



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 3

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by as we are now half way through the first half of the Spring term.

## **O2 Young Voices**

Last night the children from Year 6 visited the O2 to sing as part of Young Voices. As always it was a great opportunity for the children to perform in an impressive venue such as the O2. They enjoyed the singing and then watching the other performances from the artists on the stage, with the dancers from Urban Strides always being a favourite. We hope that those parents/carers who attended joined in with the singing and the dancing themselves and had an enjoyable evening. A big thank you to all the staff who attended as it is a long day and evening for them, with them working additional hours than they normally would.

## **Network rail**

On Wednesday this week, we had a representative from Network Rail come into school to deliver an assembly to Years 3 and 4 then a workshop for Years 5 and 6. During this time, she discussed how to keep safe when using the railways, the importance of not playing near railway lines and she shared good tips about how to plan a journey when using the railways.

Following the workshops, she sent this message:

*Your pupils were really engaged with the session and your Year 5 and 6 impressed me, some great interaction and questions asked so a huge thanks.*

## **Anti-Bullying**

This week in our KS2 assemblies, we have been revising anti bullying but specifically focussing on the impact that bullying can have on someone. We shared the video clip at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fi6T4H-SOog>

It is a powerful animation of the impact that bullying can have on someone.

I always find that our children can explain what bullying is and they know what to do if someone is being bullied but sometimes, I feel that the children do not really understand the impact that a hurtful comment to a friend can cause, the push in the line of someone, the not letting others play in a game. I would encourage you all to speak to your children at home about ensuring that they are always kind to each other and perhaps consider the phrase, 'if you haven't got something nice to say, don't say anything at all.'

We also discussed the importance of being an upstander rather than a bystander. We watched this video clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeqQCyQOCPg>

I hope that all our children will become up standers and help anyone that they feel may be being picked upon or bullied.

## **Important dates**

26/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
27/1	Funnybones reading morning 830-855- mobile 1
28/1	Gruffalo reading morn- ing 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 morn- ing 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 9a.m.
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop 9 a.m.
13/2	Last day of term
23/2	First day of term 4

## **Reading mornings**

Reading morning starts again next week in mobile 1. When it is your day, please do come along.

Those children in Lenny's Den are invited to attend on the day of their base class.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

# Dates for your diary

	<b><u>TERM 3 DATES</u></b>
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

	<b><u>TERM 4 DATES</u></b>
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	INSET DAY

# EYFS NEWS



We have had another busy week in EYFS; the children have been exploring the concept of capacity through porridge mixing linked to our Goldilocks text and filling a variety of containers with different objects. They have also developed their understanding of composition by using the part part whole model and generalised statements eg 5 is made from 4 and 1, 4 and 1 makes 5. Numberblocks on cbeebies is a great resource and it is included within Mastering Number math scheme, so do watch it.

Numberblocks - Series 1: [The Whole of Me - BBC iPlayer](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08dr1l3/numberblocks-series-1-the-whole-of-me?seriesId=b08bzfhn-structural-5-m000t16j)

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The children continue to do handwriting everyday in school; it is very important that they are forming letters correctly and use their rhymes to ensure they are going in the right direction.

As usual, handwriting sheets are coming home this weekend for practise and should be completed with adult guidance to make sure pencil grip and formation is correct.

Next week we are looking forward to baking Gingerbread Men



## Lenny's Den News

We've had a busy week in Lenny's Den, continuing our "Once Upon a Time" theme and learning the tale of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have been developing their fine motor skills through cutting, threading, and building activities. We created a very friendly wolf and even made Little Red Riding Hood using wooden spoons, giving her our own creative spin with different clothes and hairstyles.

The children have also been continuing to develop their phonics, producing sounds, blending them together, and reading their own books. Tricky words have certainly been tricky, but everyone is having a good go at remembering them and showing great perseverance.

In numeracy, we have been working on number bonds to 10. The children have used a range of manipulatives to support their learning and have worked very hard in this area throughout the week.

Enjoy your weekend!

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Dahl vs Wilson 5125      4366 Wilson wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs      Si- mon 28120      12062 Walliams wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 805      239 Horowitz wins!</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo 15434      1667 Rauf wins!</p>	<p>Dahl vs Simon</p> <p>Wilson vs Walliams</p> <p>Fine vs Morpurgo</p> <p>Horowitz vs Rauf</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> Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Gruffalo</u> Top 3 play- ers on Numbots
Emily Emily Alicja	Eisha Albus Chandelle	Ollie Laila Ronnie	Nivid Daniel Saida	Dave David Hiya	Elizabeth Sara Ada

<u>Dahl</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Horowitz</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Morpurgo</u>	<u>Rauf</u>
George Jasper Darwin	Otilie Arthur Mia	Khalid Lenny Sienna	Dylan Casey Gabriel	Raph Charlie Aryan	Hayden Elianna Elsie	Olivia Joshua Harry	Harry Alexander Pedro

# 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    Fred L    Wilson    Ara  
Rainbow Fish    Freddie R    Walliams    Skye  
Elmer    Isabella    Simon    Lewis  
Funnybones    Louie    Horowitz    Ayla  
Lenny's Den    Teddy    Fine    Denys  
Gruffalo    Unity    Morpurgo    Whole class  
Stickman    William & Karan    Rauf    Ronnie  
Dahl    Hugo

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

Hungry C	Alicia	Wilson	Kit
Rainbow Fish	Olive	Walliams	Liza-Mai
Elmer	Ralph	Simon	Sienna
Funnybones	Audrey	Fine	Hari
Gruffalo	Nancy	Horowitz	Yusef
Stickman	Muaaz	Morpurgo	Evelyn
Dahl	Kieran	Rauf	Whole class



## Achievements outside of school...

Raffle and  
side games



Hot Dogs  
Candy Floss  
Popcorn  
available to  
buy!

# Family Disco Night

Face painting  
and party  
bags

**Saturday 7th February 2026**

**7:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

**Greenhithe Legion Social Club**

**London Rd, Greenhithe DA9 9EJ**

**Tickets £4 per person or £12 for a family ticket.**

**The venue has a bar - please do not bring your own drinks.**

**Just bring your best dance moves and your spending  
money and be ready to join in the fun!**

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**All funds raised for the Dartford 6 World Scout Jamboree fund.**

**Facebook Group - "The Dartford 6 - The road to Poland 2027"**

**Dartford District Scout Council Charity Number 303367**