



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 5 Week 2

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday so children will be back to school on Tuesday next week.

Year 4 residential

I had the absolute privilege of taking a group of Year 4 children, alongside Mr Ellen, Mrs Strudwick, Mrs Lynn and Mrs Stone (for 1 night) to PGL, Grosvenor Hall from Sunday to Wednesday this week. I am very happy to say that they behaved impeccably during the stay and as always made an impression on our lead instructor Ellie. They took part in a range of activities including abseiling, zip line, archery, fencing and climbing. On the go from 7am each morning the children also had an evening activity until 8.30pm including a silent disco and camp fire.

A big well done to all of the children who attend and a big thank you to the staff who attended also, giving up their own time on a Sunday and evenings to ensure the children have the opportunity. Sadly, despite some commenting that it is a 'holiday' for the staff, I can categorically state that this is not the case and the staff are vigilant and on alert from the moment they get there to the very end, often having little sleep as they are there for any child who gets up in the middle of the night, which does happen and did in fact happen this time as well.

We appreciate the positive comments we have had from parents/carers of children who attended and we are glad that the children had an enjoyable time.

We have already reserved a space for the current Year 3 children for next year BUT we will only go ahead IF we reach 30 children attending as it is not as easy to run such a residential if we have lower numbers than this.

Year 4 who stayed in school

We've had a fantastic few days with the children who remained in school!

They have taken part in a variety of engaging activities, including a nature scavenger hunt where they explored the outdoors and investigated invertebrates and plants. We were even lucky enough to discover a newly hatched nest of caterpillars.

Following this, the children used ICT to create posters, helping them gather and present facts about what they had learned.

Throughout the week, they also enjoyed games and had opportunities to build social skills by sharing new experiences together. To round off our time, the children took part in a baking activity, where they learned how to use kitchen scales and practised creaming butter and sugar to make cookie dough. We finished with a well-deserved film and snacks.

The children have behaved beautifully and have all benefitted from a few days of less structured, hands-on learning.

Important dates

6/5	Wellbeing Wednesday afternoon in school
6/5	Y3 visit to the Gurdwara
7/5	Y1 visit to Howletts
11/5-14/5	KS2 SATS test
20/5	Y5 visit to Gunpowder Mills
21/5	EVFS to Godstone
22/5	End of Term 5
1/6	Start of term 6
1/6	Times tables check for year 4 starts
5/6	Sports day More details to follow
8/6	Y1 phonics screener check starts
12/6	Reserve sports day
15/6	Elmer reading morning 830-855
16/6	Funnybones reading morning 830-855
17/6	Gruffalo reading morning 830-855
18/6	Stickman reading morning 830-855
19/6	Dahl reading morning 830-855

Clubs

Clubs started this week in most cases; thank you to staff who are running these after school.

If your child no longer wishes to attend a club, please let the office know as there are children on waiting lists.

Wishing you all an enjoyable 'long' weekend—Mr Hiscock

Dates for your diary

	<u>TERM 5 DATES</u>
6/5	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
11/5–14/5	KS2 SATS
22/5	End of term

	<u>TERM 6 DATES</u>
1/6	START OF TERM
1/6	Times Tables check starts for Y4
5/6	Sports day
8/6–12/6	Year 1 phonics screening check
12/6	Reserve sports day
15/6	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
16/6	Funnybones reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
17/6	Gruffalo reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
17/6	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
18/6	Stickman reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
19/6	Dahl reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
22/6	Wilson reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
23/6	Walliams reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
24/6	Simon reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
24/6	Y6 production p.m.
25/6	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
25/6	Year 6 production evening
26/6	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
w/c 29/6	Multicultural week
6/7–10/7	Year 6 residential
10/7	Reports out
13/7	Year 6 reports out
13/7 & 14/7	Jump up afternoons
21/7	Last day of term Early Finish EYFS & Y1 1:25p.m. Y2 & Y3–1.30P.M. Y4 & y5–1.35p.m.
21/7	Y6 leavers assembly 1.45 p.m.

EYFS NEWS



So, the caterpillars are growing nicely and the children have been excited to check in on them every morning and report back. We are all enjoying discussing life-cycles, looking at non-fiction books together and exploring the outdoors for insects.

We are concentrating on teen numbers and the ability to count on in number work as well as continually developing number talk and number sense in all contexts.

Although we are not yet in the heights of Summer and scorching temperatures, we would like to inform you of our approach and expectations. Remembering of course that UV levels are higher than you think even on cooler days.

Hot weather guidance

- Provide a named water bottle every day - do not be alarmed if bottles appear to be nearly full when coming home, it does not mean your child has not hydrated as we re-fill them in the day as necessary. We ensure the children are drinking plenty.
- Apply suncream before school, there are good all-day creams on the market. If you wish suncream to be reapplied, then your child should be able to do this themselves with some supervision. Please provide a spare sun cream with a name on it and we will keep it in school.
- Provide a named sun hat.

We manage the amount of time children spend outside if and when temperatures become extremely high and we teach the children about sun safety.

Diary Date - Reading afternoon

Tuesday 12th May 2.45pm

Lastly, we will be sending out additional information about our trip to Godstone next week.

Have a lovely long bank holiday weekend.



Lenny's Den News

We've had a busy and exciting second week, filled with curiosity, creativity, and lots of learning!

Our Theme: Mini Beasts

This week, the children have been exploring mini beasts. The children have been fully engaged, showing great interest through discussion, observation, and hands-on activities.

Creative Learning

We've created a variety of crafts linked to our mini beast theme. One highlight was a lovely cross-curricular activity where the children used their fingers to count and create body parts for a caterpillar, combining early maths and creative development.

Phonics and Literacy

We have been carefully reviewing individual targets and supporting each child's next steps. A key focus has been on alien words, helping the children practise blending sounds and developing confidence in phonics by decoding unfamiliar words.

The children have approached these activities with enthusiasm and determination.

Numeracy

Numeracy learning has been personalised for each child, covering a range of topics including:

Money, Ordering numbers, Comparing amounts, Addition

This targeted approach has supported progress and built confidence across different areas of number work.

Colourful Semantics

Our Colourful Semantics sessions have produced some fantastic and imaginative sentences. The children have loved reading them aloud.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged, happy, and proud of their achievements. Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to another exciting week ahead!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 3281 1693 Stickman wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 4277 1217 Dahl wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 16160 10285 Walliams wins!</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz 8249 384 Fine wins!</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo 373 3093 Morpurgo wins!</p>	<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo REMATCH</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson REMATCH</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon REMATCH</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine REMATCH</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf REMATCH</p>

Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots	Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Stickman</u>	<u>Gruffalo</u>
Violet Iris Emily	Ellie Chandelle Samarveer	Ollie Noah Laila	Saida Nivid Ralph	Hiya David Kirsty	Elizabeth Sara Millie

<u>Dahl</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Horowitz</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Morpurgo</u>	<u>Rauf</u>
Sofija Milana Judah	Otilie Morire Ara	Riaan Sofia Sienna	Caleb Gabriel Aniya	Charlie James Aryan	Finley Hayden Peggie	Olivia Danny Joshua	Henry Tulisa

Lenny's letter

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate and R.O.A.R. certificates.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C	Lillie	Wilson	Archie E
Rainbow Fish	Estelle	Walliams	All of Y4
Elmer	Iris	Simon	All of Y4
Funnybones	Ioni	Horowitz	Ayla W
Lenny's Den	Santi	Fine	Riley Ethan
Gruffalo	Michael	Rauf	Alfie
Stickman	Nova-Leigh	Morprugo	Mia-Rose
Dahl	Noemi		

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

Hungry C Freddie C
Rainbow Fish Eisha

Well done to all those children who earned 12 recognition points this week and received a recognition certificate!



Achievements outside of school...

Congratulations to Cherry in Funny Bones class who will be part of a new exercise/dance show on milkshake tv, channel 5, called 'move it milkshakers' which airs from Monday 4th May, keep an eye out for her in some of the episodes!