



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 7

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I managed to spend some time in KS1 this week, practising phonics with some of the children and looking in their books; I can see that they are working so hard on presenting their work neatly and showing how much they have been learning. Well done and keep up the hard work KS1.

Football

This week has seen the first football tournaments of the year. On Monday, boys from years 5 and 6 attended the Dartford District 7-a-side tournament. They played against 3 other schools in their group, performing extremely well indeed, not conceding a single goal in all of the matches and winning every single one. They have now made it through to the finals on Friday; we wish them all the best and who knows by the time you receive this newsletter, they may have come back with a trophy! Thank you to Mr Ellen for arranging.

On Wednesday, girls from years 4 to 6 attended the Dartford District Girl's 7-a-side tournament. This was the first time that many of them have played in a game like situation against children from other schools and I was so very impressed with how well they adapted and progressed in their understanding of tactics, skills and positioning throughout the games. They came 2nd overall in their group and should feel very proud of their performance.

Office

Currently, due to illness, we are short staffed in the office. This may mean that there are times when the phone may not be answered straight away or the door may not be opened at first. Please can we ask for patience with this as there is only so much that one office staff member can do at once. We will do our best to provide support in the office whilst we await for the return of another member, however we would ask that parents/carers are respectful to our office staff if they have had to make few attempts to get through on the phones or wait at the door a little longer at times over the next week or so.

Mini reports

I have been asked by a few parents/carers now about how their child is doing. Whilst I do my best to know as many of the children as possible, I can not always tell you how they are doing in class etc. The best person to speak to is always the class teacher. However, I do know that you are not always able to do this, therefore I have asked the staff to create a mini report for those children in years 1-6 and send them out next week so that you have an idea as to how your child has settled into their new year group. EYFS parents/carers meet the staff more regularly due to the focus weeks, therefore they will not receive a report in this way.

Arts challenge

Thank you so much for all of you who have taken part in these challenges—I have been so impressed with the quality of the art that has taken place. I will be creating a display of all the pictures uploaded onto Class Dojo soon to celebrate the wonderful work that has been created.

Important dates

21/10	Last day of term
22/10	INSET DAY
1/11	Start of term 2
10/11	EYFS 2022 open morning
11/11	Diwali workshop
12/11	Diwali workshop
17/11	EYFS 2022 open morning
1/12	KS2 parents eve KS1 parents eve early session
2/12	KS1 parents eve late session
3/12	INSET day
17/12	End of term 2

Clubs

If your child decides that they no longer wish to attend a club, please do let the Office know so that their space can be offered out to any children on the waiting list. Thank you.

Lost Property

Please name EVERYTHING (preferably not with a biro because it fades and we can't read it!) Many thanks.

Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



The children have enjoyed their first visit to the meadow this week which we are so lucky to have. We look forward to weekly visits and adventures ... maybe a bear hunt or two!

Repeating patterns has been our number focus all week which we have explored in many different ways.

The Colour Monster text has developed the children's understanding of emotions.

Check out more on Friday's Tapestry Memo :)

Arts and cultural challenges



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LAST WEEK'S ARTS CHALLENGE	<p>THE BIG DRAW—Hug Monster/Rosa Parks</p> <p>Thank you to the following for taking part...</p> <table><tr><td>Libby (Dahl)</td><td>Hunter (Elmer)</td><td>Chester</td></tr><tr><td>Harriet (Elmer)</td><td>Finley (Funnybones)</td><td>Elizabeth K (Funnybones)</td></tr><tr><td>James (Elmer)</td><td>Olivia C (Gruffalo)</td><td>Eva L (Walliams)</td></tr><tr><td>Dylan (Elmer)</td><td>Evie P (Horowitz)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Hari (Elmer)</td><td>Aiza (Wilson)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Freya (Horowitz)</td><td>Alexander (Stickman)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Jess (Walliams)</td><td>Nate (Stickman)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Jack (Wilson)</td><td>Aria (Wilson)</td><td></td></tr></table>	Libby (Dahl)	Hunter (Elmer)	Chester	Harriet (Elmer)	Finley (Funnybones)	Elizabeth K (Funnybones)	James (Elmer)	Olivia C (Gruffalo)	Eva L (Walliams)	Dylan (Elmer)	Evie P (Horowitz)		Hari (Elmer)	Aiza (Wilson)		Freya (Horowitz)	Alexander (Stickman)		Jess (Walliams)	Nate (Stickman)		Jack (Wilson)	Aria (Wilson)	
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THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<p>Use Black History Artist: Easy How to Draw like W. H. Johnson Tutorial and W.H. Johnson Coloring Page · Art Projects for Kids to draw in the style of W.H. Johnson in celebration of Black History Month OR print out the drawings and colour them.</p>																								



Throughout October, we will be celebrating Black History Month at Craylands.

Please find some links below to videos you may wish to use to continue the important discussions related to Black History.

EYFS/KSI

[Celebrating Black History Month on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](#)

This jazz man reading; a celebration of jazz music—<https://youtu.be/bSr1HEvcMhU>

[Best Black History Month Song! | Celebrate Black People Who Change the World | Miss Jessica's World - YouTube](#)

KS2

[Black British Stories - BBC Teach](#)

[Rosa Parks - BBC Teach](#)

[Harriet Tubman - BBC Teach](#)

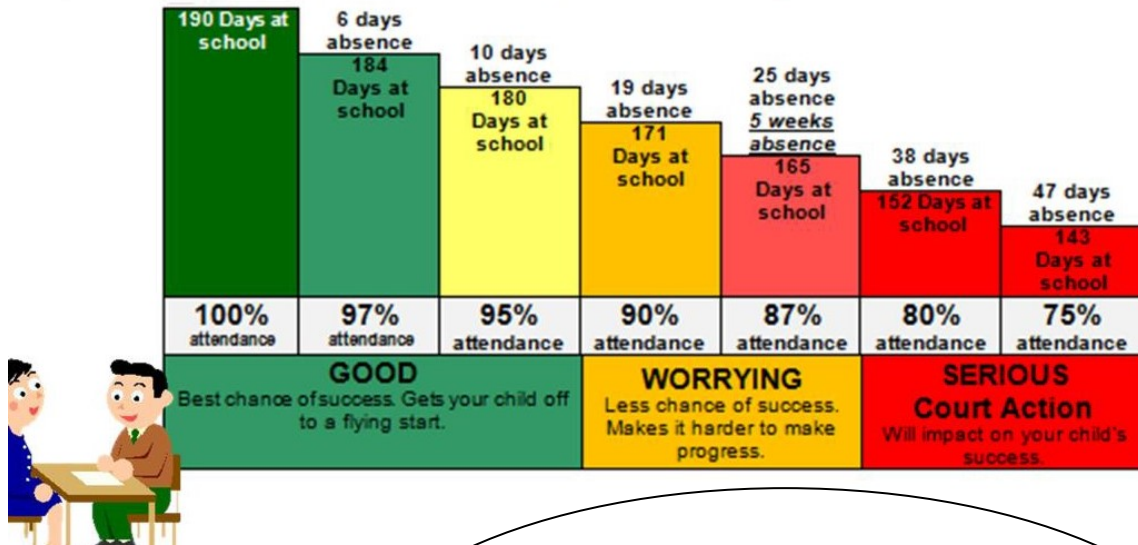
[KS2: Pablo Fanque - The greatest Victorian showman - BBC Teach](#)

[School Learning Zone - Black History Month \(school-learningzone.co.uk\)](#)

[Racism in schools - KS2 PSHE and Citizenship - BBC Bitesize](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Horrible Histories - Top 5: Black History Month with Oti Mabuse](#)

Attendance



To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day!
100% is what I really want to see!
Less than 96% means you will struggle to be a Craylearner!

Class	Attendance this week	Number of children off this week
Elmer	90.3%	6
Funnybones	96.6%	3
Gruffalo	92.3%	8
Stickman	95.0%	5
Dahl	94.6%	4
Wilson	97.3%	3
Simon	92.6%	8
Walliams	98.0%	1
Fine	95.3%	4
Horowitz	96.0%	5
Morpurgo	91.3%	11

WELL DONE TO.....Walliams Class for having the highest attendance this week!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last week's results....	This week's battles.....
<p>Year 1 girls vs boys 379 1782 Boys win!</p> <p>Year 2 girls vs boys 18482 6340 Girls win!</p> <p>Year 3 girls vs boys 12751 6344 Girls win!</p> <p>Year 4 girls vs boys 1629 6317 Boys win!</p> <p>Year 5 girls vs boys 3067 9510 Boys Win!</p> <p>Year 6 girls vs boys 340 3369</p>	<p>Elmer vs Funnybones</p> <p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Fine vs Horowitz</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Fine</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS

<u>Y1 Boys</u> Dylan Adrian Hari	<u>Y1 Girls</u> Harriet Elizabeth K Poppy	<u>Y2 Boys</u> Alexander Kieran Finley	<u>Y2 Girls</u> Inika Evie G Chika	<u>Y3 Boys</u> Zain Jude Tristan	<u>Y3 Girls</u> Chidera Emilie Grishiga
<u>Year 4 Boys</u> Sami Daniel Matthew	<u>Year 4 Girls</u> Amelie Hudson Janae	<u>Year 5 Boys</u> Vihaan Ben Charlie	<u>Year 5 Girls</u> Selina Saphyra Abigaile	<u>Y6 Boys</u> Ethan Ernie Daniel	<u>Y6 Girls</u> Ava Lilly

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		Dahl	Harry
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Adam
Elmer	Hunter	Walliams	Tilly & Jess
Funnybones	Evie	Simon	Taylor
Gruffalo	Rowan	Horowitz	Kofo
Stickman	Inika	Fine	Tristan
		Morpurgo	Petal

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

Hungry C		Dahl	Will
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Oscar
Elmer	Zayan	Walliams	Hayden
Funnybones	Poppy	Simon	Matthew
Gruffalo	Tilly	Fine	Abigaile
Stickman	Olivia	Horowitz	Olly
		Morpurgo	Archie



This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to ...

Walliams Class



Achievements outside of school...

Harry P (Stickman) has been invested in Beavers this week—well done Harry!

Mr Hiscock attended a special award ceremony last Friday evening where he received an award for 'Headteacher of the Year for Dartford and Gravesham 2021'. A huge congratulations to Mr Hiscock - we are so pleased his hard work has been recognised. (*Editor's note: he doesn't know we've snuck this information into the newsletter!*)