



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I had the pleasure yesterday of seeing so many of our talented children here at Craylands performing both in and out of school. The day started with the EYFS production of 'The Sleepy Shepherd' - this was the first time that we had ever had an EYFS production and we shall certainly be continuing with the tradition. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and they sang their hearts out; those with lines remember them well and all the children knew where and when they should move to. I heard that today's performance was just as great. Very well done to EYFS!

Following the EYFS production, I accompanied Mr Dymott and some of the school choir to Bluewater (it was a shame that all could not attend however we were limited by the restrictions given to us by Bluewater). Well they certainly blew the roof off with their rendition of 'Let it go!' There were many parents who came to watch and the children's singing certainly drew in a crowd of shoppers. The children sang their hearts out to both traditional and more modern Christmas songs. Well done—you were a credit to the school!

The day ended with the KS1 production—'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. With 90 children involved and in costume, I thought that it was a spectacular performance. The costumes looked great, all the children knew their lines and where they should stand and the singing was fantastic. There were certainly a number of actors and actresses in the making, as well as some directors. A big well done to KS1, who performed again today, just as well.

As I have mentioned, we certainly have many talented children here at Craylands, but we also have many talented staff. None of these productions and opportunities could take place without the hard work of all of the teaching and support staff (many of who have stayed late after school to run through songs with the choir and/or made costumes). A huge thank you to them all.

Next week, we have the KS2 Christmas concert on Tuesday 19th December: there is an afternoon and evening performance.

On Tuesday, this week, a number of children from years 3 and 4 took part in the Sportshall Athletics Competition. I hear that there were many competitive schools there, however our children just enjoyed taking part which is how sport should be—fun! They came 9th out of 12 schools overall—thank you to Miss Blamires for arranging.

We have had to resort to closing the gate at the end of the day as there are some parents who continue to use the drop off zone at the end of the day despite numerous requests not to. Please do not use the school car park at the end of the school day. For those using it after clubs, please ensure you park so staff can leave in their vehicles. Thank you.

Enjoy the weekend—just 3 days left!

Mr Hiscock (Headteacher)

Upcoming Events

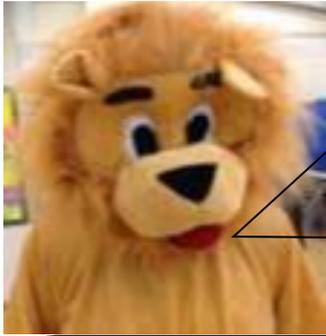
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| 15/12 | Christmas Disco |
| 18/12 | ROAR assembly Years 1&2 9am |
| 18/12 | KS1/2 pantomime |
| 19/12 | ROAR assembly Years 3&4 9am |
| 19/12 | KS2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm + 6pm |
| 20/12 | ROAR assembly Years 5 & 6 9am 9am |
| 20/12 | Last day of term |
| 4/01 | First day of term |

Info and Reminders!

- You are NOT to park in the school car park at the end of the school day or use the drop-off zone.
- As food is ordered in advance, please ensure you give one week's notice if your child is changing from packed lunch to school dinners and vice versa.

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate, R.O.A.R. certificate, those chosen to be a WOW writer, SUM DOG results as well as announcing the weekly team winners.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Grishiga (YRHC) Emilie S (YRRF)
All (fantastic nativity!) (Elmer Class)
All (fantastic nativity!)(Funnybones Class)
All (fantastic nativity!) (Gruffalo Class)
Freya (Dahl Class)
Isabel P (Walliams Class)
Max H (Horowitz Class)
Matthew (Morpurgo Class)

The R.O.A.R. certificates were issued to.....

Layla (HC) Amelie (RF)
Christopher (Elmer Class)
Molly (Funnybones Class)
Mark (Gruffalo Class)
Dassia (Dahl Class)
Ryan (Walliams Class)
Matthew (Horowitz Class)
Rae (Morpurgo Class)



WOW Writers

Lilly (Y1E)
Evie W (Y1FB)
Maximilien (Y2G)
Nissi (Y3D)
Maddison (Y4W)
Chloe R (Y5H)
Debbie (Y6M)



SUMDOG Class winners were.....



1st: Ewan (Y6M), 2nd: Saphyra (Y1FB),
3rd: Michael C

This week's
winning team is...

Rochester



This week's HERO (Here Every day
Ready On time) Attendance Bear is
awarded to ...

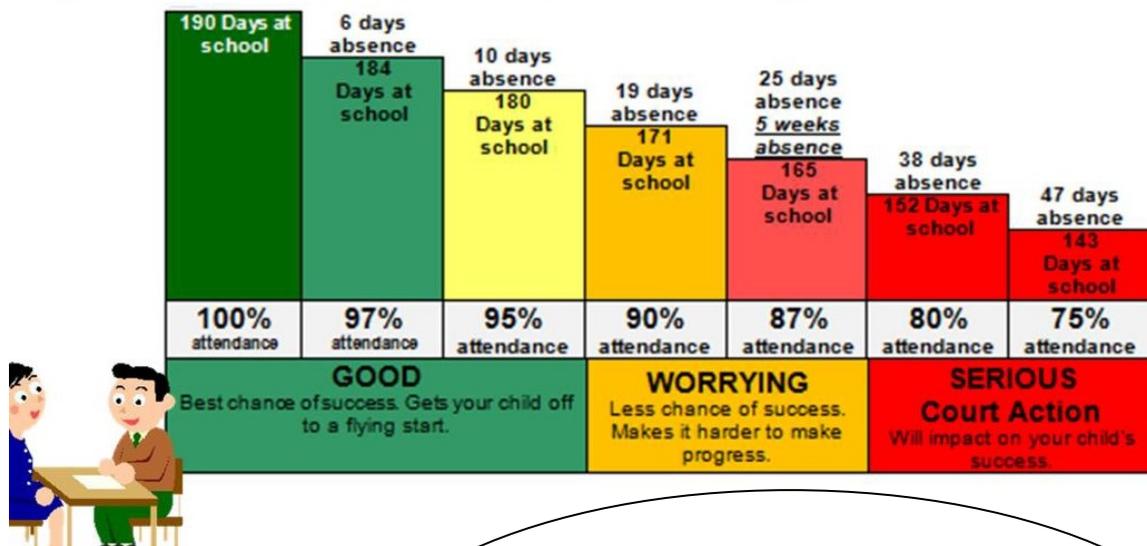
Rainbow Fish Class



Achievements outside of school...

Christian (Walliams class) achieved a green belt at his most recent Kick Boxing grading; a fantastic achievement—well done!

Attendance



To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day!
 100% is what I really want to see!
 Less than 96% means you will struggle to be a Craylearner!

| Class | Attendance this week | Attendance over the year |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Hungry Caterpillar | 94.6% | 98.3% |
| Rainbow Fish | 98.5% | 95.5% |
| Elmer | 93.7% | 96.3% |
| Funnybones | 97.5% | 95.5% |
| Gruffalo | 98.0% | 97.4% |
| Dahl | 95.3% | 97.6% |
| Walliams | 94.6% | 95.9% |
| Horowitz | 90% | 96.6% |
| Morpurgo | 93.5% | 95.8% |

WELL DONE TO.....Rainbow Fish Class, followed closely by Gruffalo for your good attendance this week!





What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?
Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.

| Year group | Maths | Spag |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Elmer / Funnybones | Ordering and comparing numbers from smallest to largest. Solving simple problems with numbers. | Writing simple sentences using the conjunction and. Recognising and spelling high frequency words and using question marks in sentences. http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/ |
| Gruffalo | Finding the totals of different amounts using coins. Giving change with money. | Using basic punctuation in sentences, spelling common exception words and understanding the soft 'c' and 's'. |
| Dahl | Solving mathematical problems for division and multiplication. | Identifying suffixes and using 'err' and 'Est' at the end of words. |
| Walliams | Balancing equations and Factors. | Testing high frequency spellings in alphabetical order. |
| Horowitz | Solving multiplication and division problems. | Using relative clauses and year group spellings. |
| Morpurgo | Using co-ordinates, fractions and revision of maths taught so far. | Learning different types of nouns including abstract, proper, concrete and collective. |

Useful websites:

www.topmarks.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/>

