



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 5

Fri 2 Feb '24

Dear Parents/Carers,

I think that may have been the longest January ever! Nice to start seeing it getting lighter in the mornings and evenings now.

**Children's Mental Health Week:** Next week, the school will be marking children's mental health week. The theme of the week is 'My Voice Matters' and this is such an important part of school life.

We will mark children's mental health week through our assemblies next week, through some of the activities we will teach and we hope to get the whole school together on Friday afternoon to celebrate with some music.

Also next week, we invite you as part of drop off, to join in with a bit of a morning dance. We will open the gate at 8.15 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday morning next week for you and your child/ren to join in with some music and dancing on the KS1 playground. We will then run the drop off zone as normal after this has finished.

If you would like to help with your child's wellbeing at home, the following links may be of use:

Progressive muscle relaxation—<https://video.link/w/wHPH>

4-7-8 breathing techniques—<https://video.link/w/IMPH>

Cosmic Kids visualisation— <https://video.link/w/TXBKc>

Cosmic Kids Yoga— <https://video.link/w/IRPH>

Place 2 be children's mental health—<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

## **Year 6 Young Voices**

On Monday this week, many from Year 6 travelled to the O2 in London to perform in a huge children's choir as part of the Young Voices concert. It is always a long day for the children but they behaved impeccably and oozed enthusiasm and excitement throughout the day. They performed a range of medleys including songs from the musical Matilda and a Pop Medley (I must admit, I may be getting a little old now as I did not recognise any of these more modern songs). I did however enjoy the 90's dance-off against the parents.

A big thank you to the parents/carers who were able to come up and watch and then fight against the traffic getting home again. Also, thank you to the staff who gave up their evening to attend the concert with the children. A big well done to the Year 6 children for learning the songs, dance moves and putting on a brilliant performance.

**Reading mornings:** Thank you to those of you who managed to attend reading mornings this week; the children really do enjoy spending this time with you in school and it really has a positive impact on their view of reading.

**Chinese New Year Lunch:** Please ensure you pay £3.42 to Pinnacle if you have ordered your child a lunch and they are usually packed lunch.

**Lateness:** A reminder to please do all you can to get the children into school BEFORE 8.45 when the gate closes—they miss valuable learning time when they are not in school on time. There is always early morning work for the children to complete from 8.30 so it is important that they get in as early as they can.

## **Important dates**

9/2	PTA valentines sale
9/2	End of term 3
19/2	Term 4 starts
19/2	Chinese New Year lunch
27/2	Extra Year 1 reading morning
12/3	Year 1 and 3 reading morning
13/3	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
14/3	Year 2 and 6 reading morning
15/3	PTA quiz night
28/3	Parents/Carers evening
29/3	Easter Holidays begin
15/4	Term 5 starts
28/4 - 1/5	Year 4 residential
7/5	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
8/5	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
9/5	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
w/c 13/5	Y6 SATS—ALL Y6 MUST BE IN SCHOOL
17/5	School Disco
24/5	Term 5 ends
3/6	Term 6 starts
29/6	Summer Fair
22/7	INSET DAY
23/7	INSET DAY

Thank you for the support shown by parents since sending out last weeks letter regarding behaviour—positive comments are always appreciated.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event
9/2/24	PTA Valentines Day Sale
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7/5/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
8/5/24	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
9/5/24	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
13/5 – 16/5	Year 6 SATS week
17/5	PTA School Disco
11/6/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
12/6/24	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
13/6/24	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
26/6/24	1.45 p.m. Year 6 production
27/6/24	6.30 p.m. Year 6 production
29/6/24	Summer Fair
w/c 1/7	Multicultural week
5/7/24	Sports day
8/7/24 – 12/7/24	Year 6 residential
12/7/24	End of year reports sent out
15/7/24	Jump up afternoon
16/7/24	Jump up afternoon
17/7/24	Reserve sports day
19/7/24	Last day Year 6 leavers assembly 1.45p.m.
22/7	INSET DAY
23/7	INSET DAY

# *Valentine's Day Sweet Treats!*

ON SALE AFTER SCHOOL ON  
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY  
OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE

CASH AND CARD PAYMENTS  
ACCEPTED



# EYFS NEWS



It has been lovely to have the sun shining more on us in the garden this week. It is always interesting to observe the way children's interests change seasonally let alone daily.

Many have engaged more with outdoor water play again, demonstrating excellent critical thinking skills.

Making bread and watching the dough grow was another immersive experience for the children this week. Although we did not taste it, we used our other senses fully.

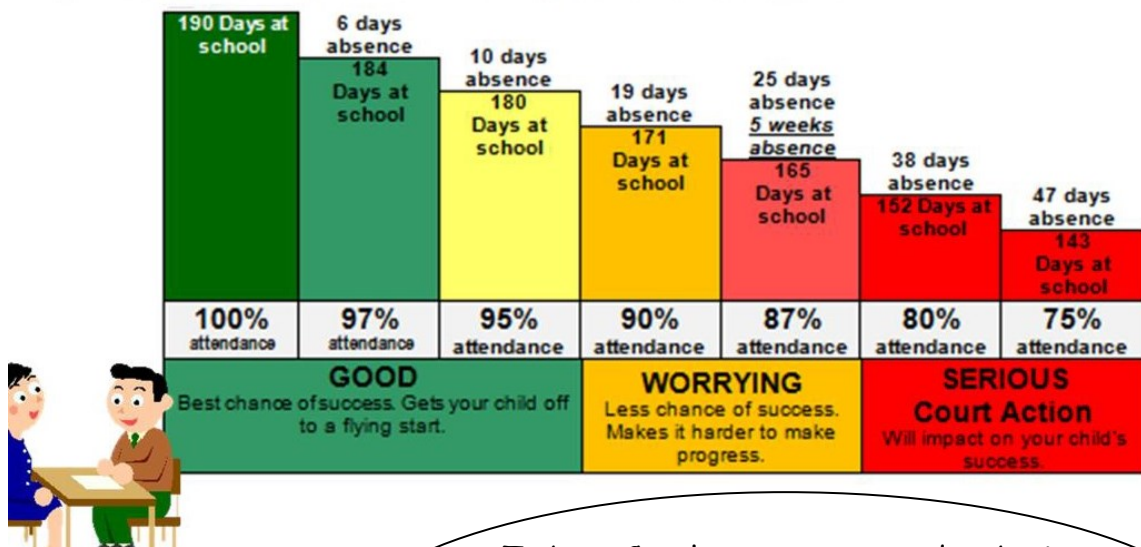
We will end the term learning about Chinese New Year celebrations.



## **Achievements outside of school...**

Nahil has completed the story mode in Numbots—100% completed....very well done Nahil!

# 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

Class	Attendance this week	No of children off this week
Elmer	96.3%	4
Funnybones	95.3%	4
Gruffalo	93.6%	6
Stickman	90.3%	7
Dahl	96.6%	3
Wilson	91.3%	6
Simon	95.4%	4
Walliams	97.9%	2
Fine	98.6%	3
Horowitz	91.6%	7
Morpurgo	95.5%	7
Rauf	88.0%	7

WELL DONE TO.....  
**Y5 Fine Class**  
for having the highest attendance this week

# Times Tables Rockstars

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
Boys scored 52,810	Stickman vs Gruffalo
	Dahl vs Wilson
Girls scored 38,388	Walliams vs Simon
	Horowitz vs Fine
Well done boys!	Morpurgo vs Rauf

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

<b>Hungry Caterpillars</b> Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Louie Hiya Lewis	<b>Rainbow Fish</b> Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Muawwiz Unity Sara	<b>Funnybones</b> Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Nahil Sebastian Hoorain	<b>Elmer</b> Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played Idris Holly Jasper
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<u>Boys</u> Alexander R Alexander Z Riaan	<u>Girls</u> Inika Evie G-R Monaco
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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		Practise phonics <a href="http://phonicsplay.co.uk">Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)</a>
Gruffalo/ Stickman		Practise phonics <a href="http://phonicsplay.co.uk">Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)</a>
Dahl/Wilson	Division with remainders <a href="#">Y3 Spring Block 1 TS9 Divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number - with reminders on Vimeo</a>	Punctuating sentences <a href="#">Punctuation - KS2 English - BBC Bitesize</a>
Walliams/Simon	Dividing 2 digit and 3 digit <a href="#">Y4 Spring Block 1 TS12 Divide a 2digit number by a 1digit number 2 on Vimeo</a>	Causal conjunctions <a href="#">Conjunctions including 'because' - BBC Bitesize</a>
Horowitz/Fine	Multiplying 1 digit by 4 digits <a href="#">Y5 Spring Block 1 TS1 Multiply up to a 4digit number by a 1digit number on Vimeo</a>	Modal verbs <a href="#">What is a modal verb - Definition and examples - BBC Bitesize</a>
Morpurgo/Rauf	Decimals <a href="#">Year 6 Spring Block 3 TS4 Add and subtract decimals on Vimeo</a>	Colons for lists <a href="#">What are colons and semicolons? - BBC Bitesize</a>



What is your child learning about in STAR

Year 1	What is it like where we live in the past?
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?

# 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	Nova	Wilson	Elliot
Rainbow Fish	Aurora	Walliams	Alfie
Elmer	Nancy	Simon	Angela
Funnybones	Holly & Idris	Horowitz	Olivia
Gruffalo	Jessica	Fine	Harrison
Stickman	Gracie	Morpurgo	Alannah
Dahl	Brody	Rauf	Marley

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

Hungry C	Ronnie	Wilson	Matthew
Rainbow Fish	Ruby C	Walliams	Thea
Elmer	Sonny	Simon	Enzo
Funnybones	Bonnie	Fine	Elizabeth
Gruffalo	Eddie	Horowitz	Libby
Stickman	Rocco	Morpurgo	Toyosi
Dahl	Hayden	Rauf	Poppy



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



Y5 Fine Class



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(AGES 3, 4 & 5)