



Crabtree Junior School

2nd February 2018

The blogs

In addition to this newsletter, the blogs are a primary source of information from the teachers. They are updated at least fortnightly. Click on your child's year group to find out more.

**Year
3**

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Weekly timetables

If you would like to see the current weekly 'overview' Literacy and mathematics plan for your child's class, please visit the school website at:

http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html

**This term's school
value is:**

"Responsibility"

Diary Reminders

Monday 5th February

Year 5 to SJL Gym &
Dance Display

Year 6 Football – Away

Year 6 Netball - Away

Thursday 8th February

Year 6 District Tag Ruby
Tournament

Friday 9th February

Year 6 Football - Home

School Letters

Science Yearly Plan

PA News

PA Quiz Night

World Book Day
Competition

Eisteddfod

Dear Parents & Carers

A Window on Crabtree Junior School

It has been my pleasure, in the short time I have been here at Crabtree, to observe your children at work and at play. I have been so impressed, not only by the quality of teaching but equally so, by the level of engagement of your children in their learning in every class throughout the school. I have suggested in a previous newsletter that, at its best, primary education is a unique partnership between teachers, pupils and parents. I have now witnessed those partnership links first-hand and your children are most certainly playing their part in the partnership.

In various classes this week I've watched children studying the solar system, visited a classroom where children were exploring and experimenting with different strategies in order to solve in-depth mathematical problems and in another class I was greeted by a queue of children eager to show me their use of written "descriptive language". How encouraging then, that the children at Crabtree are taking such pride in their work and are so keen to show others what they are capable of.

All in all it has been a most enlightening start to my time here and one that bodes well for the rest of 2018. Thank you to you as parents, for playing your part in the partnership and for the support you give the school each and every day.

Mr Emeny
Headteacher

Wisepay Reminders

Year 3

Islamic Centre

Year 5

The Astronomy Dome

Year 6

Rainforest Visit

Flyers sent home

School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

23rd February

9th March

23rd March

Crabtree Community Noticeboard

Please note that these notices are provided as a community service and Crabtree Junior does not take responsibility for or seek to endorse any of the advertisements printed in this section.

E-Flyers

Hertfordshire County
Basketball Trials

Fourth Secondary School

Chorister Leaflet

Boosting your child's
Emotional Resilience



Fourth Secondary School in Harpenden

After years of campaigning, petitions and letters the decision on whether to build a fourth secondary school in Harpenden will be heard by Hertfordshire County Council Planning Committee on Thursday 8th February. Details of how you can support the application are attached to this newsletter.

Year 3 Fieldwork

Year 3 ventured outside of school this week on a field trip to observe the local vicinity and make our topic of "A View From our Window" a little more hands on. We kept our eyes peeled for hidden objects to answer our picture clues; we answered questions about land use and what human and physical features we could spot.

We were also lucky to have a spontaneous talk from an employee of Thames water who took the time to educate the children on what goes on at the sewage works.

The children really enjoyed the trip and they will now use this information they collected to help them with their topic work.

Thank you to the parents that volunteered to accompany the children, your support is much appreciated.

The Year 3 Team



World Book Day Competition

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for their favourite children's book. Your challenge now is to read 10 of any of the book titles in our top 100 (almost) list. Please see attached letter from Mrs Meredith which was also e:mailed home yesterday.

Science – can you help?

Calling all parents, aunties, uncles, cousins, carers and other family members.

We are reaching out to ask for your input in your children's science learning! The children love a visitor coming to share first-hand information and experiences of the unit they are learning about in science and we'd love to invite you to be that visitor.

Attached to the newsletter you will find a yearly timetable of which units we are covering in class and in which term. If you feel your area of expertise has already passed, fear not, we would love to book you in for next year!

Please do get in touch and discuss with Mrs Bath (our Science coordinator) how you feel you could contribute to our learning or if you'd like a bit more



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information on what a specific unit covers and whether you feel you could contribute.

Mrs Bath would also be happy to discuss what your session could look like or this could be discussed with your child's class teacher. Please however feel free to contribute in any area! It doesn't have to be your child's class or year.

Thank you so much for considering our invitation.

Eisteddfod

The 46th Eisteddfod is taking place at Crabtree later this term. This event gives all the children an opportunity to share their talents in craftwork, in the expressive arts and in the performing arts to give pleasure to others. We hope you will join us in encouraging each child to enter at least one category and hopefully more!

Full details are attached to this newsletter and have been e: mailed home separately today. Key dates are as follows.

Friday 9 th March	Deadline for performance entries
Tuesday 27 th March	Display items brought in by 9am to the school hall.
Wednesday 28 th March (all day)	Performances – timetable will be available one week in advance
Thursday 29 th March (morning only)	Performances – timetable will be available one week in advance

Year 6 Netball

On Tuesday the Year 6 A & B Teams went to play Roundwood. Both teams started brilliantly and I'm thrilled to say played some excellent netball throughout. They displayed skills of driving forwards into space to receive the ball, good team communication, outstanding accuracy on goal, variation of passes and great energy. As coach it was a pleasure to see all the practice from training coming into action. Both teams won convincingly with a high number of goals scored. We would like to thank Roundwood for their wonderful hospitality and good team spirit.

Mrs Mercer



Year 6 Football

It was the first game of the District League last Friday and what an exciting afternoon of football. The boys have been training hard this term and were excited to play another school. Our opponents were Wood End and the boys knew it was going to be a tough game.

Both teams played end to end football with some great attacking and defensive play. The boys coped well with the muddy conditions and worked extremely hard throughout the match.

The A Team held Wood End to a 0-0 draw and the B Team lost 1-0.

Well done to the boys and thank you to our parent supporters.



Music

On Monday the orchestra performed 2 mini concerts. Firstly we played to Years 4, 5 & 6 and then we repeated our performance to the orchestra Mums and Dads.

We played two movements from "The Four Seasons" by an Italian Composer. This music was introduced by Alys and two of the poems that go with the music were read by Freddie and James E. We rounded off the show with "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserables".

We are looking for new orchestra members. If anyone who learns an instrument would like to join then please get in touch with the school office.

Mr Bending

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Ethan , for his fabulous attitude to Year 3 life and always being brilliant. Well Done.
Rowan	Isla C , for calmly and quietly getting on with her work.
Ash	Darcy , for her writing of Decimus's next adventure!
Birch	Finn , for his fantastic descriptive story based on Decimus Rex and his next adventure.
Teak	Charlie , for fantastic effort in all maths lessons.
Redwood	Josè , for being a dedicated home learner and writing a fantastic story!
Elm	Sophia , for always being ready to learn and showing such dedication to her learning.
Elder	Ted , for being a great friend and making kind choices!

Sports Champions

George Ca and Archie M for excellent and dominant play in the football match against Wood End.

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For further information about events at Crabtree Junior School – including term dates and copies of previous newsletters – please visit the school website at www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk

If you have any comments on the newsletter or items for the Noticeboard, please contact the School Office.

