our Facebook page and a massive thank you to you all.

Footie News

It's been a week for big football games in the north-east, but for the Crookhill girls 7-a-side team there was only one competition on their mind last night as they made their debut in the Blaydon and District League Cup. With limited experience in the squad, and only a few training sessions since the beginning of term, the girls saw this competition as an opportunity to put on their boots and play some fixtures for the first time. The girls were really up against it when they were reduced to only 6 players due to illness but they were still keen to play. A plucky performance saw the first fixture against Ryton end in a 1-1 draw with the opening goal of the season coming from Lacey S. A defeat to Blaydon St Josephs in the following game meant that Crookhill would leave the competition at the group stages. Thanks to all who came along to give the girls some support last night. Plenty to work on before the season begins later in the year, but hopefully the girls enjoyed the games which was our main goal last night.

Walk to School

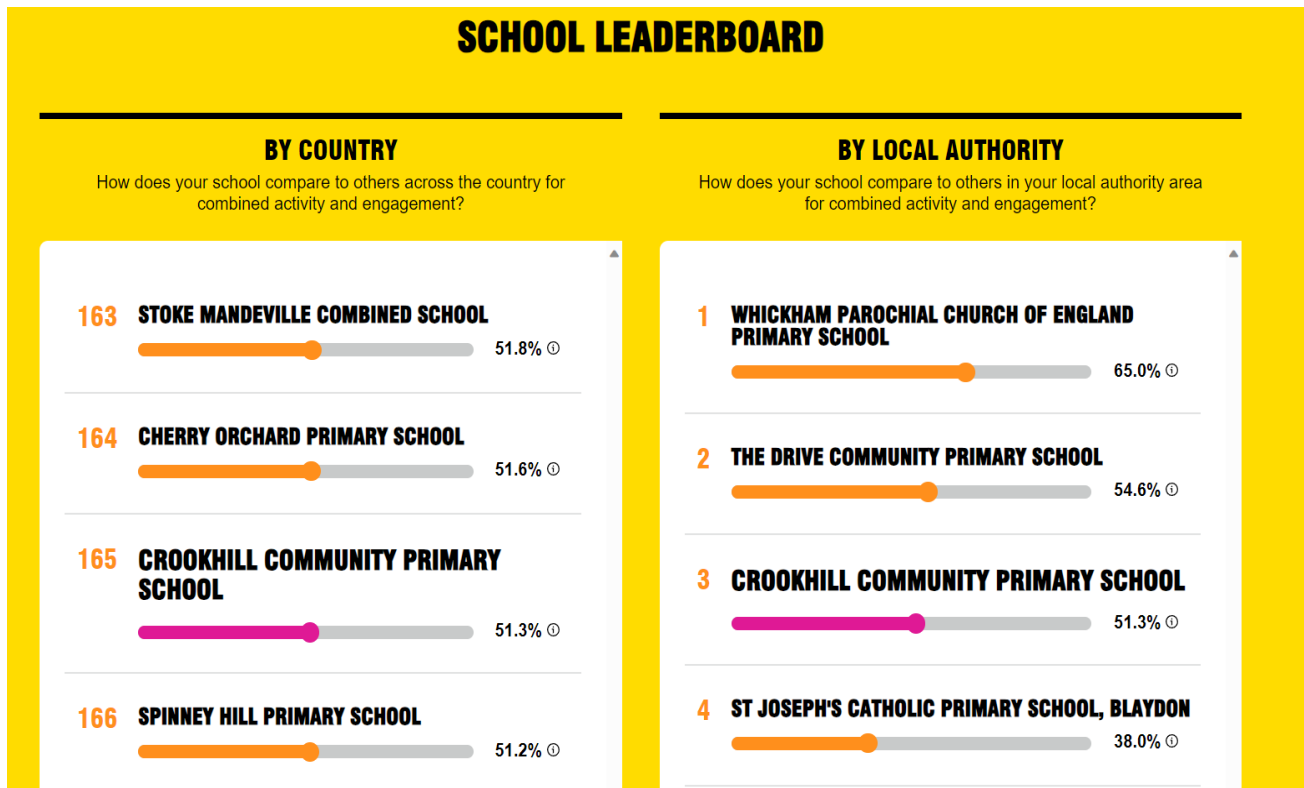
As we shared with you last week, we are delighted to be working alongside the Living Streets charity to continue our WOW journey (walk to school). The government have a target to get 55% of children regularly walking to school by 2025. Last year, our school community managed to have 61% of pupils walking, scooting and cycling to school. This was one of the main reasons we were able to get a fully funded place on the programme. We hope to continue this good work and improve this figure. There are many benefits of being active on the way to school and it can really help to set us up ready for the school day ahead. An added benefit is that there will be less traffic around the school, making it a safer start and end to our school day.

October is Walk to School Month and we are aiming to be the top of the Gateshead / country leaderboard. If you do need to travel to school by car, remember you can park at the Runhead pub or The Castle soft play and

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this would still earn you your park and stride badge. Each month there are new badges on offer and hopefully the children will be able to collect them over the year for being active twice a week on the way to school. Please see below the School Leaderboard, where we are currently 3rd in Gateshead, and 165th in the country. Keep up the good work and let us see if we can get to the top in our region.



National Poetry Day

It was National Poetry Day yesterday and lots of our classes were learning about and writing their own poetry. Year 1 were studying acrostic poetry, and learning a beautiful autumn verse and Year 2 looked at poems all about space, to link in with their term topic.

A reminder that next Friday is school photography day and individual, family and class groups will be taken. Full uniform next Friday please, children can bring PE kit with them if staying for Multi Sports Club. Can we also remind parents that all hair should be tied back for school and earrings must be removed.

Have a good weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,
Miss K McCormack
Head Teacher

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