



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 2

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely week it has been in school with lots of fun activities taking place and the sun has made a welcomed appearance at times!

World Book Day events

This week, the school held a number of events to celebrate World Book Day.

Story Boxes

Before Book Week started a story box was delivered to each class. Within it was a laminated picture of a character and an object to try and base a story around, as well as a book to write in with a blank piece of paper on the front cover. Throughout the week, these boxes have been moved around from class to class, across key stages with the children creating brand new stories. It has been really interesting to see how the story has changed after each class exchange. A lovely way to promote creative story writing.

Story Boxes

On Wednesday, over 150 children returned to school to take part in our first bedtime reading event. Dressed in pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers, the children came in and shared books with each other and/or listened to stories being read to them. It was lovely to see our older children take the younger children under their wing and read to them. They also had a hot chocolate and a snack. Thank you to all the adults including the Friends of Craylands for supporting this event.

Author visit

On Wednesday this week, author, Paul Coomey, visited and held a workshop for each year group. The children really enjoyed hearing about how he works and creating new stories with him. You can watch a video about how to design a book front cover with him by following this link

<https://youtu.be/UZ5monzJwpw?si=VyqWKV-CG2QR4mv9>

Book Day

It was great to see all of the children in their World Book Day costumes yesterday. Thank you for all the time and effort that goes into making this possible.

Book Fair

Thank you to all of you who came to the book fair to buy books. Thank you also to the Friends of Craylands for running the fair after school each day this week.

A very big thank you to Mrs Ward for all her hard work in preparing and organising such a fun week.

The winners of the competitions are on the next page.

A reminder to make sure the children are well supervised at the beginning of the day and are not riding bikes, scooters or swinging on the bike sheds—thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend everyone—Mr Hiscock

Important dates

16/3	Elmer reading morning 830-855
17/3	St Patrick's Day— children can wear club uniform
17/3	Funnybones reading morning 830-855
18/3	Gruffalo reading morning 830-855
19/3	Stickman reading morn- ing 830-855
20/3	Dahl reading morning 830-855
23/3	Wilson reading morning 830—855
24/3	Walliams reading morn- ing 830—855
25/3	Simon reading morning 830—855
26/3	Horowitz /Morpungo reading morning 830— 855
26/3	Parents/carers evening
27/3	Fine/Rauf reading morn- ing 830-855
2/4	INSET day
3/4	EASTER HOLIDAYS
20/4	Start of term 5
23/4	St George's Day— children can wear club uniform
26/4	Year 4 residential leaves
29/4	Year 4 residential

KS2 SATS

The Year 6 children will take their KS2 SATS test during the week commencing 11th May.

All Year 6 children should attend everyday that week.

Book Day competition winners



Illustration

EYFS

Winner -Hudson Atkins

Runner up - Emily C

KS1

Winner - Kirsty D

Runner up - Sadie Perfect

LKS2

Winner - Jessica Easton

Runner up - Jasper Hope

UKS2

Winner - Zayan

Runner up - Tapiwa

Short Story

KS1

Winner - Millie Deachey

Runner up - Hiya

LKS2 -

Winner - Libby

Runner up - Jessica Easton

UKS2

Winner - Lola Measures

Runner up - Harriet Humphris

Dates for your diary

	<u>TERM 4 DATES</u>
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
1/4	Last day for children
2/4	INSET DAY

	<u>TERM 5 DATES</u>
20/4	START OF TERM
23/4	St George's day—children can wear club uniforms
26/4	Year 4 residential leaves
29/4	Year 4 residential returns
6/5	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
11/5–14/5	KS2 SATS
22/5	End of term

EYFS NEWS



My goodness! What an exciting week we have all had! Stories, stories and more stories! Our shared text was called *The Boy with Flowers in His Hair* by Jarvis which stimulated conversations about friendship and being unique - we loved it. On Wednesday we were visited in class by author Paul Coomey who engaged all of the children in creating a fun animated story all around their own ideas. On Thursday it was a delight to see wonderful book characters playing everywhere in class and join in with the whole school celebration of books.

Storytelling, sharing books, pretending, imagining and talking are the vital foundations required for children's literacy development; immersing children in rich language and conversations daily will have a huge impact on their ability to read and write.

Please find some useful links below about 'Chat, Play, Read' from the Literacy Trust.

Activities for 3-4 years | Words for Life

<https://youtu.be/ovNfiLgmaPY>

https://youtu.be/C7Izwa_Sl3M?list=PLmmlG7jutI-05px4lUrDc_u5KqJ1CFSTr

Coming up next week -

Literacy text is *Oliver's Vegetables* by Vivian French

Numeracy - Composition including representing and finding different ways to make numbers within 10 using 2 parts and 3 parts.



Lenny's Den News

This week has been very exciting in Lenny's Den!

We have been learning about different fruits and have even been brave enough to give them a try. *Oliver's Fruit Salad* has been a lovely book to share and has allowed us to explore different fruits, looking at their smell, size and texture.

The children also had lots of fun getting creative. They used puffy paint to make strawberries, designed their own fruit kebabs, and created some very funny fruit faces.

Phonics has continued this week and the children are working very hard on sounding out, blending and reading words. In numeracy we have been busy exploring number order, combining numbers and number bonds.

To top off our very busy week, we loved being part of World Book Day, seeing all the fantastic book characters the children came dressed as. The children especially enjoyed seeing all the adults dressed up too!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 4899 2077</p> <p>Stickman won!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson 4351 3689</p> <p>Dahl won!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 76,308 951</p> <p>Walliams won!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 280 609</p> <p>Fine won!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 1875 2545</p> <p>Rauf won!</p>	<p>Stickman vs Dahl</p> <p>Wilson vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Walliams vs Horowitz</p> <p>Fine vs Simon</p> <p>Morpurgo 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>	<u>Gruffalo</u>
Iris Emily Ava	Chandelle Darcey Ruben	Ollie Noah Layla	Saida Ralph Luna	David Hiya Kirsty	Unity Ruby Elizabeth

<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 Darwin Annabelle	Otilie Morire Sebastian	Sienna Rocco Janani	Chloe Caleb Casey	Cahrлие James Nate	Reggie Vakarıs Mia-Rose	Joshua Olivia Daniel	Alexander Harry Kieran

