



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 4

Fri 27th Jan '23

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are edging closer towards the end of term 3—I can not believe how quickly it is going. Still lots of learning and progress to be made, as the children continue to work hard.

Royal Opera House

On Wednesday, the children and staff of Year 5 attended a performance of 'The Magic Flute' at the amazing Royal Opera House. A fairy tale of darkness, light, and finding your way in the world, it sounds as if the performance inspired the children to begin singing their own versions on the way back home. The journey there and back were very long journeys and the children behaved impeccably throughout both the performance and the long voyage to get there and home again. Thank you for your understanding and patience with the changing ETAs on the way home. A big thank you to the staff also who worked later that evening to ensure the children had this opportunity and to Mr Dymott for arranging it and getting such amazing tickets for the children. A thoroughly good day out!

History workshops

Next week, the children from Years 2 upwards will be taking part in history workshops across the week. On Monday, Year 4 will be learning about the Romans and Year 6 will be looking at the Tudors. On Tuesday, Year 2 will learn about the Victorians and Year 3 will look at the Stone Age. On Wednesday, Year 5 will study the Anglo Saxons. We are sure that these sessions will be both enjoyable and educational for the children. Thank you to Miss King for arranging them.

Forest School

As you may well know, we have been running forest school sessions for the children over the past year, led by Mrs Strudwick. She has been taking part in forest school training and I am very pleased to announce that she has successfully qualified as a level 3 forest school trainer which is amazing.—well done! A big thank you to her for all the additional work she has put into completing coursework and attending the training. We look forward to seeing how forest school develops moving on.

Children's Mental Health Week

From the week commencing 6th February, it is children's mental health week. The school will be recognising this with a number of activities throughout the week. We would like to culminate the week on 10th February with a 'Dress to express' day, where we encourage the children to come into school dressed in a way that expresses their own personality and character—they can of course just wear their own clothes if they

Industrial action

Just to make you aware, the school will be open on 1st February. As it stands, no classes will need to be closed due to industrial action. We will

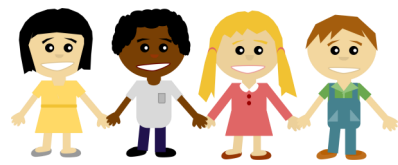
Important dates

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| 30/1 | Y4 & 6 History workshops |
| 31/1 | Y 2 & 3 History workshops |
| 1/2 | Y5 History workshop |
| 7/2 | Online safety workshop EYFS & KS1 at 9a.m. |
| 9/2 | Online safety workshop KS2 at 9 a.m. |
| 10/2 | Dress to express day |
| 10/2 | End of term 3 |
| 20/2 | Start of term 4 |
| 2/3 | World Book Day—dressing up; more details to follow |
| 30/3 | Parents evening |
| 31/3 | End of term 4 |
| 31/3 | INSET DAY |
| 17/4 | Start of term 5 |
| 9/5—12/5 | KS2 SATS—year 6 NEED to be in school |

Parent governor

We would like to welcome Charmaine Evens as our new parent governor at The Craylands School. We look forward to welcoming her at the first FGB soon.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock



Kung Hei Fat Choy! We have been celebrating Chinese New Year all week; enjoying dancing, listening to stories and finding out about new year traditions. The children's associated home learning rabbits are looking great on display too, thank you.

Phase 3 phonics and reading continue daily and in maths we are learning different ways to make 6,7 and 8.

Lastly, a big thank you for sending in junk modelling to top us up.

Arts and cultural challenges



This year, Mr Hiscock wants to fill up a wall in his office with your art challenges.

Complete the challenge and then send it in to Mr Hiscock.

| Date | Activity idea |
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| THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE | Chinese New Year—lion dance https://youtu.be/LbhLQ-kxc7s |
| LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE | Well done.... Olivia C (Y3) Dylan (Y2) |

Dates for your diary

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| 30/1—1/2 | History workshops for years 2—6 |
| 1/2 | Parents drop in session after school 3.20—4— parents/carers can come in and look at children's books |
| 7/2 | Online Safety Workshop for parents/carers KS1 9 a.m. |
| 9/2 | Online Safety Workshop for parents/carers KS2 9 a.m. |
| 10/2 | Dress to express day |
| w/c 27/2 | World Book Week |
| 2/3 | World Book Day—dressing up |
| 6/3 | Y4 residential meeting via zoom 5p.m. |
| 30/3 | Parents evening |
| 31/3 | INSET DAY |
| 23/4—27/4 | Year 4 Residential |
| 9/5-12/5 | KS2 SATS Week |
| 30/6 | Sports day (KS2 a.m. / KS1 & EYFS p.m.) |
| 7/7 | Reserve sports day |
| 5/7 & 6/7 | Year 6 production (evening) |
| 10/7—14/7 | Year 6 residential |
| 21/7 | INSET DAY |



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.

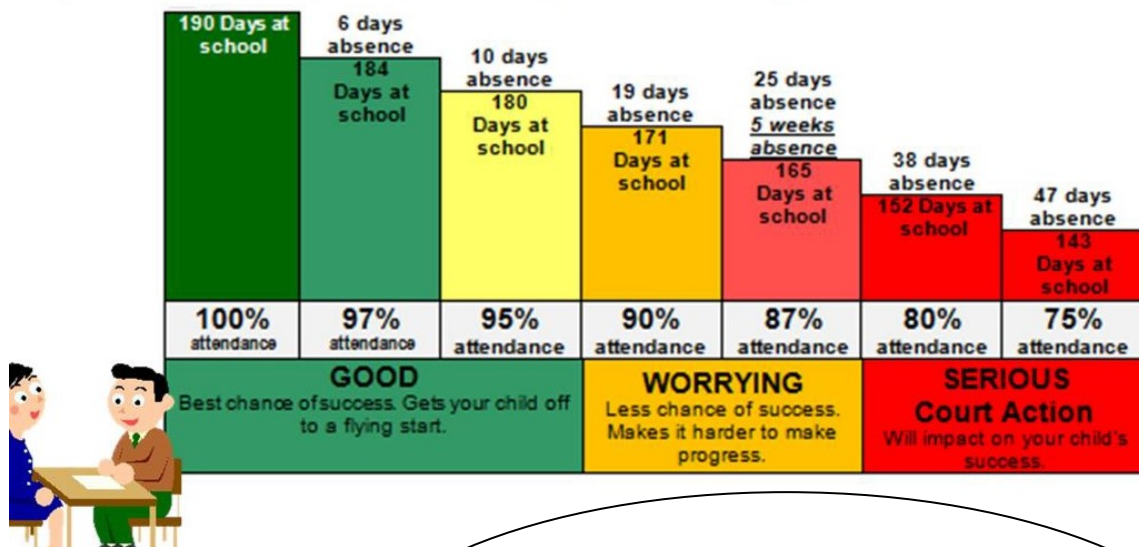
| Year group | Maths | Spag |
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| Elmer / Funnybones | | |
| Gruffalo/ Stickman | Sharing and grouping Y2 Spring Block 2 TS7 Make equal groups grouping on Vimeo | Questions and commands Four types of sentence - BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize |
| Dahl/Wilson | Mm, cm and m Y3 Spring Block 2 TS1 Measure in metres and centimetres on Vimeo Multiplication and division Y3 Spring Block 1 TS11 How many ways? on Vimeo | Prefixes and suffixes What are prefixes? - BBC Bitesize What are suffixes? - BBC Bitesize |
| Walliams/Simon | Dividing 2 digits numbers by 1 digit Y4 Spring Block 1 TS11 Divide a 2digit number by a 1digit number 1 on Vimeo | Expanded noun phrases What is an expanded noun phrase? - BBC Bitesize |
| Horowitz/Fine | Long multiplication Y5 Spring Block 1 TS5 Multiply a 4digit number by a 2digit number on Vimeo | Checking punctuation Revising basic punctuation guide for KS3 English students - BBC Bitesize |
| Morpurgo/Rauf | Fractions, decimals and percentages Year 6 Spring Block 4 TS5 Equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages on Vimeo | Perfect and progressive tenses IXL - Use the progressive verb tenses (Year 6 English practice) IXL - Use the perfect verb tenses (Year 6 English practice) |



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

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| Year 1 | Has where we live always been like this? |
| Year 2 | How did the Victorians change nursing? |
| Year 3 | What was life like in the stone age? |
| Year 4 | Why did the Romans invade Britain? |
| Year 5 | What is happening to the coasts of the UK? |
| Year 6 | During which Queen's reign was the most progress made - Elizabeth I or Victoria? |

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 | No of children off this week |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Elmer | 92.1% | 8 |
| Funnybones | 93.3% | 8 |
| Gruffalo | 92.6% | 4 |
| Stickman | 95.6% | 5 |
| Dahl | 93.3% | 8 |
| Wilson | 95.2% | 7 |
| Simon | 94.1% | 5 |
| Walliams | 94.3% | 5 |
| Fine | 94.9% | 6 |
| Horowitz | 96.8% | 2 |
| Morpurgo | 96.2% | 2 |
| Ralf | 95.3% | 6 |

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

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

| Last weeks results... | This week's battles..... |
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| <p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>1265 1332</p> <p>Gruffalo wins!</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>3407 2453</p> <p>Dahl wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>11,810 11,031</p> <p>Walliams wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>14,742 19,012</p> <p>Fine wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf</p> <p>3130 7431</p> <p>Rauf wins!</p> | <p>Year 2 vs Year 3</p> <p>Year 3 vs Year 4</p> <p>Year 5 vs Year 6</p> |

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| TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS— TIME PLAYED | | Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Jai Taylor Aniya | Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Lenny Khalid Jessica | <u>Stickman</u> Tiwalola Elliot Elsie | <u>Gruffalo</u> Arlind Hunter Dylan | <u>Dahl</u> Evie G Olivia Angela |
| Wilson Chika Evelyn Poppy | Walliams Helena Frankie Safia | Simon Chidera David Alexander | Horowitz Tilly Arion Naitik | Fine Sophie Thomas M Eniola | Morpurgo Albert Yassin Jayden | Rauf Selina Melissa Adil |

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!



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| Hungry C | Sebby | Wilson | Poppy |
| Rainbow Fish | Hugo | Walliams | Helena |
| Elmer | Levi & Lorenzo | Simon | Libby |
| Funnybones | Olivia | Horowitz | Whole class |
| Gruffalo | Arlind | Fine | Amber |
| Stickman | Louis | Morpurgo | Yassin |
| Dahl | Grace | Rauf | Lillie B |

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

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| Hungry C | Mia | Wilson | Harry P |
| Rainbow Fish | Teddy | Walliams | Towobola |
| Elmer | Taylor | Simon | Harry |
| Funnybones | Aaron | Fine | Whole class |
| Gruffalo | Bertie | Horowitz | Whole class |
| Stickman | Elizabeth K | Morpurgo | Isabelle S |
| Dahl | Harrison | Rauf | Thomas |



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

Horowitz Class



Achievements outside of school...

WE ACCEPT
CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS

MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILDCARE FROM
8am - 6pm

AGES
4 - 14

FEBRUARY CAMP 2023

SAVE ££'s - EARLY BIRD OFFERS END 27th JAN
CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES & LOCATIONS



DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES EACH DAY AS WELL AS FOOTBALL, ARCHERY DODGEBALL, ROUNDEES,
KWIK CRICKET, BASKETBALL, TEAM GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT
ESSEX, KENT & SURREY THIS FEBRUARY

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Registered

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ALL OUR
STAFF ARE



The Craylands School Needs You.....



Governor Vacancy

Being a governor can be one of the most rewarding roles that you'll ever have. By becoming a governor, you can help to influence the direction of the school, impacting on all of the children's learning at the school.

Who can be a governor?

Governors come from all different backgrounds but have one thing in common—they care enough to want to make a difference to the children at the school. A governor can be anyone with an interest in the school and does not have to be a parent or carer of a child but could be a family member, friend or member of the community.

Am I skilled enough?

All you need to be able to do is read and understand the documents given to you and be willing to ask questions, challenging and supporting the school. There are plenty of training opportunities for new governors—in person and online.

What commitment do I need to make?

There are 6 evening meetings per year to attend usually between 6.30p.m. and 8p.m. Governors receive documentation 7 days before these meetings, which they should read and either send questions beforehand or prepare them for the meeting. As part of the role, governors work in pairs to carry out monitoring by visiting the school and speaking to school staff.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please do ask them to make contact with the school office at enquiries@craylands.kent.sch.uk and they will pass this on to Mr Hiscock.