

CRAWLEY RIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Message from Mrs Knight

Dear Parents & Carers,

The staff and I are looking forward to meeting you at the parents' consultations this week. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for us to share information with you and for you to share with us. The meetings will round off a busy half term.

Forest School

Blast off in Forest School!

This term Yr5 have been exploring space as their topic. In Forest School the children have been able to use their scientific knowledge to make and launch their own rockets to Mars; experimenting with different ratios of different ingredients, with exciting results! Once landed on Mars, the children learnt about 'Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs', focusing on the 'basic needs of man' to survive. In doing so, they have learnt to build shelters and fire lighting using a flint and steel. Finally, the children in teams were asked to complete a '10-minute fire challenge', where they had to work together to keep a fire going for 10 minutes. The children were totally engaged and had lots of fun.

Wednesday Wellies and Forest School Club

In Wednesday Wellies and Forest School Club we have had lots of fun, playing team games and of course eating marshmallows, learning fire lighting skills, different types of knots and shelter building. During Chinese New Year the children whittled sticks to make chopsticks, which we used to eat vegetable noodles cooked on the open fire. In the run up to Valentine's Day the children created red paracord bracelets to take home as a gift.

By Mrs Cherry and Mrs Turland

Pupil Parliament

The Pupil Parliament has been very busy this term. The Learning Council have been monitoring lessons and feeding their observations back to Miss Jolliffe. This pupil view of our school will be really helpful in our ongoing self-evaluation process. The Well-Being Council has been creating a child friendly version of our Anti-Bullying policy and they led an assembly for the rest of the school on what bullying is (and is not) and how we can work together to prevent it.

Digital Leaders

To expand our opportunities for children to take on leadership roles further, Mr Davies has appointed a team of digital leaders to support the delivery of IT lessons and to be ambassadors of internet safety. The children were interviewed for these roles and they are taking their job very seriously.

Netball Match

On Wednesday 29th January, years 5 & 6 represented our school in a netball match against St Augustine's and Hammond. Both schools played incredibly well. Everyone one played 2 matches with great techniques and persevered no matter what the score was. At the end of each match everyone stood in a line and chanted hip hip hoorays and shook hand. The scores were 10-1 to us against St Augustine's and 3-2 against Hammond.

By Sophie Rushe & Katie McBride

Football Match

On Wednesday, Crawley Ridge hosted a year 5 football match against St Augustine's and Hammond schools. In the end all teams were victorious, winning a match each. Our first match was against St Augustine's and we came away with a 2-0 win. Our scorers were Max Payne and Finley Davie with some good saves by our keeper, Toby Winning. Our second game was not triumphant although Jake Grove scored one goal and Toby saved a number of goals. The final score was 3-1 against us, but Mr Davies said that we all played very well.

By Mia Johansen and Toby Winning

Staffing News

At the end of the month we will be saying farewell to Mrs Biswas and Mrs Castagnetti. Mrs Biswas has worked in the school and in Graitney and she will be greatly missed. Mrs Biswas is re-locating to Dubai and we wish her all the best in her travels. Mrs Castagnetti has supported lunchtimes for the last five years and we are grateful for all her help and support. Mrs Castagnetti is leaving to develop her career as a teaching assistant.

Road Safety

Could I please remind you again of the need to park and drive with consideration and respect. We still have parents turning on Crawley Ridge which inevitably means reversing towards the pavement and small children, who are below the range of mirrors. I have also been saddened to receive phone calls from our neighbours complaining of parents being rude to them.

Science Club

We are pleased to have been able to offer a new science club this term. The club provides an opportunity to generate awe and wonder and to prove that science is fun. It is very clear that the children are enjoying the sessions.

PTA

The PTA continue to be busy with a disco to entertain the children and a quiz night to entertain the adults! Both events were well attended and great fun. This year the PTA are raising funds to replace the broken decking in the pond area and to purchase outdoor furniture so that the children can work outside once the weather improves. Both things will benefit all the children in the school.

I hope you have a very happy half term break. The 24th February is an Inset Day, so we look forward to welcoming your children back on Tuesday 25th February at 8:35am

Kind regards,

Sue Knight

Head Teacher





Year 3 have been working hard on their new 'Telling Tales' topic. They have already looked at the Just So stories as well as assorted fairy stories and fables. The stories have been brought to life through drama and the children have been busy writing their own versions of these much-loved tales.

Year 4 have been finishing off the artwork from their Kenya topic. Their topic books have smart batik front covers and the children have created some amazing clays based on traditional Kenyan designs. They are now working on their new topic of Ancient Greece.

Year 5 have immersed themselves in all things Space and the school had a visit from Winchester Planetarium. The staff from the Winchester Science Centre were amazed by the children's knowledge and the depth of their questioning. The children have taken their topic into their art lessons and they have produced pastels in the style of Peter Thorpe.

Year 6 started the year with their trip to the Hindu temple at Neasden. The beautiful building never fails to impress the children and they produced some amazing descriptive writing. They have also enjoyed a Bollywood dance workshop and are busy creating dances of their own. Last week, the children had their first practice of taking their SATs and we were all impressed with how hard they worked.

Dates:

Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th February—Parent Consultations.

Friday 14th February—French Day

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February—Half Term week.

Monday 24th February—Inset Day - school closed to pupils.

Tuesday 25th February—Year 3 Storyteller Day

Dates:

Thursday 27th February—Year 4 visit to Weybridge Synagogue.

Week Beginning 2nd March—Book Fair

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Friday 6th March—Storytelling morning for parents 9-10am

Tuesday 10th March—Year 5 visit to Hampton Court.

Friday 13th March— PTA Movie Night