



# Crabtree Junior School

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

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

**"Responsibility"**

### Diary Reminders

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Whole School Science Day

Year 5 – Maths Challenge

Year 6 - Netball Rally

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

1.10pm – Gym Display

6pm – Gym Display

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

9.10am – Gym Display

Year 6 – Crucial Crew Visit

Year 6 – Football Home

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

6T County Cricket Finals

PA Movie Night

Dear Parents & Carers,

Can it get much more exciting?

This week has seen our talented children involved in a wide range of activities both in and outside of school; an impromptu visit from an air ambulance which landed on the school field on Wednesday afternoon and pretty much everything else in between!

I want to start by congratulating all the children, led by Miss Reimann, who performed last Sunday at one of the UK's premier performance venues, namely the Royal Albert Hall. This was a very long day for all concerned but certainly one to remember. After all, it's not every day that the children have the opportunity to perform to an audience of many thousands of people. Some of our singers also took part in the Spring Festival, held in the Harpenden Public Hall, on Wednesday evening, joining with children from the other primary schools and all three secondary schools. An event in which our children sang with great gusto to an appreciative audience.

Sport has also played a major part in our extra-curricular activities this week and amongst other successes our school team won the 6T Harpenden Schools' Cricket Tournament. Our sincere thanks and congratulations go to Mrs Tizard, her support team and the children who played magnificently.

And finally, that impromptu visit of the air ambulance. Just after lunch on Wednesday I was aware of the vehicle in question flying very low over the school buildings. Having walked out onto the playground it became obvious that the pilots were preparing to land on the school field. Once the paramedics were safely deployed to the road ambulance the helicopter pilots were invited to join us in the school staffroom for afternoon tea and biscuits. The pilots showed their appreciation by offering to hold a question and answer session with the children on the playground. We were then treated to our very own personal air show as the pilots took off, turned 360 degrees and waved goodbye - a unique learning experience and we simply had to 'seize the moment'. The children are now fully aware of the work undertaken by the crew of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

We are hoping to find a suitable way in which to support their work in the near future. I would like to say a huge thank you to the pilots for being so receptive to the enquiring minds of our children and for the personalised air show!

Mr Emeny  
Headteacher

## School Letters

PA News

School's Out for Easter,  
Holiday Club

## Flyers sent home

Raring2Go

## School Uniform Shop

Friday 8.50am – 9.30am

23<sup>rd</sup> March

## Crabtree Community Noticeboard

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## E-Flyers



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## Wisepay Reminders

### Whole School

Clubs for the Summer Term

### Years 3-5

Parent Consultations

### Year 3

Swimming

### Year 5

School Journey Instalments

Celtic Harmony

### Year 6

School Journey Instalments

Bikeability

## Marathon Fundraising

Our Chair of Governors, Phil Kendall, is running two marathons this Spring to raise funds for the school grounds project, because last year he unwisely decided that two marathons sounded much more impressive than one!

There are places still available at both (Boston, Lincolnshire and MK) if you would like to keep him company, but he'd accept sponsorship instead if you have prior commitments on those days:  
<https://virginmoneygiving.com/PhilKendall>

We wish Phil lots of luck with his endeavour.

## E-Safety

As a school we endeavour to keep our children as safe as possible, both in the real world and the more unknown world online. In order to do this we need your help! Unfortunately, it is impossible to shield children from everything that they will come across online, the internet is evolving too rapidly and things are often able to slip through the internet safety nets that we all use.

However, through educating children about being responsible for their safety and communicating openly about the websites, games and social media that they are using, we can hope to ensure that children, and adults, can reap the benefits that the internet has to offer and enjoy their time online.

Please look out for our e-safety updates and tips that will be in the newsletter each week.

## Dogs Trust

Thank you to everyone for your donations today, we have received a total of £257.10 which we will be sending to the Dogs Trust.

## Royal Albert Hall

On Sunday the Year 5 & 6 children from the school choir went to perform at the Hertfordshire School's gala at the Royal Albert hall. The children had been practising hard since January, coming to extra rehearsals before school and at lunch time.

The programme included some very tricky music, including a brand new composition by Will Todd and Michael Rosen. After arriving at the Royal Albert Hall, we had only one rehearsal with the orchestra and all the other singers and then it was time to perform!

It was a phenomenal performance and I was blown away by the children who sang their hearts out with such enthusiasm and gusto. They were excellent representative of our school and should be incredibly proud of themselves – I know I was! I would like to thank Mrs Tizard, Mrs Bath and Mrs Baillie-Lane who also accompanied the children on Sunday.

Thank you, also, to the parents for your support in preparing the children for the concert, and for taking the time to write to us this week to express your appreciation.

A finally to Mrs Brooks for co-ordinating our attendance at the event and ensuring parents were provided with all the information needed.



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## Primary Maths Challenge

Mrs Morris was very pleased with the Year 6 children she entered into the Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round. Congratulations to Ralph, Eddie, Olivia, Ollie, Taine and Gautham who scored highly and have all been awarded with certificates of achievement.

Of the 68,000 children who entered nationally, all these children placed in the top 5%.

## Year 5 - Quicksticks Hockey



On Tuesday, three Year 5 Hockey teams went to Oaklands to take part in a Quicksticks hockey competition. Each team played 10 pool games. Team 'Teak' won two, drew two, and lost six, finishing 10th in their pool. Team 'mixed' won three, drew one, and lost six, finishing 10th in their pool. Team 'Redwood' won eight, drew one and lost one, finishing 2nd in their pool.

Team Redwood progressed through to the quarter finals where they lost 2-1. They all displayed some fabulous Hockey and good teamwork. Well done!

## Year 4 - District 6T Cricket Tournament



On Wednesday 2 teams of Year 4 children took part in the School Games Level 2 6T cricket Festival.

We played 5 pool games. Crabtree 1 won 4 out of 5 games and Crabtree 2 won 2 out of 5 games. All the children played with great determination and sportsmanship. Crabtree 2 came 3rd in their pool and Crabtree 1 won their pool which meant they went on to play The Grove in the Final.

It was an exciting final with great accuracy in batting and dynamic fielding skills. We were thrilled to win 70 runs to 47! The team will now represent Harpenden in the County Finals on Friday 23rd March.



## Year 6 Football v St Dominics

Last Friday we went to St Dominics to play our penultimate league game. It was a miserable night as the boys played in heavy rain, but that did not stop the great skill and determination in both teams.

The A team played first in a really tight and competitive game ending with a fantastic 2-1 win with both goals from Eddie.

The B teams have had a more tricky season with lots of great matches but as yet no goals scored. So their challenge was to get a goal in this game. It was amazing when Oliver SB scored in the first half, we all jumped in excitement! Then he repeated this again in the second half. The game finishing with a great 2 – 1 win. Fantastic play from all the boys.

The final game of the league is Wednesday at home against Roundwood.

## Sportsmanship at Crabtree

It was wonderful to receive a copy of an e: mail this week that a parent was sent from a parent of another local primary school, who attended the same sporting event as us.

In summary they congratulated the Year 4 Crabtree Children on their fantastic sportsmanship and overall behaviour at the recent 6T Cricket Festival.

It always makes us feel very proud of our children when we receive such feedback.

## Spring Festival



On Wednesday a group of Year 6 children took part in the Spring Festival. They performed alongside other local primary and secondary schools singing a variety of well-known 60s and 70s classics to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival.

It was a fantastic evening and many thanks to Mrs Gaines for accompanying the children and preparing them for this event.

## Library Book Return Date

Library Book Return Date: Thursday 22nd of March

Please ensure that all library books are returned by Thursday the 22nd of March. Lists of books on loan will go out to teachers on Monday the 19th so, if not sure what books you have please ask.

Crabtree library books can be distinguished by a sticker with the letter "C" on the spine as well as a school stamp and barcode inside. A reminder that lost books must either be replaced like-with-like or a fine of £3 paid which allows us to replace our precious books. Many thanks for your understanding.

## Children's Disco – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Two ex-Crabtree Children are organising a children's disco to raise funds for their trip to the World Scout Jamboree. Please see the attached poster for details.

## Stars of the Week



**Cedar**

**Frankie**, for fantastic effort in all curriculum areas.

**Rowan**

**Daisy**, for being polite and well-mannered at **all** times and for being wonderfully enthusiastic in lessons.

<b>Ash</b>	<b>Alex Sw</b> , for being an active learner and completing projects at home.
<b>Birch</b>	<b>Micalya</b> , for being so helpful and polite all the time! Thank you
<b>Teak</b>	<b>Olivia E</b> , for fantastic effort in English resulting in some great, insightful work on Shakespearian characters.
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Gus</b> , for being an excellent representative of Crabtree school on our trip..
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Zayd</b> , for always being ready to help Mrs Bath with anything around the classroom!
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Matthew</b> , for excellent progress in writing.

## Sports Champion

**Nina** – for being a great captain at the hockey tournament, leading her team to the quarter finals.

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)

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