



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 5 Week 3

Fri 3 May '24

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to be speeding by—only a 4 day week next week but still plenty of opportunity for lots of learning to take place.

Year 4 residential

On Sunday, many of the Year 4 children departed Craylands heading to Kingswood in Ashford for their residential. During their time there, they took part in a range of activities including shelter building, fire making, climbing, high ropes and the leap of faith. As well as all of this, I hear that they ate lots also!

I hear that they children were well behaved during the trip and that lots of them demonstrated Craylearning skills, taking risks by giving things a go that they perhaps were nervous of doing. This is what a residential is for...it helps build up confidence, resilience and team work.

These residential do not happen all by themselves and take the dedication of a team of staff to plan, prepare and lead the trip; they take time away from their own families and often sacrifice sleep with the 5.30am wake up calls from the children. A thank you to anyone who took the opportunity to thank the staff when they got off the coach—it really does mean a lot, as a residential is no easy feat (I've been on plenty, so I certainly know!)

A big than you to Mrs Roddan, Mr Ellen, Mrs John, Mrs Scarborough, Mrs Strudwick, Mrs Lynn and Mrs Robinson for accompanying and looking after the children.

Better Points

As you may have seen in the recent newsletters, we have entered into the Better Points, 'Let's Clean Up the School Run' challenge run by Ebbsfleet development corporation.

Remember to download the BetterPoints app to start tracking your activity during school drop off and pick up time - walking, wheeling, cycling and scooting all counts.

Don't forget, it doesn't matter how big or small your school is, it's about the % of your school community that you can get to take part! This means that all schools have an equal chance of winning some great prizes for the school community.

The leaderboard currently looks like this:

Position	School	Points
1	Springhead Park Primary	25
2	Ebbsfleet Green School	20
3	The Craylands School	7
4	Lawn Primary	2
5	Cherry Orchard Primary	2
6	Manor Community Primary	1

Important dates

7/5	Y4+Y5 reading morning
8/5	Y3+Y6 reading morning
9/5	Y1+Y2 reading morning
w/c 13/5	Y6 SATS—ALL Y6 MUST BE IN SCHOOL
17/5	School Disco
21/5 3.30pm	11+ briefing for Y5 parents
24/5	Term 5 ends
3/6	Term 6 starts
11/6	Y4+Y5 reading morning
12/6	Y3+Y6 reading morning
13/6	Y1+Y2 reading morning
26/6	Yr 6 production p.m.
27/6	Yr 6 production eve
5/7	Sports Day KS2 a.m. (at Ebbsfleet) KS1 - p.m. at school
22+ 23/7	INSET DAYS
2+3/9	INSET DAYS
4/9	PUPILS RETURN

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY 24/5

The PTA are arranging a dress down day on Friday 24th May and rainbow hamper donations (more info to follow next week)

To book tickets for the PTA disco (Y1-Y6) go to:

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

Look forward to seeing many of you at reading mornings next week.
Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend—Mr Hiscock

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
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
21/5/24	3.30pm 11+ Briefing for Y5 parents
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	<p>Sports day</p> <p>KS2 a.m. Ebbsfleet Secondary School (timings/arrangements t.b.c.)</p> <p>EYFS/KS1 p.m.—Craylands (specific times sent out closer to time)</p>
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
19/7/24	<p>Last day</p> <p>Early finish</p> <p>EYFS—1.15p.m.</p> <p>Year 1 & 2 - 1.20 p.m.</p> <p>Year 3 & 4—1. 25 p.m.</p> <p>Year 5—1.30 p.m.</p> <p>Year 6 leavers assembly 1.45p.m.</p>
22/7 + 23/7/24	INSET DAYS
2/9 + 3/9/24	INSET DAYS
4/9/24	PUPILS RETURN

**FRIENDS OF GRAYLANDS
INVITES YOU TO OUR**

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024

BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE

YEAR 1 & 2 3.30-4.30PM

YEAR 3 & 4 4.45-5.45PM

YEAR 5 & 6 6-7.15PM

How do I record my activities?

To record your activities, switch your tracking to on and start earning points towards your school leader board.

How does my school win a prize?

It's all about the number of parents, guardians and staff who take part, so encourage as many people as you can to sign up and join in with active travel! You can track your school's progress on the leader board. Come the end of the challenge, if you and your fellow parents, guardians and staff are at the top of the leader board the following prizes will be awarded:

- **1st Prize – a visit to the school from award winning theatre company 'Histrionics'**
- **2nd Prize - £250 to be spent on gardening or sports equipment or resources to encourage active travel**
- **3rd Prize - £150 to be spent on gardening or sports equipment or resources to encourage active travel**

Can I win any prizes as an individual?

Yes! By walking, wheeling, cycling, or scooting to and from school as much as possible! Every weekday morning between 7am – 10am and afternoon 2pm – 6pm you can earn BetterPoints and BetterTickets for individual prize draws.

How is the winner calculated?

The leader board is scored as a percentage of participants that take part based on the size of the school, to ensure that schools of all sizes have a fair chance of winning. It's all about the number of students, parents, guardians and staff who take part, so encourage as many people as you can to join in!

What is the BetterPoints App?

BetterPoints is an award-winning behaviour change technology company that helps people improve their own health and that of the wider community. Their vision is to create local self-supporting challenges that deliver sustainability, carbon reduction, improved self-health and social care, as well as community cohesion.

What are BetterPoints?

BetterPoints are a financially backed currency that you can redeem for high street vouchers or give to your favourite charity or community group (1,000 BetterPoints is equivalent to £1.). BetterTickets give you entry into prize draws. If you haven't done so already, make sure you join the Get Active in Ebbsfleet main challenge for the chance to win a lot more points of tickets for getting active!

What can I spend my points on?

Points can be redeemed for a variety of high-street vouchers. You can check what is available by tapping Rewards on the bottom navigation bar of your app. You can also give your points to charities and community groups, including a number of local causes too.

What type of activity counts?

Any recorded walking, wheeling, cycling, or scooting activities during the morning and afternoon school run will count towards winning individual prizes.

Can pupils use the app?

To use the BetterPoints app you must be 14 years of age and over. This restriction is in line with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), which protects every child under the age of 13.

Can I take part if I am in a wheelchair or mobility scooter, and if so, how do I record my journeys?

Yes! All kinds of wheelchairs and mobility scooters can be tracked as 'wheeling' in the app. Your app will automatically track your journey. Due to the motion sensors inbuilt in your device, and the algorithms in the app, it may assume you are cycling, rather than using a wheelchair or mobility scooter. In your timeline, after completing your journey you will be able to amend this to wheeling and your journey will be updated.

If the challenge has already started, can I still join in?

Yes! You can register to take part at any time during the challenge.

How does Automatic Tracking work?

The app monitors movement of the phone and will start registering a movement when the device has moved a significant distance. Once recording, waypoints are uploaded to the server as you move. Activities like walking around your home will not be picked up. Once an activity is registered as complete, BetterPoints or BetterTickets can be applied to it.

Where can I find more information?

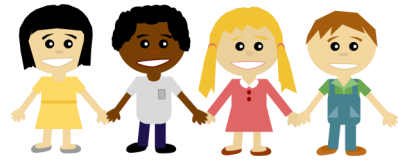
For more information about BetterPoints and how the app works, visit the Get Active in Ebbsfleet website by scanning the QR code below.



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EBBSFLEET



EYFS NEWS



The energy in the setting certainly changed at the beginning of this week; the sunshine motivated literally everyone to engage in the garden all at once and lots of lovely learning was observed. Many of the children have been creating little books about mini-beasts as well as making bug houses for them.

We hope that the warmer weather continues and that the children enjoy their learning outside.

Please could I remind you that squash and flavoured water is not allowed in school and note that it will be replaced with water if sent in.



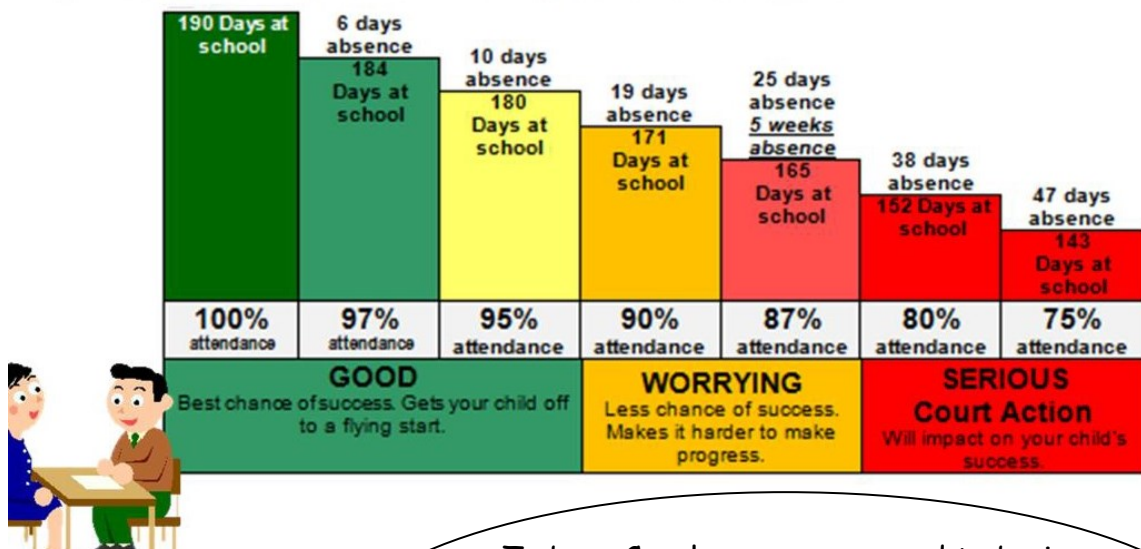
Achievements outside of school...

On Monday 13th May, Brody (Dahl class) will be signing with Crystal Palace FC at the stadium Selhurst Park. He has been offered a 2 year contract for under 9's and under 10's!

Macen (Morpurgo) has found out last week he has been retained for another season at Chelsea for U12's. All his hard work has paid off to have been given another season there.

Fantastic achievement for both of these boys—well done!

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	93.6%	7
Funnybones	96.0%	2
Gruffalo	97.6%	4
Stickman	95.0%	4
Dahl	91.0%	4
Wilson	94.6%	3
Simon	89.3%	13
Walliams	93.7%	7
Fine	100%	0
Horowitz	98.7%	2
Morpurgo	97.3%	5
Rauf	96.3%	4

WELL DONE TO.....

Fine Class for having perfect attendance this week

Times Tables Rockstars

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Stickman vs Wilson 2646 4731 Wilson wins!</p> <p>Gruffalo vs Dahl 5748 4418 Gruffalo wins!</p> <p>Simon vs Fine 12312 12626 Fine wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Horowitz 8035 8885 Horowitz wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 6391 3945 Morpurgo wins!</p>	<p>Girls vs Boys in each of the classes</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	Stickman	Gruffalo	Dahl
Hiya Kirsty Lewis	Unity Ruby Florence	Amir Nahil Benjamin	Morire Jasper Adam	Jack Jai Bentley	Dylan Joshua Khalid	Isla Eva Dylan
Wilson Bertie Ellie Adrian	Simon Jovel Inika Angela	Walliams Alexander Harry P Alfie C	Horowitz Alexander Zain Safia	Fine Callum Finley Alfie	Rauf Marley Grishiga Heritage	Morpurgo Naitik Amelie Ditvi



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 of amounts Y3 Summer Block 1 TS5 Non unit fractions of a set of objects on Vimeo	Revision https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zs82p9q
Walliams/Simon	Residential	Residential
Horowitz/Fine	Area of compound shapes Y5 Spring Block 4 TS5 Area of compound shapes on Vimeo	Colons and semi colons What are colons and semicolons? - BBC Bitesize
Morpurgo/Rauf	Revision https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zs82p9q	Revision https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zs82p9q



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

Year 1	What were holidays like in the past?
Year 2	What are different parts of the world like?
Year 3	Who were the Ancient Greeks?
Year 4	Who was Tutankhamun and how do we know about him?
Year 5	Where should you visit in Europe? Is it the same as the
Year 6	How has Swanscombe evolved over time?

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	Sienna	Wilson	Iyla
Rainbow Fish	Dave	Walliams	Whole class
Elmer	Arthur	Simon	Whole class
Funnybones	Nahil	Horowitz	Iola
Gruffalo	Jessica	Fine	Megan
Stickman	Levi	Morpurgo	Eva P
Dahl	Zayan	Rauf	Archie S

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

Hungry C	Callum	Wilson	Emilia
Rainbow Fish	James	Walliams	Whole class
Elmer	Malakai and Olivia	Simon	Whole class
Funnybones	Julia	Fine	Elizabeth
Gruffalo	Lottie	Horowitz	Jensen
Stickman	Jai	Morpurgo	Tedi S
Dahl	Theo	Rauf	Gemma



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



Fine Class