



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 3

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to be flying! A reminder INSET day is 2nd April.

## Bikeability

Last week, a number of Year 6 children took part in Bikeability—you may have seen some of them riding their bikes on the road. Well done to them all for following the ROARS rules whilst out on the road. I hope that they will use what they have learnt to ensure that they ride their bikes safely in the local community.

## Y4 trip

This week, year 4 visited Kent Life for a Roman day. They took part in lots of workshops throughout the day including:

- making a leather amulet
- Life under the romans
- Meeting a Centurion
- Meeting Boudicca

It is always lovely to see staff coming back so positive after a school trip; a sign that the children followed our ROARS rules throughout the day and fun was had by all. Many thanks to all adults who attended this trip and to the class teachers for organising.

## Y5 Football

As Mr Ellen was on the trip on Wednesday, I had the honour of taking a group of Year 5 boys and girls to the Dartford Community Shield Football Tournament. The teams were split into two groups and we had 5 teams including us in our group. We did not start off the best, losing the first match and drawing the second. Team spirit was at a low and we were not sure we would be able to pull it back. However, that is exactly what they did; they shook the doubt off and came back stronger and better, playing as a team. They then won the rest of the matches, giving them a place in the semi-finals. Playing against Hextable, they won that match meaning that they would face Sutton in the finals. Sadly, they were not able to replicate the win against Sutton from earlier in the tournament and came second. However, I just want to praise them for the resilience that they showed by not giving up and coming back stronger.

Well done to Brody who was awarded one of the awards for player of the tournament.

## Reading mornings

We look forward to seeing many of you at the reading mornings over the next couple of weeks. It is a great opportunity to stop what you are doing and spend 15 minutes immersing yourselves in books with your child and we know that the children who attend really do come out happy that they have had that time with you.

Last week, we said goodbye to Mrs Wickens in EYFS; we thank her for all she did whilst she supported our youngest members of the school.

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 morning 830-855
20/3	Dahl reading morning 830-855
23/3	Wilson reading morning 830-855
24/3	Walliams reading morning 830-855
25/3	Simon reading morning 830-855
26/3	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830-855
26/3	Parents/carers evening
27/3	Fine/Rauf reading morning 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



We hope that those of you who celebrated had an enjoyable Holi.

# Dates for your diary

	<b><u>TERM 4 DATES</u></b>
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
26/3	Parents/Carers evening—please book on the Parents Evening System: <a href="https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/">https://craylands.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/</a>
27/3	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830–855—mobile 1
1/4	Last day for children
2/4	INSET DAY

	<b><u>TERM 5 DATES</u></b>
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



We are still planting in our garden; the children are demonstrating good observation skills and understanding of plant life cycles and parts of a flower. Also, this week they have had the opportunity to exercise fine motor strength by peeling carrots, parsnips and potatoes with an adult whilst talking about healthy foods, safety and hygiene around food and using equipment.

In Numeracy, the children have been exploring how smaller numbers are part of bigger numbers. By using manipulatives, they can see and say for example that 3 and 2 and 5 are parts that make the whole 10. They are also learning to explain their understanding of numbers eg to know that 8 is not part of 5 because it is bigger.

Coming up next week ....

Literacy - The Enormous Turnip

Numeracy - Exploring doubles up to 10, odd numbers and composition.

A polite reminder to please return home learning and reading books on a Wednesday. We have noticed a number of books are coming in late. The timetable in class is packed and Wednesday is allocated to changing books and sharing home learning. Thank you for your help with this.

## Swanscombe Park Run

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

The event takes place at Swanscombe Heritage Park, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe, DA10 0LP.

Would be great to hear that more from Craylands are taking part in this event on a weekly basis!

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Dahl 6541 4651 Stickman won!</p> <p>Wilson vs Gruffalo 6445 2951 Wilson won!</p> <p>Walliams vs Horowitz 12429 3027 Walliams won!</p> <p>Fine vs Simon 2171 4665 Simon won!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 11132 11313 Rauf won!</p>	<p>Year 2 Vs Year 3 Vs Year 4 Vs Year 5 Vs Year 6</p>

<u>Hungry Caterpillars</u> Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Rainbow Fish</u> Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Funnybones</u> Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Elmer</u> Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Stickman</u>	<u>Gruffalo</u>
Freddie Emily Emily	Josiah Ruben Chandelle	Ollie Layla Louie	Saida Ralph Teddy	David Hiya Dave	Unity Elizabeth Sara

<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 Malakai Milana	Sebastian Morire Otilie	Janani Rowan Jake	Caleb Chloe Gabriel	Alexandra Tiwa Ethan	Matthew Arlind Bertie	Evie Inika Lola	Alexander Kieran Rowan

# 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    Iris    Wilson    Libby  
Rainbow Fish    Darcey    Walliams    Skye  
Elmer    Zya-Jae    Simon    Kennady  
Funnybones    Sofia-Rose    Horowitz    Demi  
Lenny's Den    Aurora    Fine    Finley  
Gruffalo    Sara    Morpurgo    Olivia  
Stickman    Kirsty    Rauf    Harrison  
Dahl    Jasper

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

Hungry C	Archie	Wilson	Morire
Rainbow Fish	Dexter	Walliams	Whole class
Elmer	Laila	Simon	Whole class
Funnybones	Felicity	Fine	Vakaris
Gruffalo	Angel	Horowitz	Jaxon
Stickman	Logan	Morpurgo	Harry
Dahl	Jessica	Rauf	Bella



## Achievements outside of school...

Congratulations to Ali B in Wilson class who took part in his yellow belt grading in kickboxing and passed with a merit grade - well done Ali for your hard work and dedication.