



# Crabtree Junior School

6<sup>th</sup> March 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  
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## 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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/timetables.html)

**This term's school value is "Hope".**

## Diary Reminders

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Eisteddfod Display

Football v. Roundwood

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Football tournament

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Eisteddfod performance

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Eisteddfod performance

Netball v. Wood End

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Eisteddfod performance

Netball v. Grove Junior

## School letters (email)

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

School dinner bill reminders

Gym Club display ticket request letter

Mad Science

## From the Headteacher

*Year 3 parents had a treat this morning. The assembly was all about growing up and we had fun finding out what the children want to be when they are older. I wonder how many of those dreams will come true! It was quite moving and I imagine there were one or two damp eyes in the house! Well done to everyone but particularly to the children who took to the floor in French, confidently telling us about the geography of France.*

*Year 5 enjoyed a visit from a Setpoint representative who led them through their K'nex challenge: to build a Mars rover vehicle. Well done to Adam O and James, and Ruel and Charlie K, were the winners in Teak and Roundwood respectively. Future engineers, maybe?*

*I look forward to seeing many of you at the Eisteddfod exhibition and performances next week.*

*Ian Patrick,  
Headteacher*

## Eisteddfod

We are looking forward to seeing the children's contributions to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Crabtree Eisteddfod. Please could all display items be brought to the hall at the start of school. All items should be clearly identified with the child's name and class, plus the category name, e.g. "Cake baking" or "Cake tasting".

The display will be in the hall for children to visit during the day and then from 3pm onwards we invite parents and siblings to come and look at the art and craftwork and culinary entries.

Performances take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons as per the timetable already emailed to parents. The timetable is also available on the website at:

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news\\_dates/letters\\_notices.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/letters_notices.html)

The children may bring in a small cushion (no pillows, please) to sit on in the hall.

## Voluntary Contributions Scheme

The Voluntary Contributions Scheme via VirginGiving will be launched on Monday – look out for the letter next week.



Click on the WisePay logo for online school payments; or the Spend and Raise logo below to raise funds for the PA when you shop online.



## CRABTREE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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### Flyers:

Raring to Go

Harpenden Society Primary  
Schools Arts competition

## Parent consultations – prior reading

Thank you to everyone who has returned requests for appointments at the upcoming parent consultation evenings. If you haven't done so already, please contact the school office on Monday. We aim to send home your appointment times on Tuesday next week.

### Attainment and progress measures

For parents who did not attend the curriculum evening earlier this term, we would strongly recommend that you read the PowerPoint notes published on the school website at:

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching\\_learning/assessment.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/assessment.html)

These notes ('Life without Levels') explain the new terminology for describing pupil progress that we are now employing at Crabtree Junior School and it will be helpful if you are familiar with this before you meet with your child's teachers.

Also on the website, at:

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching\\_learning/curriculum\\_support.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/curriculum_support.html) is a presentation relating to The New Curriculum – this includes a link to a very interesting talk by Tim Oates from Cambridge Assessment.

Finally, attached to this newsletter are the Objectives for Reading, Writing and Maths for your child's year group (Years 3-5 only). We trust you will find this information useful.

## Red Noses

Don't forget to send in £1 with your child if he or she would like to buy one a Red Nose prior to Red Nose Day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, which will be a non-uniform day in exchange for donations to Comic Relief – we look forward to seeing the children's 'funny faces'.

## Sports notices

### Indoor Athletics, from Miss Thomas

Another fantastic week of sport. On Thursday our indoor athletics team took part in the district athletics meeting at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield. We had 30 athletes competing – 15 girls and 15 boys. Both teams won their event, meaning Crabtree will go through to represent Harpenden and St Albans District in the County Finals in both the boys' and girls' events.

The team was magnificent, with each competitor giving his/her absolute all. Their commitment and hard work really paid off. They are in action again a week on Tuesday in Ware. Thank you to all the athletes and to the amazing (and vocal!) supporters.



### Netball, from Mrs Mercer

Last night's netball match against Roundwood Primary was another fantastic performance. The girls delivered confident, accurate passes and the play was thoughtful. I saw set plays, spatial awareness and wonderful finishing – shooting. The final scores were A team 14 – 7 and B team 14 – 1, both wins for Crabtree. Particular thanks to all the encouraging parents and to Tilly for her adaptability and kindness.

### Sports practices

For timings of sports practices please consult the schedule published on the school website at:

[http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching\\_learning/clubs.html](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk/teaching_learning/clubs.html)

## Indoor Athletics

Good luck to all our athletes taking part in the competition next Thursday morning at the Hertfordshire University Sports Village.

## From the Parents' Association

### PA Quiz - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

All tables for the Crabtree PA Quiz on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March have now been reserved. If you have reserved a table could you please make sure that you return your booking form, with full payment, to the school office or to Sharon as soon as possible.

### Could you help out on a Friday morning?

We would like another volunteer to help out in the school uniform shop on a Friday morning during the Summer term. This is a really busy time of year for the uniform team and they would love some extra help with all the orders for uniform for the new starters. If you could spare 20 minutes immediately after drop-off on a Friday morning then please email [chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloeandclaudio@yahoo.co.uk)



## Stars of the Week

<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Chloe</b> , for an excellent opening to her adventure safari story.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Ben</b> , for a great performance in the class assembly.
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Felix</b> , for participating more orally in French.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Sebby</b> , for consistently good effort in all subjects.
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Greg</b> , for showing consistent effort in all lessons.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Harry</b> , for excellent participation in class.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Lucy E</b> , for producing a wonderful quest story.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Zac</b> , for showing great linguistic skills in every French lesson.

## Challenge Champion

Danny (Teak) for amazing, 'above and beyond' commitment in athletics

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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](http://www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk)

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

