



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed science week this week and will be sharing what we have learnt with each other in assemblies today. Thank you to Mrs Ward for organising this.

Assessment week

A big well done to all of the children who have worked hard to complete their assessments this week, with Year 6 due to complete their assessments next week. These will now be used alongside teacher assessments and you will receive an update on your child's attainment and progress in the last week of term—this can then be discussed at parents/carers evening.

As part of assessment week, we were visited by another school this week and the teachers from both schools looked at the children's written work, moderating judgements so that they are accurate. We are pleased to say that they agreed with the judgements we were making and I was very pleased with the standard of written work in the books that were being looked at. The children are using our Talk 4 writing process well to then write their own independent pieces and there is certainly lots of progress being made.

Football

Representatives from Years 5 and 6 competed in the Premier League Shield Tournament on Wednesday. Mr Ellen says that they all played really well, working well as a team and had a mixture of results, winning some, drawing some and losing some. They should be very proud of how they represented the school at this event—well done!

Next week, the girls football team is back in action against Westgate. This is part of a knockout tournament with the overall finalists competing at Dartford Football Club in May. We shall wait to see what the outcome of next week's match is and how many more matches we need to play before the finals. Good luck to the team!

Homelearning/Times Tables Rockstars

Last week's assembly really saw a huge improvement in the number of children playing on times tables rockstars last week—I hope that this remains the case this week.

Pupil survey

This week, I surveyed some of the children about a range of areas of school life and one thing in particular that shone out was that the children are not able to name many authors of books that they have read apart from Roald Dahl or David Walliams. Now whilst these authors have a place in children's reading, there are so many other wonderful authors that it would be great to hear the children recognising.

In my borrowing bookshelf that the children are able to borrow books from, we have a range of authors including:

Mitch Johnson

M.G. Leonard

S.F.Said

Louie Stowell

Joseph Coelho

Thomas Leeds

When your child is reading at home, please do speak to them about the author and see if you can find out anything about them so we can increase the range of authors that our children know.

Important dates

30/3	Parents evening
30/3	Last day for pupils
31/3	INSET DAY (End of term 4)
17/4	Start of term 5
23/4	Year 4 residential
1/5	Bank Holiday
8/5	Bank Holiday
9/5– 12/5	KS2 SATS—Year 6 NEED to be in school
26/5	End of term 5
5/6	Start of term 6
30/6	Sports Day
5 & 6/7	Year 6 production
10– 14/7	Year 6 residential
26/7	Last day for pupils
21/7	INSET DAY

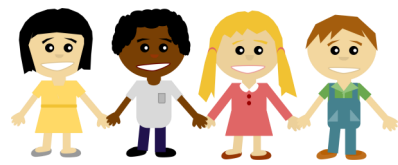
Cars parked on pavement

We have been informed of a number of cars parking on pavements in the roads opposite the school making it difficult for parents/carers to use the pavements.

Images of a greyish Hyundai and a white Ford were sent in yesterday; I have number plates but do not wish to publish these. Please consider how and where you are parking.

Have a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



As part of Science week, we have been reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French and talking lots about healthy eating. The children have set up a carrot experiment to grow carrot leaves and they are excited to see the grass growing on the class 'grass heads' that were started in book week...some are very hairy indeed.

In number, we have explored doubles and the children are deepening their knowledge of how numbers are made. We use stem sentences daily to embed this.

Lastly, a polite reminder about toys - children should not be bringing toys into school in their bags, thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

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.

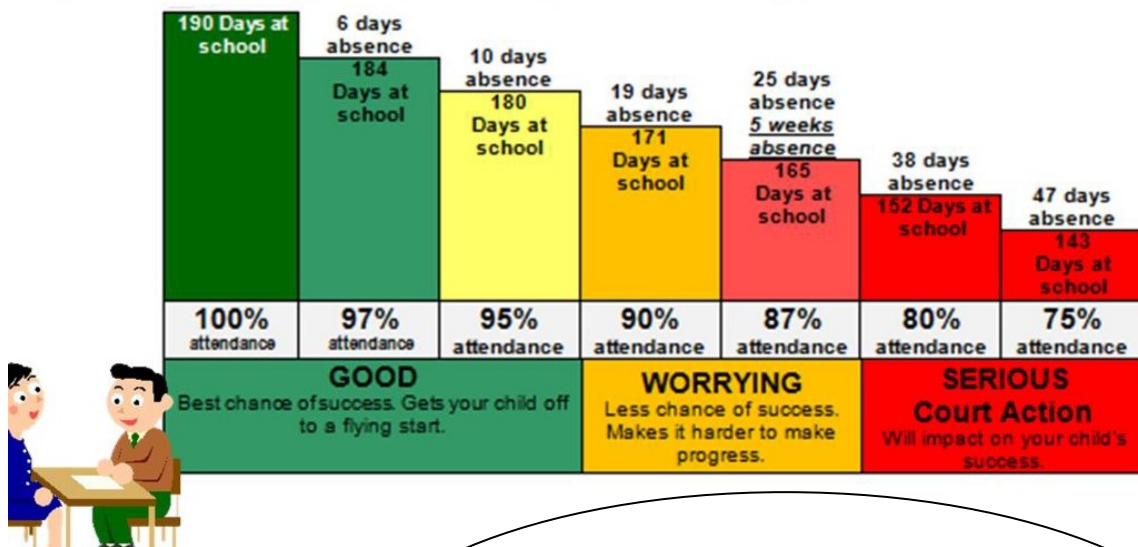
Date	Activity idea
THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<i>Science week</i> Draw a rocket https://youtu.be/ QrPmIZM8w1g
LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<i>Well done to....</i> <i>Harriet (Y2)</i> <i>Eva P (Y5)</i> <i>Forrest (EYFS)</i> <i>Madison (EYFS)</i> <i>Hunter (Y2)</i> <i>Olivia (Y3)</i>

Dates for your diary

Dates for terms 5 & 6 being confirmed and finalised

w/c 19/3	Last week of clubs run by the school
30/3	Parents evening
31/3	INSET DAY
23/4–26/4	Year 4 Residential
1/5	Bank Holiday
5/5	Coronation celebration t.b.c.
8/5	Bank Holiday
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
14/7	School reports handed out
20/7	Last day of the year; early finish times tbc Year 6 leavers assembly p.m. time t.b.c.
21/7	INSET DAY

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	89.6%	8
Funnybones	93.6%	5
Gruffalo	87.6%	7
Stickman	97.3%	3
Dahl	86.3%	10
Wilson	94.3%	4
Simon	96.3%	4
Walliams	96.0%	6
Fine	91.6%	7
Horowitz	93.4%	5
Morpurgo	97.6%	2
Ralf	93.3%	5

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



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		Phonics PhonicsPlay
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Fractions Y2 Summer Block 1 TS1 Introduction to parts and wholes on Vimeo	Apostrophes for possession How to use possessive apostrophes - BBC Bitesize
Dahl/Wilson	Mass Y3 Spring Block 4 TS3 Measure mass in kilograms and grams on Vimeo	Tenses Verbs and the different tenses - BBC Bitesize
Walliams/Simon	Equivalent fractions Y4 Spring Block 3 TS10 Equivalent fraction families on Vimeo	Assessments
Horowitz/Fine	Decimals and percentages Y5 Spring Block 3 TS14 Percentages as decimals on Vimeo	Assessments
Morpurgo/Rauf	Angles Missing Angles - Mathsframe	Commas for meaning How to use commas in sentences - BBC Bitesize



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

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?

Times Tables Rockstars



WINNING CLASS GETS AN EXTRA 5 MINUTES PLAYONLY THOSE WHO PLAY AT LEAST 5 MINUTES PER WEEK WILL GET THIS REWARD FOR EXTENDING THIER LEARNING.

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Gruffalo boys win! - 1668</p> <p>Stickman boys win! - 497</p> <p>Dahl Girls won! - 3639</p> <p>Wilson girls win! - 3533</p> <p>Simon boys win! - 7521</p> <p>Walliams girls win! - 6196</p> <p>Fine boys win! - 10,631</p> <p>Horowitz girls win! - 8041</p> <p>Morpurgo boys win! - 8582</p> <p>Rauf boys win! - 10,026</p>	<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf</p>

HC Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Sonny Sebastian R Madison	RF Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played George M Luana Conor W	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Lenny Khalid Jessica E	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Jai Taylor Aniya	Gruffalo girls Harriet Eva W Gruffalo boys Arind Hunter Dylan	Stickman girls Tiwa Stickman boys Nate Elliot Joseph	Dahl girls Evie G Olivia Angela Dahl boys Kieren Alfie Nathan S
Wilson girls Chika Evie G Amelia Rose Wilson boys Alexander Nathan Freddy	Walliams girls Eva C Helena Safia Walliams boys Adam Alfie Felipe	Simon girls Chidera Stanlietta Kayla Simon boys Harry Zain Ewen	Fine girls Eniola Heritage Amber Fine boys Thomas M Roman Endri	Horowitz girls Emilie Amelie Eva P Horowitz boys Naitik Hayden Ranti	Morpurgo girls Izzie Jade Poppy Morpurgo boys Yassin Tristan Vihaan	Rauf girls Selina Melissa Abigaile Rauf Boys Faren Ben Alfie

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!



<i>Hungry C</i>	<i>Bonnie</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Amelia Rose</i>
<i>Rainbow Fish</i>	<i>Mylah</i>	<i>Walliams</i>	<i>Aria</i>
<i>Elmer</i>	<i>Harry</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Logan</i>
<i>Funnybones</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Horowitz</i>	<i>Eva P</i>
<i>Gruffalo</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Fine</i>	<i>Poppy</i>
<i>Stickman</i>	<i>Elliot</i>	<i>Morpurgo</i>	<i>Jayden</i>
<i>Dahl</i>	<i>George P</i>	<i>Rauf</i>	<i>Honey</i>

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

<i>Hungry C</i>	<i>Sonny</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Alexander</i>
<i>Rainbow Fish</i>	<i>Conor</i>	<i>Walliams</i>	<i>Safia</i>
<i>Elmer</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Joel</i>
<i>Funnybones</i>	<i>Sienna</i>	<i>Fine</i>	<i>Rosey</i>
<i>Gruffalo</i>	<i>Arlind</i>	<i>Horowitz</i>	<i>Tedi S</i>
<i>Stickman</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Morpurgo</i>	<i>Phoebe</i>
<i>Dahl</i>	<i>Sebastian</i>	<i>Rauf</i>	<i>Daisy T</i>



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

Morpurgo Class



Achievements outside of school...

Harrison (Y5) was awarded stage 2 swimming at the weekend—well done!



From left: Mum Mahanz Hajipour, dad Majid Rajabalinia, Eliza and teacher Robert Dymott

Eliza learnt challenging song in just two days

Schoolgirl stuns classmates with self-taught opera

By Alex Langridge

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A nine-year-old has learnt to sing one of the most challenging songs in opera – and she did it in just two days and in German.

Eliza Rajabalinia, from Northfleet, saw Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at The Royal Opera House while on a school trip and fell in love with the music.

The Year 5 student at The Craylands School, in Swanscombe, said: "It was the first time I had seen a show. It was absolutely amazing, it motivated me to sing opera."

"The sound and the music was extraordinary and I just loved it."

She went home afterwards and started watching videos and listening to the performances to learn how it should be sung.

"I learnt the lyrics and listened to the beat," Eliza said. "I just did warm-ups to help my vocal cords so they did not break. Some of it was pretty hard but I got there in the end."

Her mum Mahanz Hajipour added: "She has sung in the choir but not opera. She was practising at home and I thought it was a YouTube video. It has been so emotional hearing her sing."

"I am so proud of Eliza. I was in shock, I just asked how can you do that. This is a gift."

"She has always loved music and singing but this is completely different. It has touched my heart."

The class had been learning about opera and Mozart before attending the show at The Royal



Eliza has learnt to sing the Queen of the Night aria

House in Convent Garden as part of its schools project.

Each year more than 10,000 pupils and teachers are welcomed to its school matinees which aim to give children their first taste of ballet and opera in a full performance.

Eliza's teacher Robert Dymott said: "You never know how children are going to react to opera. We did a whole week of immersive lessons, teaching them about the story and the life of Mozart."

"By the time they went they knew what the show was about. We did a lot of follow-up work after too."

"It was an amazing week and to hear a child has gone home

'She has always loved music and singing but this is completely different'

and enjoyed it so much that they learn one of the songs, there is no greater reward.

"The first time Eliza sung it, it was emotional. To discover a voice like that, it makes everything else that comes with the job worth it."

"Eliza has taken what we saw and it has had an impact on other people. I have been working here for 10 years and I have never had anyone who can sing like that."

The piece Eliza can now perform in German is from *The Magic Flute*.

The aria is known to be one of the most challenging and demanding pieces of opera to sing because of the vocal range required.

But Eliza seems to have it nailed, despite having no training in this genre of music and has performed in front of her school, bringing many to tears and others asking for her autograph.

Mr Dymott has even sent a clip of her performing to The Royal Opera House in the hopes she will be discovered.

Director of learning and participation at The Royal Opera House, Jillian Barker, said: "It was inspiring to see the video of Eliza singing the Queen of the Night – what a fantastic voice."

"We hope very much that Eliza will keep singing and one day fulfil her ambition of singing on The Royal Opera House stage."

And one day Eliza hopes to be able to do just that. She added: "I want to sing any song to my heart's content and I just love singing opera. I am going to continue learning songs."

A huge well done to Eliza for making the local newspapers....her singing is amazing and we hope to see on her on the stage one day!

Keep up the enthusiasm for opera Eliza!

We are very proud!