



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4

Friday 15th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to all the kind words that you have shared upon my return and whilst I have been on paternity leave. I am the very proud dad of a little girl who we named Sienna-Rose. Both mum and baby are doing amazingly well. If you see me looking a little more tired than usual, you will now know why! Thank you to Mrs Cox and Mrs Stone for leading the school in my absence.

History workshops

This week, the children have taken part in history workshops from years 1 to year 6 (exception of year 5). These have supported the children's learning about the past. The children had the following workshops:

Year 1: The Victorians

Year 2: Mary Seacole

Year 3: The Stone Age

Year 4: The Romans

Year 6: The Tudors

The children have had the opportunity to take part in some drama and meet someone from this each period of history. We hope that they have learn something and are able to take this back into their history lessons. Thank you to Miss King for arranging these workshops and for the contributions from parents/carers to allow these to happen.

Respect to staff

It is a shame that I have returned from paternity leave to find out that both of the Assistant Heads have been shouted at by parents/carers at some point in my absence. A reminder that we request parents/carers to show respect towards staff at all times. We understand that there are times that you may get frustrated with what is being said to you but we should never be shouted at, called names or be verbally abused.

Friends of Craylands support

Thank you so much to the Friends of Craylands for running Lenny's Golden ticket initiative and the chocolate selling for Valentines day. Both of these are examples of new initiatives that they are thinking of to raise money for the school. I hope that the quiz night is a great success tonight and apologise I can not host this year, however the lovely Mrs Cox is more than capable of being quiz master tonight. Thank you to the staff including Mrs Scarborough and Mrs Chandler for all the preparation that has gone into the quiz.

Assessment week

A big well done to all of the children who have worked hard to complete their assessments this week or will do over the 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. We will be visiting another school next Wednesday to moderate writing with them to ensure our judgements are accurate.

Important dates

15/3	PTA quiz night
28/3	Parents/Carers evening
29/3	Easter Holidays begin
15/4	Term 5 starts
25/4	Extra Y1 reading morning
28/4 - 1/5	Year 4 residential
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
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
22/7	INSET DAY
23/7	INSET DAY



Ramadan Mubarak for anyone in our community recognising this Holy time for Muslims.

Find out more about Ramadan later in the newsletter.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Some members of our community will be recognising Ramadan currently...find out more information about this Holy Month for Muslims below.

Rāmādān Mubārāk

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.



Fasting involves abstaining from food, drink (including water), smoking, [REDACTED]

During Ramadan, Muslims also focus on self-discipline, self-improvement, and strengthening their connection with Allah.



The pre-dawn meal before the fast begins is called Suhoor, and the meal to break the fast at sunset is called Iftar.

Ramadan is not only about fasting but also about spiritual reflection, increased prayer, reading the Holy Quran, and partaking in acts of charity.



The Holy Quran was first revealed to the beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) during the month of Ramadan.

Muslims are encouraged to increase their worship and good deeds during Ramadan, seeking forgiveness and blessings.



The last ten days of Ramadan are especially significant, as they include Laylat-ul-Qadr, the Night of Power, which is considered the holiest night of the year.

The festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, marks the end of Ramadan and is celebrated with prayers, visiting family, feasting, and giving of gifts.



FRIENDS OF CRAYLANDS



FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

7PM-11PM

(DOORS OPEN 6.30PM)

TICKETS £6 EACH

(INCLUDES ENTRY INTO PRIZE DRAW)



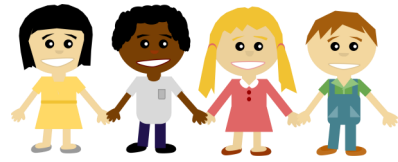
SCAN ME

FISH & CHIP SUPPER AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
15/3/24	PTA Quiz Night
28/3/24	Parents/Carers evening
25/4/24	Extra year 1 reading morning
28/4 – 1/5	Year 4 residential
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
w/c 1/7	Multicultural week
5/7/24	Sports day (MAY NEED TO CHANGE DUE TO NO FIELD—TBC)
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

EYFS NEWS



Learning highlights for this week include the following - exploring 3D shapes, monitoring the runner beans growing, studying the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, printing with vegetables and fruit, heaving the enormous turnip in drama, understanding that equal parts make doubles, reading longer words and writing simple captions.

As you can see the children have been very busy!

Please note that there will be no reading mornings for the last two weeks of term. Also, please do remember to book an appointment for parents evening on Thursday 28th March if you haven't already done so.

SOS—We have run out of spare changes of underwear, socks and other items due to them not being returned. If you have spare clothes belonging to the School, please could you return them asap. Ideally, every child should have their own spare set of underwear and socks at the very least that remain in School on pegs. This is not only necessary in the event of toilet accidents, but also excessive messy/sensory play or falls in mud or puddles in the playground, for example.

Thank you.



Achievements outside of school...

George M (Elmer) completed 1st stage of swimming and moved in to the 2nd stage—well done George!

Times Tables Rockstars

<i>Last weeks results...</i>	<i>This week's battles.....</i>
<p>Boys</p> <p>26,093</p> <p>Girls</p> <p>23,176</p> <p>Girls win overall!</p>	<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played
Lewis Frankie Luna-Grey	Martyna Dave David	Julia Sebastian Amir	Morire Malakai Holly

<u>Boys</u> Alexander Joseph Finley	<u>Girls</u> Angela Helena Amelie
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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 Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)
Gruffalo/ Stickman		Practise phonics Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)
Dahl/Wilson	Fractions Y3 Spring Block 3 TS2 Compare and order unit fractions on Vimeo	Assessment week
Walliams/Simon	Assessment week	Assessment week
Horowitz/Fine	Tenths and hundredths Y5 Spring Block 3 TS2 Equivalent fractions and decimals (tenths) on Vimeo	Revised punctuation Punctuation - KS2 English - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Statistics Year 6 Spring Block 6 TS1 Line graphs on Vimeo	Subjunctive https://youtu.be/VUNJ-qYnUAE?si=mgaQaSJUsaXfmq_R



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

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 and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C Nova Wilson Ayla
Rainbow Fish Nosagie Walliams Faith
Elmer George Simon Inika
Funnybones Kit Horowitz Will

Gruffalo Jiya Fine Fletcher
Stickman Rowan Morpurgo Eva J

Dahl Billy Rauf Isla

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

Hungry C	Ethan-Andrew	Wilson	Bertie
Rainbow Fish	Martyna	Walliams	Olivia C
Elmer	Kieran	Simon	Poppy
Funnybones	Sebi	Fine	Elizabeth
Gruffalo	Chloe	Horowitz	Kathryn
Stickman	Bentley	Morpurgo	Jess L
Dahl	Reggie	Rauf	Thomas M



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





Spring

KIDS CLUB
EXTRAVAGANZA

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

8th-11th April

8.30AM - 3.30PM

**Knockhall Primary School
Greenhithe**

- **For HAF Spaces:** **Use Holiday Activities Vouchers & Site**
- **For Paid Spaces:** www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs

- Lunch Included
- Childcare vouchers accepted
- 5-11 Years

Our Staff:

All staff have relevant experience and obtain an enhanced DBS check, paediatric first aid, food hygiene safeguarding

**HAF Spaces
Available!**

**'Travel' with us to Cuba,
Australia, Morocco and
Japan this Easter Holiday!**



African Fusion

Celebrating African rhythm
& its influence across the globe



Date: 23rd March

Time: 4pm – 8pm

Location: Castle Hill
Community
Centre

A community-led event including
music, art, food, dance and more



Local African-inspired food vendors

Exhibitions & interactive workshops

Performances by:

Nationally renowned Afrobeats artist SILVASTONE
Kenyan drumming & acrobatic troupe Dubafrique
Explosive reggae band Reminisce Reggae
Gifted Young Gravesham & One Voice Community Choir



Tickets
from £2
+booking fee



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