



Crabtree Junior School

07th June 2019

The blogs

Please be aware we are currently having technical difficulties with some year group blogs – we will notify you when your year group blog is available. We appreciate your patience.

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

Diary Reminders

Monday 10 June

Year 3 Swimming

2pm – Summer Concert

6pm – Summer Concert

Tuesday 11 June

PM – Year 5 Parents Meeting

Wednesday 12 June

9.15am – Cedar Class
Assembly

Thursday 13 June

PM – World Cup Football

School Letters

PA News

Flyers sent home

Golf Lessons

Raring to Go

Dinner Bills

Dear Parents & Carers

There have been two events this week that have left me with a huge smile on my face! Firstly, the Redwood class assembly. It was a great example of the confidence that the children develop as they progress through the school. The whole class spoke, sang and danced brilliantly throughout the assembly and it was a real 'goose-bump' moment when the soloists sang their parts in one of the songs. Every child was beaming and I think the parents will agree that it was lovely to see such happy, confident children.

Secondly, I was thrilled that the Year 6 rounder's team came away victorious yesterday. I was fortunate to be there to support them and as always, the team spirit and sportsmanship was great. As with most team sports, working together and supporting each other is key, rounder's is no exception. It was by no means an easy win and the final match was extremely tough. My thanks go to Mrs Tizard and Miss Weaver. We are very, very lucky to have such dedicated sports teachers.

I must also congratulate Mrs Bath and her Eco-team. They have been awarded the Silver Eco-Schools Award. The Eco-Team have been working hard all year to make a difference at our school, they are a very enthusiastic group of children. It is great to know that we are beginning to think more carefully about how our school can become more sustainable and how we can all be more environmentally aware and consider the future of our planet. We are in the process of putting up a new outdoor noticeboard so that the whole community can see what the Eco-Team have been doing.

As part of our drive to be more sustainable, we have been thinking about how we can improve our school community using recycled materials. We are collecting plastic bottles so that we can build our own greenhouse and grow our own fruit and vegetables. We are also going to be using old tyres. Big D's Tyres are kindly donating tyres to the school and we have come up with a huge variety of ways in which they can be used! We will be getting the children to think about their own ideas - look out for the next House competition!

I spent some time this week looking at our new school website and continuing to work towards its development. As you know, it is not a quick task, but I am hoping that it will be up and running soon. I am sure you will be very impressed with the new look! In the meantime, we will continue to email the blogs to each year group.

Have a lovely week,

Miss E Simmons

Head of School

PA Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening Times

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

EllaCycle – Recycling

LOL Summer Concert

St Albans Music School – open day

Twenies Workshop



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



Music

We very much look forward to welcoming parents of our choir and orchestra children to our summer concert on Monday. Tickets have been sent home today and parents have been e:mailed the final details.

Mental Health

Mrs Wheeler and I are in the process of organising another Mental Health Evening. We were hoping to host one this term, but it has been difficult to arrange a suitable time with the people we would like to come along to present. We are now focusing on the Autumn Term 2019 and will let you know the date as soon as it is confirmed.

In the meantime, we continue to teach weekly mindfulness sessions and discuss various areas of Mental Health with the children. In the run up to next year, we will be focussing on transition and more information will follow.

Anxiety is a term that is used quite widely amongst children and adults. It is often something that parents are concerned about. Here is some information that might help.

What is Anxiety?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/25036313>

E-Safety

On Tuesday there was an E-Safety assembly for the children. As a school, we discussed what we understood by the words E-Safety. The children were able to recall lots of essential information about being SMART online. (Safe, Never Meet up, Don't accept unknown emails, not to trust everything you read online as reliable and tell someone if you get that 'butterfly' feeling.

Then we discussed that there were many exciting fun apps we can get on our I pads or phones, but we need to be really careful about the age restrictions, as they are there for a reason. The children watched the clip below (made by children for children) to try and emphasise the importance of following the age rules online. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAZU49hHMLE>

Attendance

Amazing Attendance

Overall great attendance this week with the whole school attendance at **96.9%**



225 children have had **100%** attendance this week

The following classes are also above our 97% rolling target and have earned points towards the attendance trophy.

Cedar
Rowan
Birch
Teak
Redwood

Medical appointments: please remember if your child has a medical appointment during a morning or afternoon session, it may be possible for them to come in for registration first so they don't miss their mark.

Descriptor	Attendance %	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100-99	0-2	0-10
Good	98-96	4-7.5	20-37.5
Cause for Concern	95-91	9.5-17	47.5-85
Unsatisfactory	90-87	19-25	95-125
Serious Concern	86	27	135
Critical	85-80	28.5-38	142.5-190

National Book Tokens

The big prize draw is back! There is a chance for us to win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for our school library. To support us please go to nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Football World Cup – next Thursday

The children should all know which team they are in for the Football World Cup next Thursday afternoon. The children can come into school dressed in a football kit or the colour of their country. One team will be wearing bibs. They will need shin pads with long socks, trainers or astros – no football boots. Please ensure if hot they have a hat in school and a water bottle. Our reserve date is Friday afternoon.

Frames

There are a number of frames left over from the house photo competition. If you are missing one please call into the office to collect. Thanks

Contact us:

Crabtree Junior School
Crabtree Lane
Harpenden
AL5 5PU

www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk

Telephone: 01582 623501

admin@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk
governors@crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk

Girls Cricket



On Tuesday, the Year 5 & 6 girl's cricket team went to Clarence Park to participate in the Girls Cricket Tournament - the first time we have attended this event.

The girls all showed great skills and teamwork. We won 3 out of 4 games – only 2 runs short of making the semi-finals!

District Rounder's



On Thursday afternoon we went to Redbourn Primary school to play in the District rounder's tournament. We were excited to put all our hard practice into play.

We played:

Redbourn won 5 ½ - 5

St Helens won 5 ½ - 2

The Grove won 7 ½ - 2

High Beeches lost 4 ½ - 3 ½

Beech Hyde won 5 – 4

St Nicholas lost 2 – 8

We met Woodend in the semi-final and had a great game with lots of rounder's scored and some really excellent fielding. We won 8 – 6.

It was then the final against Redbourn, who have won the title on a number of previous occasions; our last victory was in 1999! It was a really competitive match with Redbourn batting first and scoring only 3 rounder's – our fielding was amazing! We had 2 ½ rounder's with 1 ball left and Zach hit the ball a long way and ran. Their fielder threw a great ball in and it was very close as both batter and ball got to the base. The umpires' decision was in and we won!

A massive well done to all the team and thank you to the parents for your patience as we did finish very late!

Message from the PA

As we approach the Summer Fair on June 22 we'd like to ask you all to start preparing your donations in exchange for dress-down day on Friday 21 June.

From Monday 17 June – Friday 21 June please bring in the following items for the fair.

Adult Tombola – alcoholic/non-alcoholic bottles, luxury chocolates or biscuits.

Children's Tombola – boxes of chocolates, packets of sweets or wrapped sweets in a jar.

Plants – any small potted plants to be sold on the plant stall.

Cakes

Please bring any cakes, biscuits etc for the cake stall on Friday 21st – please ensure they are nut free and clearly label any gluten free/dairy free cakes.

Boxes will be outside the Infant and Junior School offices at drop off and pick up all week.

Please follow us on Instagram @crabtreefair2019 for more updates.

Stars of the Week



Cedar	Khadija for quietly getting on and always trying her best.
Rowan	Imogen for being a brilliant role model with a fantastic attitude to learning.
Ash	Jasper for being an excellent learning partner and always being a hard working member of Ash class.
Birch	Josh for a wonderful text map of our discussion text.
Teak	Charlie for always showing a strong work ethic in all lessons – a great role model!
Redwood	The whole of Redwood for an incredible class assembly performance
Elm	Amy for working well in a group on our Island project!
Elder	Sam for imaginative ideas and working effectively in your group.

Sports Champion – Lower School

Benji – Birch – for excellent effort in PE lessons.

Sports Champion – Upper School

Chloe – Teak – for great skills and determination during the girls cricket tournament.

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.

