



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 3

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been writing pieces of fiction this week as their talk for writing fiction unit ends; they have used their rehearsed text maps well to write their own versions of different stories. Next week, most will start their non-fiction units of writing.

Staff update/Lunch times

I do apologise that I missed a staff member off this last week; a big welcome to: Mrs Brian—Midday meals supervisor

Our midday meal supervisors have been working hard to provide a range of activities to engage the children at lunch times; they have organised games as well as a craze of the week. Mrs Cox has been inundated with applications for lunch time dining hall helpers—I'm sure she will have a tough job choosing the successful applicants. A big thank you to all she is doing to improve the children's time at lunch time.

Year 3 trip to Kent Life

The Year 3 children attended Kent Life this week for a Stone Age day, as part of their STAR topic. They learnt about Stone Age farming and the use of weapons made from stone. They enjoyed the trip and learned lots from it. Thank you for Mrs Meggs and Mr Ellen for arranging this for them and for the adults who attended.

International Women's Day Football

This morning, a group of girls from Key Stage 2 attended the Swanscombe Council Football Tournament in recognition of International Women's Day, which was held earlier this week. It provided an opportunity to shine a spotlight onto girl's football—it is always enjoyed by those who attend. I hope that the children who went, had an enjoyable time and perhaps scored a goal or two. As long as they did their best however, that is all that matters!

The boy's football team are due to also play further matches before the end of this term, as they continue in their Dartford District tournaments.

Communication

During Covid times, I allowed myself to be contacted by parents/carers at any point during the week. As we now seem to be coming back to some sense of normality, I have taken the decision not to check emails at weekends and in the evenings, so that I can protect my own well being. I encourage all staff to do the same. Therefore, whereas beforehand, you may have received a message out of the normal working hours, it may be the case that this does not happen going forward.

Rarely should parents/carers directly email my address; I would ask that going forward, you use either of the office addresses, who will forward it to the relevant staff member—this may not always be me.

enquiries@craylands.kent.sch.uk (for absences)

admin@craylands.kent.sch.uk

If I do need the message, it will always be sent to me. You can of course always make an appointment to speak to a member of SLT or myself though the School Office.

Important dates

20/3	Last week of clubs
25/3	Friends of Craylands disco
w/c 28/3	Spring term attainment sheets handed out
30/3	Year 1 parents evening early times
31/3	Parents evening— TIMES TO FOLLOW Year 1 parents evening (late times)
1/4	End of term 4
19/4	Start of term 5
24/4—27/4	Years 4 & 5 residential
27/5	End of term 5
w/c 9/5	SATs week—PLEASE ENSURE YEAR 6 ARE IN THIS WEEK.
w/c 9/5	Year 2 SATS will start for the next few weeks—PLEASE ENSURE YEAR 2 ARE IN.
20/6-24/6	Year 6 residential

Appeal—closer to home

On Tuesday night, a very good friend of a parent lost everything to a house fire.

Luckily they all got out just in time but everything is now destroyed. They have nothing.

They only have their pj's and a coat and are absolutely devastated.

The 2 girls are 2 and 15 and the boys are 6 and 9.

<https://www.kentononline.co.uk/dartford/news/hamsters-die-in-house-fire-263650/>

Any donations of items would be greatly received.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock



Easter Disco

The Friends of Craylands have arranged an Easter Disco for Friday 25th March. If you had purchased a ticket for the Christmas disco please note that it will be valid for the Easter disco.

If you would like more details or to book a ticket please click the link below

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthecraylandsschool/>

Nearly New Uniform

Our Nearly New uniform shop runs throughout the year and has proved very popular! We accept donations of any good quality uniform; please email friendsofcraylands@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to donate.

To purchase items please click the link below

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthecraylandsschool/>

Friends of Craylands Chairperson

Sadly, in a few months Kiki, our current Chair, will be standing down as her son is now in Year 6 and will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year. If you wish to find out more about the different roles within the Friends of Craylands and how you can be involved in event planning and fundraising for the school please join our next online meeting. We will email the link to all parents.

Thank you for your continuing support. Please remember to use our [easyfundraising](#) and [smile.amazon](#) links when you shop online. It's an easy way to raise funds at no extra cost to you.

We are now starting to plan some fun events for the rest of this academic year, watch this space for upcoming dates!

EYFS NEWS



We are delighted to announce the return of open reading mornings next week. All details have been provided in a letter in your child's book bag and can also be found on Tapestry.

The children are continuing to work hard; there has been an increased focus on letter formation during early work this week, alongside fine motor control activities.

In numeracy, the children have had fun finding and exploring 3D shapes.

Arts and cultural challenges



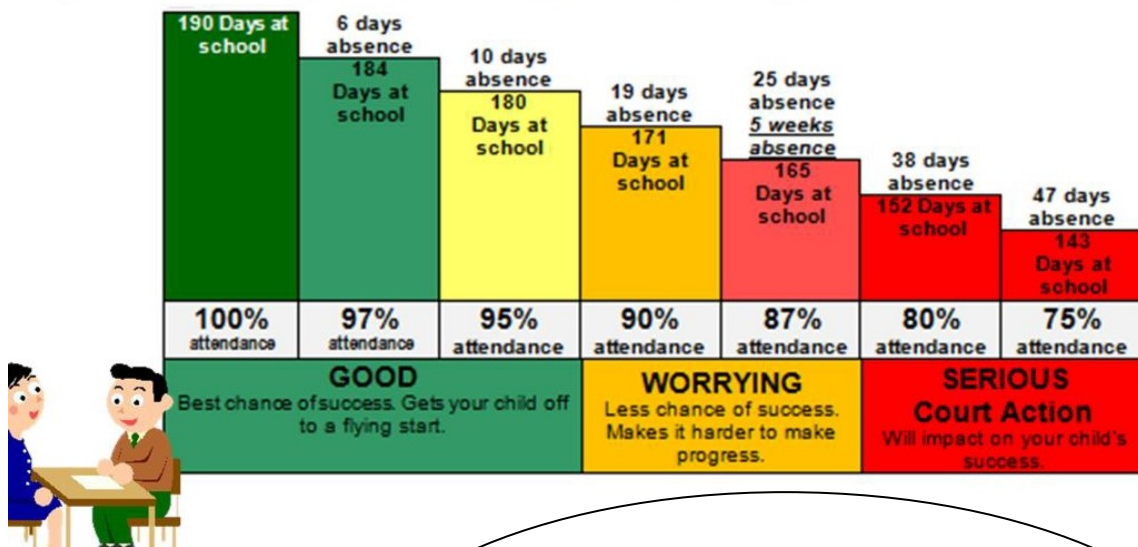
Date	Activity idea																		
THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<p>To celebrate the dog contest Crafts...have a go at drawing a picture of a dog.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/pQKwHWaa3XA https://youtu.be/5D8x5Ysd6Ms https://youtu.be/BbkMUXnY3BI</p>																		
LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<p>To celebrate national feet week, why not try to create some artwork with your feet</p> <table><tr><td>Finley (Funnybones)</td><td>Erle Q (Funny-bones)</td><td>Blake (LAST WEEK—Elmer)</td></tr><tr><td>Kathryn (Wilson)</td><td>Hari (Elmer)</td><td>Arind (Elmer)</td></tr><tr><td>Eleanor (Walliams)</td><td>Isabella</td><td>Harriet (Elmer)</td></tr><tr><td>Aryan (Funnybones)</td><td>Hunter (Elmer)</td><td>Olivia (Gruffalo)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Dylan (Elmer)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Mia Rose (Funnybones)</td><td></td></tr></table>	Finley (Funnybones)	Erle Q (Funny-bones)	Blake (LAST WEEK—Elmer)	Kathryn (Wilson)	Hari (Elmer)	Arind (Elmer)	Eleanor (Walliams)	Isabella	Harriet (Elmer)	Aryan (Funnybones)	Hunter (Elmer)	Olivia (Gruffalo)		Dylan (Elmer)			Mia Rose (Funnybones)	
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What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?
Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.
Click on the links for extra home learning.

Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones	Measuring length Spr1.8.5 - Measure length on Vimeo	
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Equivalent fractions Spr2.12.1 - Equivalence of a half and 2 quarters on Vimeo	Commas in a list How are commas used in a list? - BBC Bitesize
Dahl/Wilson	Comparing lengths Spr3.8.1 - Compare lengths on Vimeo	Present perfect tense Present perfect - LearnEnglish (britishcouncil.org)
Walliams/Simon	Adding and subtracting fractions Spr4.7.1 - Add fractions on Vimeo Spr4.7.3 - Subtract fractions on Vimeo	Subject verb agreement Matching the verb to the subject - BBC Bitesize
Horowitz/Fine	Adding and subtracting fractions Spr5.7.5 - Subtract mixed numbers on Vimeo	Colons and semi colons How to use a semi-colon - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo	Units of measure Spr6.7.1 - Metric measures on Vimeo Spr6.7.5 - Imperial measures on Vimeo	Relative clauses What are relative clauses? - BBC Bitesize

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	95.3%	6
Funnybones	93.3%	4
Gruffalo	93.6%	5
Stickman	97.0%	4
Dahl	98.6%	2
Wilson	98.6%	2
Simon	91.3%	6
Walliams	92.4%	5
Fine	96.3%	5
Horowitz	92.3%	7
Morpurgo	96.0%	3

WELL DONE TO.....Dahl and Wilson Class for having the highest attendance this week!

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Year 2 vs Year 3</p> <p>17403 25302</p> <p>YEAR 3 WINS!</p>	<p>Dahl vs Gruffalo</p>
<p>Year 3 vs Year 4</p> <p>25302 20947</p> <p>YEAR 3 WINS!</p>	<p>Stickman vs Wilson</p>
<p>Year 5 vs Year 6</p> <p>42030 3603</p> <p>YEAR 5 WINS!</p>	<p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz</p>
	<p>Simon vs Fine</p>
	<p>Walliams vs Simon</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

HC Top 3 players on Numbots coins earned Taylor Jessica Khalid	RF Top 3 players on Numbots coins earned Lenny Jai Aniya	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots coins earned Jack Aryan Nate	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots coins earned Arlind Dylan Hunter	<u>Year 2 boys</u> Alexander Harry Kieran	<u>Year 2 girls</u> Evie G Chika Tilly	<u>Year 3 boys</u> Harry Zain Jude
<u>Year 3 girls</u> Chidera Helena Aiza	<u>Year 4 boys</u> Roman Reggie Ranti	<u>Year 4 girls</u> Emilie Amelie Harriet	<u>Year 5 boys</u> Habib Harry Faren	<u>Year 5 girls</u> Selina Xhuljeta Evie W	<u>Year 6 boys</u> Max FK Ethan Daniel	<u>Year 6 girls</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		Dahl	Joseph
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Freddy
Elmer	Shea	Walliams	Euan
Funnybones	Elliot	Simon	Anais
Gruffalo	Joshua	Horowitz	Izzy C
Stickman	Alfie	Fine	Tristan
		Morpurgo	Michael

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

Hungry C		Dahl	Tamaya
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Fletcher
Elmer	Aaliyah	Walliams	Thomas
Funnybones	Jack	Simon	Reggie S
Gruffalo	Nathan	Fine	Christopher
Stickman	Bella	Horowitz	Thomas
		Morpurgo	Max FK



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

Dahl and Wilson Class



Achievements outside of school...

Niamh (Stickman class) performed in the show Once Upon a Time at the Orchard Theatre on Tuesday this week—well done Niamh!

Molly (Gruffalo class) and her mum have been collecting items desperately needed in both Ukraine & at the borders. Molly always offers to help with sorting, packing and everything in between. Fantastic work Molly!