



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We started the week off with our Monday morning workout. Many thanks to the few families who attended. I must admit that I forgot to advertise it again on the last newsletter so that is why we may not have had as many attend as we could have. We will look to running another Monday workout next term.

On Tuesday this week, children from years 4, 5 and 6 attended the Dartford District Cross Country tournament. Held at New Ash Green Primary School, the children had to complete a 1000m course which wound across fields, woodlands and playgrounds. They were all determined to make sure that they completed the race—this sense of determination and resilience shows just what great Craylearners they are. Many learnt from their mistakes as well, realising that it wasn't a sprint but they needed to run at a steady pace. A big well done to Summer (Horowitz class) who came second place in her race, winning silver and George G (Morpurgo class) who came in third, winning bronze. Out of 13 schools, we came 8th.

It has been great to see so many parents/carers attending the reading mornings this week. We will look into seeing if we can increase the number of termly opportunities for this to happen.

Invites have been issued for the ROAR assemblies next week. If your child has not been invited to the assemblies, please do take the opportunity to discuss with them the reasons why this has not happened. What is fantastic to see is that there are some children who did not receive it last time but have done so this term; this shows that they have really tried hard to improve their behaviour and have worked with the school, with strategies that have been put in place, to improve. Well done.

This week, Mrs Tremain, sent out a letter regarding the new online payment system. Called 'School Gateway' this new software will enable you as parents/carers to pay for many school related costs online. You can download the free app at

www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple)

www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)

Please do start using this method for future payments.

This week, Dahl and Horowitz class went on school trips—Dahl to the British Museum and Horowitz to Battle Abbey. Mr Dymott said that Year 3 were impeccably behaved, as they learnt about the Parthenon marbles. I'm sure that Year 5 have been just as well behaved today on their trip to Battle Abbey, to learn about the Norman Conquest. Next week, Walliams class are visiting a local animal sanctuary.

Please can I continue to remind parents/carers about sensible use of the drop off zone. If you have to get out of your car to let your child out, give them their bag, say goodbye...you are not dropping them off! These actions cause delays and are hazardous to other drivers. If my staff speak to you, they are not being rude but believe you are causing congestion...please be respectful of this. May I also remind you that unless you have permission, you should not park in the school car park when collecting your child at the end of the school day. Thank you.

Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Upcoming Events

1/4/19	Y1 ROAR assembly - invites only
2/4/19	Y2 ROAR assembly - invites only
3/4/19	Y3 & Y4 ROAR assembly - invites only
3/4/19	EYFS informal curriculum workshop catch up
3/4/19	Gruffalo parents/carers eve
4/4/19	Children can bring in their Easter Bonnets for a parade
5/4/19	Y5 & Y6 ROAR assembly—invites only
5/4/19	End of term 4
23/4/19	Start of term 5
23/5/19	End of term 5
24/5/19	INSET day
3/6/19	INSET day
4/6/19	Start of term 6
23/7/19	Last day of school year

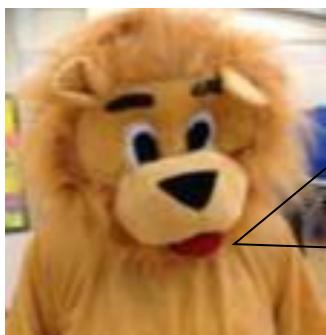
Reminders and Info

- Thank you to everyone for contributing to Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. We raised £235.91.

Lenny's letter

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!



Hungry C	Katie H	Stickman	Finley R
Rainbow F	Maisy E	Dahl	Whole class
Elmer	Emilie S	WALLIAMS	Kai R
Funnybones	Tedi S	Horowitz	Out on trip!
Gruffalo	Isabelle S	Morpurgo	Archie

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

Hungry C	Evie N	Stickman	Evie W
Rainbow F	Aiza K	Dahl	Whole class
Elmer	Eleanor F	WALLIAMS	Bethany BS
Funnybones	James S	Horowitz	Out on trip
Gruffalo	Kofo I	Morpurgo	Jack B

Midday Supervisors Award: Chloe R



This week's winning team is...

Never



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

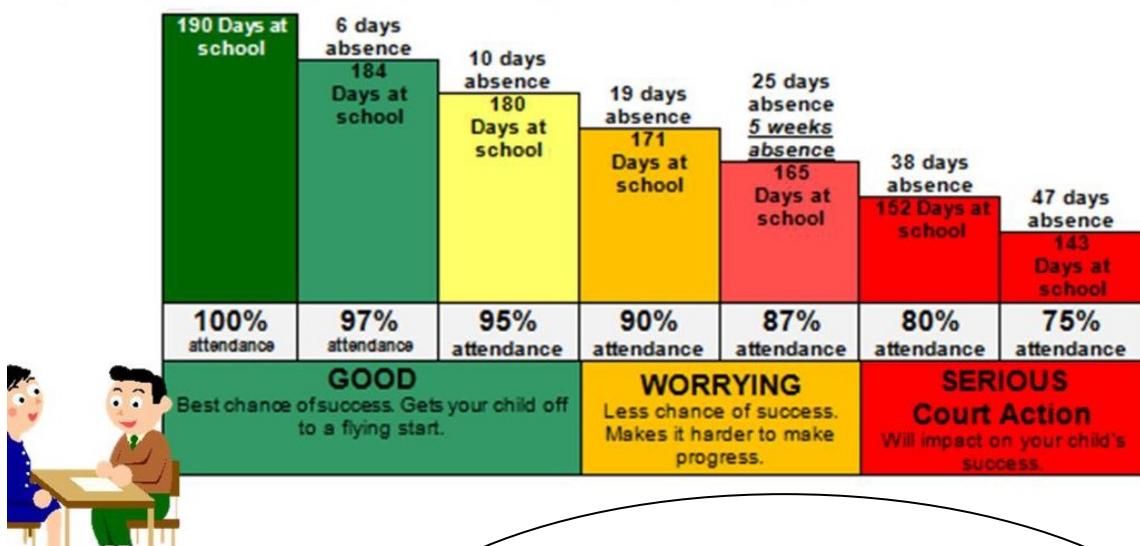
Hungry Caterpillar Class



Achievements outside of school...

Sophie L (Y6M) and Jessica L (Y4W) both helped to crochet a blanket for the dementia patients at Darent Valley Hospital as part of the hospital appeal as it helps the patients find their beds. 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	100%	94.7%
Rainbow Fish	96.6%	95.8%
Elmer	95.0%	95.6%
Funnybones	98.6%	95.1%
Gruffalo	97.3%	95.0%
Stickman	97.3%	96.7%
Dahl	96.1%	97.3%
Walliams	91.6%	95.4%
Horowitz	98.7%	96.9%
Morpurgo	93.3%	94.7%

WELL DONE TO.....Hungry Caterpillar Class for having perfect 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
Rainbow Fish/Hungry Caterpillar	Naming and describing 2d and 3d shapes and their properties.	Writing a simple sentence using their phonic knowledge. Writing a card.
Elmer / Funnybones	One more and one less than a number up to 50. Comparing numbers using the greater than and less than symbols and reasoning with numbers up to 100.	Spelling words with the suffix 'er' and using onomatopoeia in poetry.
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Looking at measurement and comparing length including centimetres and metres.	Applying suffixes to the end of words including 'ful' and 'less'.
Dahl	To measure length and give equivalent lengths in centimetres, metres and millimetres.	To use inverted commas and understand open questions.
Walliams	Make a whole number from 10ths and 100ths. Maths assessments.	To use verbs and adverbs and write an acrostic poem.
Horowitz	To understand percentages, fractions and decimals and percentage equivalents.	SPAG assessments including revision of all taught SPAG so far in year 5.
Morpurgo	Understanding ratio and proportion.	Revision of SPAG and understanding the different tenses including past, present, past progressive and perfect.

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/>

Times Tables Rockstars

Single Player

Garage - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. It will include multiplication and division questions.

As pupils start to answer questions, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.

Studio - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12 .

TT Rock Stars calculates the mean response time from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates that time into a Rock Status.

≤ 1 sec/qu = Rock Hero	≤ 7 secs/qu = Unsigned Act
≤ 2 secs/qu = Rock Legend	≤ 8 secs/qu = Gigger
≤ 3 secs/qu = Rock Star	≤ 9 secs/qu = Busker
≤ 4 secs = Headliner	≤ 10 secs/qu = Garage Rocker
≤ 5 secs/qu = Support Act	> 10 secs/qu = Wannabe
≤ 6 secs/qu = Breakthrough Artist	

If you don't play in the Studio you don't get a Rock Status.

Players earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.

Soundcheck - When you play Soundcheck, you get 20 questions each with a 5-second time limit. The questions are multiplication only and evenly weighted in terms of difficulty each time you play. Players earn 5 coins per correct answer.

Multiplayer

Rock Arena - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Bandmates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).

A new Arena game starts every 15 seconds and once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others. In the Arena, questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week, similar to the Garage. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12 . Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete

Who dares to challenge Mr Hiscock in the Rockslam?
Can anyone knock him off 2nd fastest in the school?
Will he ever make it to 1st?

Times Tables Rockstars

Top 3 fastest in the school

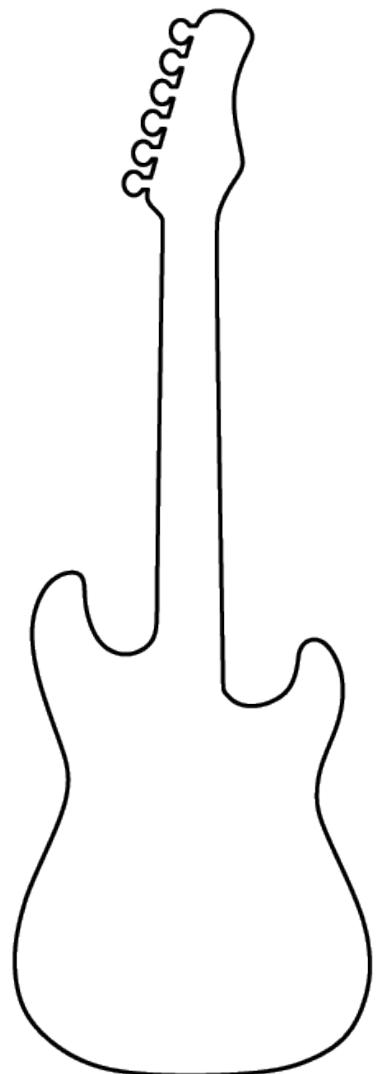
Matthew C (Morpurgo) 1.45 secs

Chloe (Morpurgo) 1.47 secs

Mr Hiscock 1.49 secs

Fastest player in each year group

Funnybones	No player yet	
Elmer	Ayan	3.28 secs
Gruffalo	No player yet	
Stickman	No player yet	
Dahl	Frank	3.45 secs
Walliams	Ben	2.4 secs
Horowitz	Eashan	1.49 secs
Morpurgo	Matthew C	1.45 secs



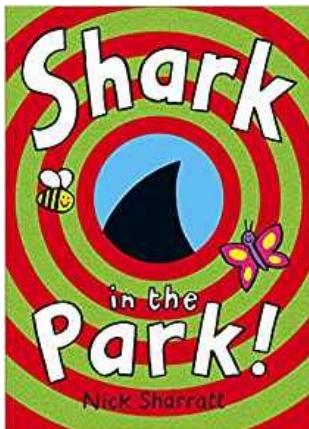
Has anyone beaten Mr Hiscock this week in a Rockslam?



No-one this week!

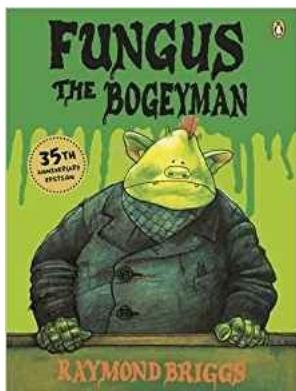


Recommended reads



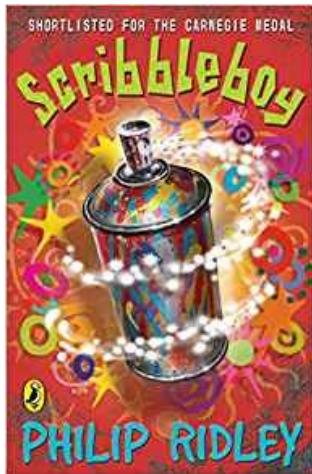
EYFS recommendation

Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Children will delight in peeping through the die-cut holes and guessing what Tim has spotted. Is that really a shark he can see? Turn the page and find out



KS1 recommendation

Life in Bogeydom is full of snot, smells, slime, scum and other unspeakable things, and Bogeymen live under the ground revelling in all the nastiness imaginable. Briggs has created a whole new world in this sophisticated cartoon-strip picture book for older children which will entice the most reluctant of readers into books.



KS2 recommendation

Bailey arrives in a new neighbourhood with his extraordinary family. He has no friends but receives a mysterious invitation to join the Scribbleboy Fan Club. The one and only founder member is Ziggy Fuzz. His vital mission is to spread the word about Scribbleboy and his amazing scribbles which years ago transformed the gloomy grey concrete of the neighbourhood. Swept along in plans to discover the identity of the mythical artist, Bailey carries on his work so the scribbles start again and eventually he discovers the scribbleboy is in fact a scribblegirl!



Online Payments

Schoolgateway

Dear Parents

New online payment system 'School Gateway'

As previously communicated to parents, our online payment system (Joinos) is no longer active and the school has now moved to 'School Gateway'. The Craylands will be using 'School Gateway' going forward to obtain online payment from parents & carers for pupil swimming, school trips, residential trips etc. There is also the facility to obtain parental consent at point of payment making the whole process faster, more convenient and less paper means it's better for the environment too. This is the same platform that the school currently uses to send you emails and text messages.

Please could you download this new app to your phone - there is no cost involved.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications".
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school.
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal & you will be able to view and pay for any relevant trips for your child/ren.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>.

If you've recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records by emailing us on enquiries@craylands.kent.sch.uk the process relies on both the school and parent having the same details and it will not work if there are any discrepancies.

Many thanks for your support in this matter

School Office