



Crabtree Junior School

6th February 2015

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

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Weekly timetables

If you would like to see the weekly lesson 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 "Hope".

Diary Reminders

Tuesday 10th Feb

District Rugby
Tournament, pm

Curriculum presentation,
7.30pm

Wednesday 11th Feb

Netball match against
Redbourn 3.30pm

Thursday 12th Feb

Netball match against St
Hilda's 4.15pm

Friday 13th Feb

Year 6 Assembly, 9am

School letters (email)

*Please ask the School Office if
you require a paper copy*

The New Curriculum

School letters by email

S4YC Holiday Club

From the Headteacher

I understand that the Year 5 'wowed' parents this morning with their fabulous assembly celebrating their topic on Sea Turtles. They clearly have been very busy so far this term. The school was left inspired to learn more about these wonderful creatures. Well done, Year 5 ... and the teachers. I am sure you are now looking forward to your visit to the London Aquarium later this month.

Years 3 and 4 have been visited by The Dog Trust today. Using activities involving all of their senses the children have been looking at the needs of dogs and the skills involved in looking after them. The children thoroughly enjoyed there sessions.

Thank you to everyone (staff included) for supporting today's non-uniform day in aid of Jupiter's charity, The Brittle Bone Society - a cause very close to our heart. We collected £ 273.76.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the curriculum presentation next Tuesday evening. In the meantime, I have attached a letter that outlines the New Curriculum for you.

*Ian Patrick,
Headteacher*

Eisteddfod

Don't forget to have a chat with your child about Eisteddfod and encourage them to enter into one of the performance categories. The deadline for entries is 27th February but do send forms in as soon as they are completed.

All the information is in the letter sent out on 23rd January. You can read the letter at http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html or request a copy from the School Office.



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CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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Flyers: Primary Times



Second Harpenden-wide
online consultation

Thursday 29th Jan to Monday 10th Feb

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/weareharpenden2>

We are now in the second part of a consultation that will be used to create a longer term (Arts, Culture and Heritage) plan for the town.

Roadshow event: Saturday 7th February
11am-2pm in the Coop, Southdown.

Please do come along to find out more
and have your say.

Sports notices

We have had an amazing week for sporting success. Lucy E, Emma W, Georgia T and Adam G represented the school in the Herts Schools' Athletics Association Cross Country Championships at Westminster Lodge last Saturday. This competition sees the top Junior School runners from the whole of Hertfordshire race for 'top spot', There were approximately 180 athletes in each of the boys' and girls' races, which were run over a challenging course on a bitterly cold day.

Our pupils were outstanding and their discipline, focus, desire and overall fitness really showed. Our girls' team were placed first overall – a 'first' for Crabtree too! – Lucy achieved first place individually and both Emma and Georgia ran personal bests to finish 13th and 19th respectively. In the boys' race Adam, who is only in Year 5, achieved 21st place – he is a true winner and we are excited to see where he will be placed next year, as he surely has a great cross country future ahead of him.

Thank you to Mrs Evans for helping to facilitate this event for all our runners.

Next week's sports practices (Years 5 and 6)

For this week's sports practices please consult the schedule published on the school website at:

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

S4YC Holiday Club – last chance to book

S4YC are back for four days of the half term holiday providing childcare and sports activities from 9am – 3.30pm. Please see flyer for details and return the slip with your payment to the School Office as soon as possible to secure a place.

NB The playscheme will only run if there are enough bookings for each day.

From the Parents' Association

PA Quiz

Ticket request forms for the Crabtree Quiz night on **Saturday 28th March** will be going out next week. Please put this date in your diaries and start getting your team of up to ten players together.

Summer Fayre

It may feel a little early to start thinking about the Summer Fayre but, believe it or not, preparations are already underway. If you could spare any time to help our intrepid Summer Fayre organiser Heather then she would be glad to hear from you. She is particularly looking for help with the following:

1. Entertainment co-ordinator - to organise the band, dancers, music etc. If possible also to help organise the sound system.
2. Enterprise zone co-ordinator - to organise the four stalls that are run by children in year 5 and 6. They use the stalls to sell their products or run games so maybe someone with a child in one of the year 5 or 6 classes would be happy to take this on?
3. Raffle co-ordinator - to pull together the raffle prizes, many of which have already been pledged so just need collecting.
4. Sponsorship helper - We already have 2 people on the team, but could do with more helpers

And finally, this is going to be Heather's last year so she would love to do the fayre with another willing party who might want to take up the role in future. Please email Heather_Wilton@hotmail.com if you can help with any of the above.



Stars of the Week

Cedar	Katharine , for working really well in every French lesson. Très bien!
Rowan	Eloise , for making a huge effort with her dance group which has enabled her to improve her dance skills.
Ash	Olivia , for being much more of a committed and active learner in class.
Birch	Emily , for working really hard this week in all lessons.
Teak	Sophie , for fabulous effort in English and Maths.
Redwood	Enrique , for fantastic contribution in Maths this week.
Elm	Charlie , for fantastic effort in Maths resulting in a great performance in his assessments this week.
Elder	Isaac , for working in a really thoughtful way to improve his writing.

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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

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