



CROWNFIELD INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

09 - 18th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems like a long time ago now but **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas with your family and I wish you all a peaceful New Year.

It has been very cold this week. Please make sure your child comes into school with their winter coat, hat and gloves too! Gloves attached to string through the arms of the children's coats still works well! Old fashioned, but effective!

CHOIR AND THE YOUNG VOICES CONCERT AT THE O2

I am really looking forward to going to the Young Voices concert at the O2 on Tuesday 30th January. with Miss McMahon and the Year 2 Choir. The Young Voices concerts are the largest children's choir concert's in the world where the children perform alongside 5,000-8,000 other children as a single choir to capacity audiences of family and friends. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and will be a lasting memory. Pictures to follow.

100% ATTENDANCE - AUTUMN TERM 2023



A HUGE congratulations to the following children who achieved 100% Attendance for the Autumn Term 2023. Well done to **Green Base Reginald B, Daya D, Osasenaga N Red Base Miles B, Daya C, Zakariya H, Melisa M, Frankie O Yellow Base Taran B, Eli H, Ahad H, Emilia T Class 1 Aailia A, Olivia M, Ethan S Class 2 Annie B, Harry E, Jah'Kai H, Ivy H, Sulayman K, Ezra K, Henry M, Kayden M, Layla-Leigh P, Lyla T, Blake W Class 3 Faiza A, Emily G, Darcie-Rae R, James T, Wahhaj W Class 4 Arya A Class 5 Oscar B, Parinitha B, Carter B, Louie L, Arthur P, Kaleb R Class 6 Oluwatobiloba B, Said E, Cristian I, Emily J, IK N, Leya S, Ella S, Lexi W Class 7 Lois E Mohammad H, Kuruparan P, Harmony P**

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SURGERY



The next school nurse **confidential** drop-in session will be on **Tuesday 23rd January from 8.30-9am**. There is no need to make an appointment to see the nurse, you can just turn up and discuss any health

concerns you may have, ie bedwetting, sleep issues, healthy eating and lifestyle, emotional health, behaviour and medical concerns. Much easier than trying to get a face-to-face doctor's appointment.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

11 DECEMBER - 15TH DECEMBER 2023

Congratulations to Class 3 for winning the Attendance Cup this week with 95.7% attendance!

Excellent Attendance 98% and above – None

Average Attendance 95% and above – Class 3, Class 6

Below Average/Low Attendance 90% and above - Yellow Base, Green Base, Class 2

Very Poor Attendance Below 90% – Red Base, Class 1, Class 4, Class 5, Class 7

8TH - 12TH JANUARY 2024

Congratulations to Class 7 for winning the Attendance Cup this week with 98.3% attendance!

Excellent Attendance 98% and above – Class 2, Class 7

Average Attendance 95% and above – Green Base, Class 1, Class 6

Below Average/Low Attendance 90% and above - Yellow Base, Red Base, Class 3

Very Poor Attendance Below 90% – Class 4, Class 5

CROWNFIELD STARS



8TH JANUARY 2024

Green Base Daya D for fantastic progress in phonics

Red Base Elliott S for showing resilience and always trying his best

Yellow Base Amaan K for being a kind friend and being a role model for others

Class 1 All of Class 1 for brilliant Christmas Carol performance

Class 2 Blake W for good effort in phonics

Class 3 Noah M for always being a good role model

Class 4 Meja G for excellent effort with her recount writing

Class 5 Louie L for excellent writing in English

Class 6 All of Class 6 for their wonderful Nativity performance

Class 7 Parker M for showing great skill and effort in DT and helping others

15TH JANUARY 2024

Green Base Lottie G for increased effort and participation during lesson times

Red Base Naylah K for being a ray of sunshine and a great role model

Yellow Base Noor H for settling well back into school after the holidays

Class 1 Charlie H for progression in phonics

Class 2 Antonie B for using his phonic knowledge to read with fluency

Class 3 Julian W for showing resilience

Class 4 Aliabas K for super effort with writing and his reading

Class 5 Evelina A for fantastic writing in D & T

Class 6 Nicoleta C for always trying hard and working well with others

Class 7 Dolly C for being a good friend to other children and beautiful manners and **Eamanjot S** for always being a role model with her friendliness and kindness towards others

MARVELLOUS MATHS

8TH JANUARY 2024

Reception Green Base Edward T for using a number track correctly

Year 1 Class 3 Haashir I for using a number line correctly

Year 2 Class 5 Archie A for making progress in Maths

15TH JANUARY 2024

Reception Red Base Brody R for showing great resilience and concentration in Maths

Year 1 Class 2 Sulayman K for being resilient during the process of working out the answer

Year 2 Class 6 Alfie B for increased participation and positive attitude in Maths





NURSERY



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 23rd January 8.30-9am - School Nurse Confidential Drop-In Surgery

w/b 29th January - Maths Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 13th February - Pancake Day

w/b 4th March - Book Week

Tuesday 5th March 4-5pm - Bedtime Stories - letter to follow

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day and dress-up day - letter to follow

Friday 8th March - Mothers Day sale

w/b 11th March - science Week

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Bonnet assembly

Wednesday 27th March - Special Easter Assembly and Easter raffle

Thursday 28th March - Last Day of Term

LUNCHTIME AWARDS AND PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

w/b 8th January - Congratulations to the following children who won Lunchtime Awards:-

Reception Green Base Ember P for sitting nicely in the hall

Year 1 Class 1 Emily B for eating all her lunch

Year 2 Class 5 Ethan G for eating all his lunch

w/b 15th January - Congratulations to the following children who won Lunchtime Awards:-

Reception Red Base Brody R for asking to go when he had finished his food

Year 1 Class Class 3 Essa H for eating all his lunch

Year 2 Class Class 7 Lois E for eating all her lunch

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

w/b 15th January - Well done to the following children who won Playground Behaviour Awards:

Year 2 Class 6 Jackson B for tidying up the play equipment and being helpful to other children and the MDA team

IMPORTANT DATES



18th and 19th January - National Child Measurement Programme for Reception children (height, weight, hearing and vision) checks

Tuesday 23rd January 8.30-9am - School Nurse Confidential Drop-In Surgery

Friday 26th January 9.30-11am - Reception Grandparents Morning

w/b 29th January - Maths Week

Tuesday 30th January - Year 2 Choir at the O2, London

w/b 5th February - Parent Evening Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February - Don in to celebrate Chinese New Year

Tuesday 13th February - Pancake Day

Thursday 15th February 10.30am - School Councillors visit to the Town Hall - letter to follow

Wednesday 28th February - Don in

w/b 4th March - World Book Week

Tuesday 5th March 4-5pm - Bedtime Stories - letter to follow

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day and dress-up day - letter to follow

Friday 8th March - Mothers Day sale

w/b 11th March - Science Week

Tuesday 19th March 9am or 2pm - Reception Easter assembly - letter to follow

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1 - YEAR 2 VISIT BY ROMFORD FIRE BRIGADE

Year 2 children have been learning all about The Great Fire of London in History since returning from the Christmas holidays, which they are really enjoying. Romford Fire Brigade came to visit us last Friday and showed us all of the fantastic work they do. They also spoke about how things have changed and improved in order to keep us safe in the modern day. The children loved going into the cabin of the fire truck, where they were shown some of the high tech gadgets that are used, such as a thermal imaging camera and other electric tools that the fire brigade would use to help save people's lives. The children also learnt about the breathing equipment that helps protect the fire officers when they are tackling fires. How times have changed since the Great Fire of London!



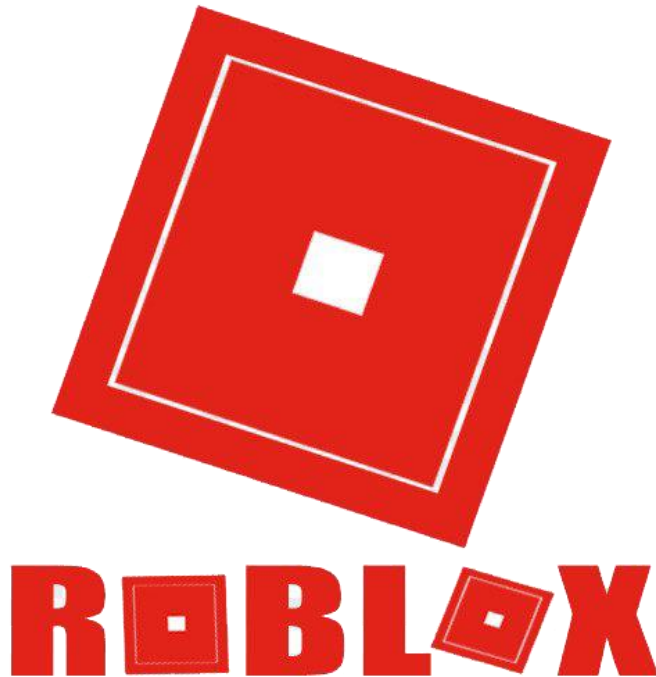








INTERNET SAFETY - ROBLOX



Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. Please be aware that a lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play so it is very important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.

What rating is Roblox? PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

What should parents/carers be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

Game content - as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

How to set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

PARENT SURVEY



We are delighted to share the results of our Parent Survey carried out during the summer term 2023.

Q13 I know how my child is progressing at school/nursery and how I can help their learning at home. 93% of parents agreed with this statement and 7% disagreed. It is great to see that the vast majority of our parents agree that we do our utmost to ensure parents are fully informed about their child's progress and how they can support their child at home. As you are aware we have Parent Consultations termly and Target forms are shared. Homework is set weekly. The most important thing you can do to support your child is READ daily! Teachers are here to answer any queries and give further support if needed. All you need to do is ask!

Q14 I know enough about what my child is learning at home. 96% of parents agreed with this statement and 4% disagreed. Curriculum letters are sent home termly giving an overview of the things the children are learning. Homework also links to lessons in class. Once again teachers are more than happy to give further information if required - just ask!

Q15 There is no bullying or racial abuse at school/nursery. 92% of parents agreed with this statement and 8% disagreed. The school has very well behaved and respectful children. Any child who is not behaving as expected will receive additional support to understand the consequences of their action. The HT is very happy to meet with any parents to discuss concerns and deals with these situations as a matter of urgency. We want every child to be happy in our school.



2 - STOP SMOKING - NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

If your New Year's resolution was to stop smoking, please be aware that help and support is available. If you stop smoking you will notice the benefits to your health immediately. According to the NHS, you will notice your pulse rate returning to normal within 20 minutes of quitting; within 48 hours of quitting, carbon monoxide is flushed out and your sense of taste and smell will start to improve - and these are just some of the health benefits. Also let's not forget the money you will be saving!

Free advice and support is available from the local pharmacies listed below. Visit one today to book an appointment and get started on your quit journey. Good luck!

- Crescent Pharmacy - 65 Masefield Crescent, Harold Hill, RM3 7PB
- Mim Pharmacy - 118 North Street, Romford, RM1 1DL
- Asvacare Ltd Pharmacy - 197 Rush Green Road, Romford, RM7 0JR
- Williams Dispensing Chemist - 139a Wennington Road, Rainham, RM13 9TR
- Orchard Village Pharmacy - Mick Fury House, Lowen Road, Rainham, RM13 8HT



3 - PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY

We have received the following information from the Metropolitan Police regarding keeping yourself and your mobile phone safe.

- Be aware of your surroundings. Look up - Look out. Do NOT confront a thief - safety comes first!
- Avoid walking with ear pods or expensive clothing on display, Designer brands appeal to teenagers and thieves
- Avoid isolated places, perhaps travel with a friend
- Each phone has a unique IMEI number. Type *#06# and record it and leave a copy at home.
- Use two-factor authentication codes
- Use tracker apps, like 'Find My Phone', and keep login at home
- Know your details in case your phone is stolen - this helps Police investigation. If you are robbed report to the police as soon as possible. If the suspect is nearby call 999.



4 - FREE WINTER COATS

Are you struggling to buy a winter coat for yourself, your child or any member of your family? If so, please be aware that Havering has organised a 'Warm Coat Initiative' in libraries across the borough. This initiative gives anyone the chance to pick up a warm coat for free - no questions asked. There will be a coat rail in each library where people can come in, try on and take home. Also, if you are able, please donate any warm, good-quality, undamaged and clean adult or children's coats to Collier Row or

Romford libraries. Please call the library before taking your donation to them so that they know you are coming.



5 - ONE OF THE WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - NURSERY JAIDEN-LEE R

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