



Crabtree Junior School

11th March 2016

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.

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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 "Caring"

Diary Reminders

Mon 14th March

Science Day

Tues 15th March

NSPCC Assembly
(sponsor forms to be returned)

Weds 16th March

Yrs 5 & 6 Gym Display
1.10pm

Book Fair 3.15pm

Yr 6 Football Match -
Away

Thurs 17th March

Book Fair 3.15pm

Yrs 5 & 6 Gym Display
6.00pm

Fri 18th March

Sports Relief Day -
Skipping workshop

Dear Parents,

Year 5 Assembly

A Big thank you to Yr 5 pupils and teachers for an excellent assembly on space this morning. There was no doubt that the pupils have enjoyed this topic as their individual enthusiasm was displayed throughout the assembly – a very well done.

Field Project

We had our first 'team' project meeting yesterday evening which was a great success. The school now has topographical plans of the school project site and Mr Hanna kindly presented some draft plans of the projects intentions – drainage of the field and section of astro turf, expansion of the Junior playground (width) and exterior changing facilities. Yes, this is quite a project, but then Crabtree would not be Crabtree without significant aspirations!

We are now at the stage of seeking contractor costs, costs that will necessitate discussions related to funding streams and potentially a prioritising of work if we are unable to raise money for the complete project.

Once we have initial costings I will inform you of the next steps.

If there are any parents out there with potential funding ideas / contacts, I would love to hear from you.

Ian Patrick Headteacher

School letters

Please ask the School Office if you require a paper copy

Book Fair Poster
Dinner Bills
Easter Holiday Club
FineArt4Kids Summer Term Club

Flyers

Sports Relief Day – Skipping and wear something sporty

Next Friday, 18th March, is Sports Relief Day. The school will be holding a sponsored skip during the morning to see how far we can travel!

We are asking pupils to support this event by bringing to school a voluntary contribution of £1.

P.E

Netball v Roundwood Primary

On Friday the girls played Roundwood in our first home league game! The A team were extremely strong against their opponents and demonstrated their best netball this season. They won 16 - 0. Lauren was named as MVP

The B team also played extremely well with the unusual situation of Crabtree providing 3 players for the Roundwood team who were short due to illness. All the girls played great competitive netball with them winning 6 - 3. Jasmine B was named MVP.



Football v The Grove

On Monday the boys played the Grove this time in a league fixture. The A team played great football with us dominating the first half and with Danny scoring the first goal. In the second half The Grove fought back strong and scored 2 goals. This was unfortunate as there had been some amazing defending from the Crabtree boys and some great shots on goal. This was a big improvement though since we played them in December. Adam O was named MVP.

The B team totally dominated the first half of the match and had numerous chances to score but we could not seem to find the back of the net. It was in the second half that The Grove scored a lucky goal and we could not even with a determined approach score. We lost 1 – 0 but all the boys played some great passing football putting in some strong tackles. Felix was named MVP.



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E-Flyers:

Primary School Tuition /
Coaching

Coding with Scratch Workshop

Lambing Weekend

Woodland Trust Easter Egg Hunt



District Football Tournament

On Tuesday the Year 6 boys played in the District tournament.

The boys were extremely strong throughout their matches and all of the boys contributed to some great attacking and defending play. They played with great determination and sportsmanship encouraging each other both on and off the pitch.

They were unlucky to miss out on a semi- final place but can be pleased with the improvements they have made since the start of the season. Well done to the whole team! Mrs Moxham and Miss Weaver nominated Louis as MVP.

Played St Helens won 2 – 0 (Scored by Danny)

Played St Dominics lost 1 - 0

Played The Grove drew 0 – 0

Played v St Nicholas won 4 – 0 (Adam G scored 3! Louis 1)

Played v Beech Hyde won 2 – 0 (Louis and Logan)

Played v High Beeches drew 0 - 0



Music

Orchestra

There is no orchestra rehearsal on Monday 14 March as Mr. Bishop is not in school

Library Update

The library is as busy as ever on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes

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when the children come in to borrow (and return) books or simply sit down and read for a while.

We had lots of children coming in over the past couple of weeks to make a book mark for World Book Day. Hopefully you will have seen their efforts.

[Classroom Libraries](#)

Did you know that every classroom has around 250 library books in it, both fiction and information books. We have just finished the annual process of rotating all of these to keep the classroom shelves exciting and interesting. The children have been coming in a class at a time to choose five books each for the shelves and we have also tried to ensure that classrooms are well stocked with relevant topic books. Unfortunately books do go missing from classroom shelves (we have lost around 40 per class in the past year!) and we cannot trace who has lost these. It is often our most popular titles that are lost (Jacqueline Wilson, Harry Potter, Wimpy Kid, Percy Jackson) which means that other children miss out on reading them.

[Book Amnesty – The Great Easter Book Hunt](#)

Please spend some time looking for school books at home over Easter and bring them in either to the school office or to the box just outside the library. It costs a huge amount to replace lost books so we really need them back as soon as possible. There won't be any fines, even if you've had the books for a long time.

[Book Donations](#)

We are often asked whether the library accepts new or second-hand book donations. The answer is "Of Course!" We are very grateful for either fiction or information books. Just ensure that they are relevant and appropriate for our readers and in good condition. You can leave these with the school office or put them in the Library Returns Box outside the library door with a note.

[The Scholastic Book Fair returns to Crabtree Juniors Next Week!](#)

We will be running the Scholastic Book Fair again next week straight after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please come along and support the school while picking up some great books which start at only £2.99

We receive commission from sales at the book fairs and this is used as our main source of new books for the school library. By supporting these events you help to keep the library well stocked and up to date with the latest titles. Look out for the posters outside your childrens' classrooms – we are promised a new selection of books.

Mrs Duncan & Mrs Goody

Fundraising Congratulations

Well done to Ellis in Year 6 who held a fund raising quiz for Save The Children on Friday. Ellis raised a fantastic £130 for the charity.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for exciting new sports equipment. This year, whenever you shop in a Sainsbury's Supermarket, you will receive one voucher for every £10 you spend. All vouchers earned in a transaction will be issued on a single piece of paper. In Local stores, you will still get a 1 voucher for every £5 spent. Please send your vouchers into the office via the register or pop them in the collection box in reception.

Easter Holiday Club at Crabtree Infants' - 'School's Out'

Crabtree Infants' will be running a new holiday club starting during the Easter break called 'School's Out'. This is being run by members of the Infant school staff and is open to children aged 4 – 11. The club will run from 8am - 6pm every day during the Easter holiday with an option of a shorter 9am - 3pm time slot. A booking form is attached; please return this to the Infant school office.

If you wish to book at this stage and make the payment nearer the time, please do so, this will allow the club staff to plan their staff ratios in good time. Have a look at their website <http://schoolisoutclub.weebly.com/> and like them on Facebook 'School's out holiday club'.

From the Parents' Association

Help Make the Summer Fayre Great

The PA is planning for another fantastic Crabtree Summer Fayre. Please can you help us by filling one of these roles - joining the sponsorship team, helping with the hog or coordinating the mega raffle? Get involved to make this event for the school a success. Contact findindhu@yahoo.com to find out more.

Quiz Night This Saturday!

Good luck to the teams taking part in the Crabtree Quiz this Saturday 12 March. The doors of the juniors' school hall will open at 7:30pm and questions start at 7:45pm. Tickets include a hot meal and there is a cash bar, so please no BYO. If you'd still like to join in the fun, we have ONE table available. Please contact jane.sims2@googlemail.com if you are interested.

Stars of the Week



Dreams & Goals – People who have made a healthy choice.

Cedar	Ewan , impressive skipping and participation in P.E. lessons
Rowan	Toby , for his enthusiastic approach in P.E.
Ash	Ralph , for his enthusiasm in all lessons.
Birch	Amelie , for her enthusiasm and bubbly approach to learning.
Teak	Benny , for his constantly bubbly actions and enthusiasm for any physical activity.
Redwood	Matthew , for raising his hand at every opportunity in French.
Elm	Ewan , for showing fantastic agility with linguistic skills in French.
Elder	Danny , for being a super duper physically fit young man.

Sports Champions

Everyone in the Gym Display, big sharing of the Sports Cushion!!

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.

