



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 6 Week 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We now only have a couple of weeks left of this academic year—lots to fit in still!

## Multi-cultural week

This week, the children have been taking part in multi-cultural week, learning about the importance of diversity in our community and across the world. Each class chose a country that will be taking part in the Olympic Games which will be happening in the summer in Paris, France. Throughout the week, they have been studying this country, learning about any traditional clothing or customs that the country has and completing creative activities based on their learning whether that be through dance or art.

The countries that the children have been learning about have been:

EYFS—Kenya  
Year 1—Mexico  
Year 2—France  
Year 3—Greece  
Year 4—Lithuania  
Horowitz—Poland  
Fine—Australia  
Year 6—New Zealand

On Thursday, the children came into school dressed in clothing that represents a community that they belong to; whether that be based on a country, a religion, a club or just clothing that represents themselves in some shape or form. I was so pleased that many of them made the effort to wear authentic clothing that represented a community and culture. We had a get together in the afternoon so that everyone could see and find out what each class had learnt.

A big thank you to the parents/carers who got in contact and came in to talk to their child's class/year group about their culture. We really appreciate your support with this and the children enjoyed the time that you spent with them.

## Reports/New classes

The children will receive their reports next Friday and will also find out their new teacher; if they are in a year group that we are mixing up (EYFS, year 2, year 3 and year 4) they will also find out which class they will be in—they will not find out who else is in their class. They will have an opportunity to work in their new classes in the jump up afternoons that we have planned for on the Monday and Tuesday of the last week of term.

## Year 6 residential

Many of the year 6 children are off on their residential next week; we wish them a lovely time away in the Isle of Wight and hope the sun shines for them. Remember that parents/carers can keep up to date with what is going on following the school Twitter (or X as it is now known) account@craylands

Hope you all have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

## Important dates

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 8/7   | Y6 leave for the IOW   |
| 8/7   | Grosvenor Hall 2025 payment due  |
| 12/7  | Y6 return from the IOW   |
| 15/7  | Jump up afternoon  |
| 16/7  | Jump up afternoon  |
| 17/7  | Careers/money day  |
| 17/7  | 5.30pm-8pm Y6 Leavers fun/games evening  |
| 19/7  | <b>Last day</b><br><b>Early finish</b><br><b>EYFS—1.15pm</b><br><b>Years 1&amp;2 - 1.20pm</b><br><b>Years 3&amp;4—1.25pm</b><br><b>Year 5—1.30 pm</b><br><b>Year 6 leavers assembly 1.45pm</b> |
| 22/7+ | INSET DAYS   |
| 23/7  |  |
| 2+3/9 | INSET DAYS   |
| 4/9   | PUPILS RETURN  |

## SPORTS DAY

Once again, apologies for cancelling sports day. If we can, we will try to schedule some small sports day sessions in the last week—watch this space.

## Last day of term

A reminder that the children finish early on the last day of term so that we can hold the Year 6 leaver's assembly.

EYFS—1.15pm  
Year 1 & 2 - 1.20 pm  
Year 3 & 4—1.25 pm  
Year 5—1.30 pm  
Year 6 leavers assembly 1.45pm

# Dates for your diary

| <b>Date</b>      | <b>Event</b>   |
|------------------|--|
| 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          | Careers/money day  |
| 17/7/24          | Year 6 leavers evening 5.30pm-8pm  |
| 19/7/24          | Last day<br>Early finish<br>EYFS—1.15p.m.<br>Year 1 & 2 - 1.20 p.m.<br>Year 3 & 4—1. 25 p.m.<br>Year 5—1.30 p.m.<br>Year 6 leavers assembly 1.45p.m. |
| 22/7/24          | INSET DAY  |
| 23/7/24          | INSET DAY  |
| 2/9/24           | INSET DAY  |
| 3/9/24           | INSET DAY  |
| 4/9/24           | Children return to school  |

# EYFS NEWS



We started off the week with a very exciting and educational visit from the local fire brigade. The children had a fantastic time sitting in the fire engine, using the hose to spray the playground and trying on the protective uniform. The fire officers commented on how well behaved all of the children were and they themselves thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Craylands School.

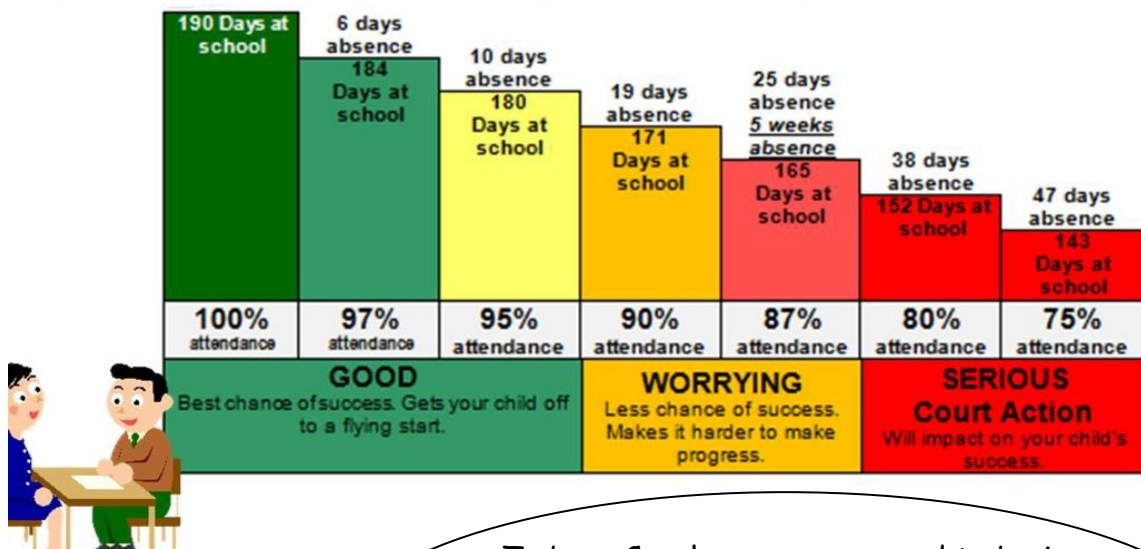
Using Handa's Surprise as a spring board the children have been learning a little about Kenya. We have looked at the savannah landscape and it's animals as well as the capital city of Nairobi. Thank you also for sending in exotic fruits to enhance the text; the children have been very interested in looking inside the open fruit and discussing their likes and dislikes. The children joined in with the rest of the school for a multi-cultural assembly by dancing to a traditional Kenyan welcome song called Jambo Bwana.



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

Poppy (Simon) achieved first place in a dance championship held recently—well done Poppy!

# 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      | 93.4%                | 6                            |
| Funnybones | 97.3%                | 4                            |
| Gruffalo   | 98.0%                | 2                            |
| Stickman   | 90.0%                | 6                            |
| Dahl       | 95.1%                | 6                            |
| Wilson     | 96.0%                | 6                            |
| Simon      | 97.1%                | 4                            |
| Walliams   | 92.4%                | 4                            |
| Fine       | 96.7%                | 6                            |
| Horowitz   | 94.1%                | 4                            |
| Morpurgo   | 98.6%                | 2                            |
| Rauf       | 96.6%                | 4                            |

WELL DONE TO.....

Gruffalo Class for having the highest attendance this week

# Times Tables Rockstars

| <i>Last weeks results...</i>   | <i>This week's battles.....</i>   |
|--|---|
| <p><i>Boys</i></p> <p>63,302</p> <p><i>Girls</i></p> <p>17,542</p> <p><i>Boys won!</i></p> | <p><i>Boys vs Girls</i></p> <p><i>The Rematch!</i></p> <p><i>This is the last battle of the year!</i></p> |

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

| <b>Hungry Caterpillars</b><br>Top 3 players on Numbots<br>Minutes played | <b>Rainbow Fish</b><br>Top 3 players on Numbots<br>Minutes played | <b>Funnybones</b><br>Top 3 players on Numbots<br>Minutes played | <b>Elmer</b><br>Top 3 players on Numbots<br>Minutes played |
|--|---|---|--|
| Elizabeth<br>Lewis<br>Hiya   | Martyna<br>David<br>Marcu   | Julia<br>Amir<br>Nahil  | Holly<br>Kieren<br>Morire                                  |

| <u>Top 3 boys</u>                | <u>Top 3 girls</u>           |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Dylan K<br>Alexander R<br>Khalid | Angela<br>Evelyn G<br>Amelie |

# 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    *Alex*        Wilson    *Finley*  
Rainbow Fish    *Ruby*        Walliams    *James*  
Elmer        *Whole class*        Simon    *Sienna*  
Funnybones    *Forrest*        Horowitz    *Ashley*  
Gruffalo        *Jiya*        Fine        *Fletcher*  
Stickman        *Sofia I*        Morpurgo    *Janae*  
Dahl        *Whole class*    Rauf        *Sadie*

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

|              |                    |          |                 |
|--------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Hungry C     | <i>Franky</i>      | Wilson   | <i>Elsie</i>    |
| Rainbow Fish | <i>Nancy</i>       | Walliams | <i>Joshua</i>   |
| Elmer        | <i>Jack</i>        | Simon    | <i>Poppy</i>    |
| Funnybones   | <i>Ottillie</i>    | Fine     | <i>Tristan</i>  |
| Gruffalo     | <i>Dylan</i>       | Horowitz | <i>Reggie</i>   |
| Stickman     | <i>Ava</i>         | Morpurgo | <i>George</i>   |
| Dahl         | <i>Whole class</i> | Rauf     | <i>Heritage</i> |



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



**Gruffalo Class**