



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 2

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a rather wet week this week but at least it has warmed up a little!

O2 Young Voices

On Thursday next week the children from Year 6 will be visiting the O2 to sing as part of Young Voices. They will have their lunch at school first before going and they will need to have a packed dinner with them, with plenty of water to drink throughout the afternoon and evening. We hope that they will enjoy the experience and any parents/carers going to the O2 to watch will enjoy. A word of warning, please ensure that you consider travel back to the school after as there are road works around the O2 currently and the journey home always takes longer than you may expect. We will of course wait with children whose parents may be delayed but we will have no access to the school building.

Assembly support from parents/carers

A reminder that we have assemblies focusing on the following themes; if you are able to support in any way by attending the assembly and talking to the children it would be great.

Ramadan—23rd/24th February

Holi—16th/17th March

International women's day—23rd March

If able to help, please make contact through the school office—
admin@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Pol-Ed

The school has signed up to Pol-Ed which is an educational programme run by the local police. We already had them in to attend last week to discuss bullying and hate crime with the Year 5 and 6 children. We look forward to welcoming them back in to discuss other topics with different year groups throughout the year,

Contact: For general matters please email: admin@craylands.kent.sch.uk; for finance queries eg school meals, gateway payments, school trips, etc: finance@craylands.kent.sch.uk; for attendance matters eg appointments, reasons for absence: attendance@craylands.kent.sch.uk. Please including your child's class when contacting us—many thanks.

Online safety: We strongly encourage you to check your child's phone or social media accounts regularly so that you can ensure that they are being used appropriately. We should remember, none of the children should be on any social media platforms as they are all under age. It is your responsibility to ensure if they are on them, that they are using them sensibly and safely. Being unkind online is known as cyberbullying and is not acceptable. For support with online bullying you can use this BBC link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/c800ywl9qdyt>

We will be running online safety workshops at the beginning of February and would encourage parents to attend; your children will be able to accompany you to some of the session, if not all of it.

Important dates

21/1	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15—3.15p.m.
22/1	Year 6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
26/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
27/1	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
28/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
29/1	Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
30/1	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
2/2	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/2	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
4/2	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
5/2	Horowitz/Morpurgo reading morning 830-855 mobile 1
6/2	Fine/Rauf reading morning 830-855 mobile 1
10/2	KS1 online safety workshop 9am
10/2	EYFS Reading afternoon at 2.45pm
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop 9 am
13/2	Last day of term
23/2	First day of term 4

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Dates for your diary

	<u>TERM 3 DATES</u>
21/1	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
22/1	Year 6 singing at the O2–Young Voices
26/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
27/1	Funnybones reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
28/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
29/1	Stickman reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
30/1	Dahl reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
2/2	Wilson reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
3/2	Walliams reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
4/2	Simon reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
5/2	Morpurgo/Horowitz reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
6/2	Fine/Rauf reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
10/2	KS1 online safety workshop
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop
13/2	End of term

	<u>TERM 4 DATES</u>
23/2	START OF TERM
4/3	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
16/3	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
17/3	St Patricks Day–children can wear club uniforms
17/3	Funnybones reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
18/3	Gruffalo reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
19/3	Stickman reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
20/3	Dahl reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
23/3	Wilson reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
24/3	Walliams reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
25/3	Simon reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
26/3	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
	Parents/Carers evening
27/3	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830–855–mobile 1
2/4	End of term

EYFS NEWS



This week's traditional text was *The Three Little Pigs*. The children have had a great week exploring and using materials effectively to create houses. They have been developing their fine motor skills and learning how to join and fix materials. Additionally, the children have painted some fantastic trolls and wolves to go up in class.

Traditional texts are a fantastic way to support children's confidence in retelling stories as they are often familiar; the children are really enjoying taking on character roles like the wolf in their play and using adventurous vocabulary.

Next week's story is *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

Phonics - we are learning the Phase 3 sounds. Remember to help your child by practising the new sounds at home - 5 minutes a day really does make a difference on top of daily reading.

Number Focus - 1 more, 1 less and the composition of numbers.

Dates for your diary -

EYFS Reading afternoon will take place on Tuesday 10th February at 2.45pm.



Lenny's Den News

This week in Lenny's Den, we have been continuing our "Once Upon a Time" theme and have been exploring the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We have had lots of fun getting creative by making our very own *Goldilocks* and a friendly bear face. We even made porridge — it wasn't too hot or too cold, it was just right!

The most exciting activity of all was going on a bear hunt around the meadow. We looked high and low and managed to find all of the bears and bring them safely back to Lenny's Den. In our learning this week, we have been working hard on developing our fine motor skills, focusing on handwriting. The children practised forming their letters with control and appropriate pressure, following rhymes to help guide them. In numeracy, we have been working with a number line, filling in missing numbers and practising counting on from a given number.

We have also continued to use our phonics skills when reading and have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* together.

It has been a lovely week full of learning, creativity and adventure!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Oops....I forgot to create the tournaments and no-one told me!</p>	<p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo</p>

Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots Emily Alicja	Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots Chandelle Josiah Ellie	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Arthur Noah Frankie	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Kaizer Sofia-Rose Ralph	Stickman Top 3 players on Numbots David Franky Dave	Gruffalo Top 3 players on Numbots Elizabeth Sara Emily
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<u>Dahl</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Horowitz</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Morpurgo</u>	<u>Rauf</u>

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, HERO bear and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C Nadia Wilson Idris
Rainbow Fish Hallie Walliams Levi
Elmer Luna C Simon Dev
Funnybones River Horowitz Bella
Lenny's Den Leo Fine Vakaris
Gruffalo Alex Morpurgo Mae
Stickman Whitney Rauf Tyler
Dahl Julia

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

Hungry C	Ava	Wilson	Nancy
Rainbow Fish	Logan	Walliams	Aniya
Elmer	Reian	Simon	Rocco
Funnybones	Capri	Fine	Blake
Gruffalo	Millie	Horowitz	Lilly-Rose
Stickman	David	Morpurgo	Amelia-Rose
Dahl	Sofia M	Rauf	Tilly



Achievements outside of school...