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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Crossdale News - we hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter!

If you aren't receiving notifications of blog entries, please speak to your child's class teacher; this is an important way to stay up-to-date with what your child might be doing in class as well as a way of us communicating important information to you.

Best Wishes,

Mr Cresswell and Miss Seedhouse

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## Memorial Walk

Do you know anyone affected by cancer, past or present? Do you want to show your support as an individual, family or group? Are you, yourself a sufferer? Is the Race for Life too formal for you? Do you want to bring a wheelchair, back-carrier or pushchair, take a gentle, contemplative stroll, or just walk the dog? If yes, then the Memorial Walk is for you. Totally inclusive, children and adults have, in the past, used ingenious methods to get around the lake e.g. skipping, skating, walking backwards, unicycling.

Moira Kelly was diagnosed with breast cancer whilst pregnant. Imagine the shock, and the effect on family, friends, and the community. She died in November 2004, at the age of 40 after a brave 11-month battle. A wife to Steve and a working mother to three young girls then aged 6, 4 and 1 - Alice, Emily & Isabel Wong.

Back in 2005, parents at Crossdale Drive Primary School, joined by staff, family, friends and pets, organised the first walk around the lake in Moira's memory. Since then, community groups, including 4th Keyworth Brownies and 1st Keyworth Scouts have also taken

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## Upcoming Events

### May 7

Bank Holiday – School Closed

### May 14

SATs week

### May 17

Base 2 Residential Meeting – 6pm

### May 22

Y6 Residential Meeting – 6pm

### May 24

Base 3 Swimming starts

### May 25

Last Day of the half term

### May 28

Half Term – 1 week – return to school Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### June 4

Return to school.

### June 6

Base 1 DT Day

### June 14

Base 2 Residential Visit, 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>

### June 20

Y6 Residential Visit, 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>

### June 26

New Reception Intake Parent Meeting – 6:30pm

### June 27

Memorial Walk

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part in this simple, donation-only event which over the years has raised over £10,000 in aid of Cancer Research Fund UK, the world's leading charity dedicated to beating cancer through research. They continually find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer and are entirely funded by the public. [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org)

So, dust off those trainers, walking boots, scooters or bikes and join us for the evening. It is an opportunity to reflect and catch up with friends or make new ones. The walk is not just for Moira but for all those carers and sufferers out there. Come rain or shine we will be there. We even provide sweets for those that finish!

Although barriers are now in operation at the country park, the exit barrier will be raised after 6pm, so you won't need to pay for car parking.

We hope to see you there again this year. Together we can make a difference.

This event will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 6:30pm for a 7pm. It is a 5km circuit at Holme Pierrepont. Everyone meets at the blue seats by the Boating Lake Club house.

## Allergy Awareness Week

The week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April was Allergy Awareness Week. The children learnt about what an allergy was in assembly and have completed some follow-up activities in class. Take a look at [www.allergyadventures.com](http://www.allergyadventures.com) for some child friendly videos and activities.

## Icky Doo Dah comes to Crossdale!

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Simon Murray visited Crossdale and showed the children how he created his character 'Icky Doo Dah'. The children enjoyed a class workshop where they could create their own character and many children have enjoyed writing their own stories of what this mischievous character gets up to! Take a look in the hall to see some of the children's work on display.



## Music night extravaganza!

We were blown away by the children's musical talent on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May! A huge well done to all of the children involved – you all did brilliantly! Thank you also to the music teachers involved who

do a fantastic job of working with the children and also to Mr. Brierley and Miss Rodriguez who organised the evening. There is a post of the school website regarding photographs from the evening: <https://www.crossdaleschool.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=154>. Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the children, we hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did!

## Costume Making Course – feedback please!

You may recall that earlier in the year, we sent out a letter asking for parents to indicate workshops that they would be interested in, ranging from maths and phonics to costume making. Just before Easter, we announced that we would be running workshops for costume making, but unfortunately, we didn't have any uptake and so have cancelled the sessions. If you were initially interested in these workshops, we'd be glad to hear feedback about why you were unable to commit to the sessions, in order to improve future workshops offered. Many thanks in advance!

## Many thanks to the PTA!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for purchasing the guinea-pig hutch located in the reception class area and also for the wooden picnic benches. Sharky and Nut-brown (our resident guinea-pigs) are very much at home in their lovely residence and the picnic benches will be well used, especially during the summer months! The PTA have been able to purchase these items for school due to the fundraising they do throughout the year, which you so generously support! We will soon have the PTA AGM; if you're able to offer some of your time to come along, you would be very welcome – we're always happy to see new faces! Keep an eye out for the confirmed date, coming soon!

## Text Messages from School

We have been made aware that the text messages we send from school sometimes come up with a number, rather than 'Crossdale'. We are looking into this and hope that we can rectify this soon.

## Rattle and Roll After School Club

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, a new after school club, hosted by Rattle and Roll, will provide a drama, dance and singing workshop. A few places are still available, book on the rattle and roll website: <https://www.rattleandrollperformance.com/>

## Keeping our children safe.

Simple internet searches can sometimes bring up unwanted results. Take a look at the NSPCC Parental Controls for useful information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

## Reach for the stars!

Well done to the children who have completed their stamp charts over the past couple of weeks:

Reception: Enzo, Remaya, Olivia, Charlie, Ruby, Jack, Caleb, Clara, Logan, Benny, Alfie, Ivy, Torin, Rosie, Owen, Benja, Eadie, Matilda.

Year 1: Faith, Fina, Orla, Layla, Hamish, Albert.

Year 2: Mason (x2!), Danny, Peter, Rocco, Izzy.

Year 3: Jacob

Year 4: William Brown

Year 6: Jasmine, Lucy

## Roll of Honour

Well done to William B in Year 4 for completing his Grade 1 piano exam with distinction – a fantastic achievement! Well done William!

Please contact the school office, preferably by email marked 'Roll of Honour', if you would like to share the achievements of your children with the rest of the school community. We love to hear about what they have been doing outside of school!