



CROWNFIELD INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

11 - 15th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are at the end of the first half of the **Spring Term**. I hope you all enjoy the half-term holiday and have a lovely week with your family. Children return to school on **Monday 26th February**.

PLEASE CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY

I have been made aware of several dangerous incidents last week where parents with their children were trying to cross the road between parked cars and had near-miss accidents. It is very dangerous to cross the road from between parked cars as on-going traffic are unable to see you or your child. Parents please use the traffic lights and cross the road when it is safe - this will set a good example to your children and keep you all safe.

INTERNET SAFETY - YOUTUBE WARNING



It has been brought to my attention that some children are watching things on YouTube that they shouldn't be, including some new scary videos that have emerged recently. These new videos are called 'toilet song' and are about a scary man coming out of a toilet saying horrible things that are scaring young children. Parents, please keep an eye on what your children are watching on YouTube. Better still, download 'YouTube Kids' which is an App created for kids and is a safer way for your child to explore all types of content made just for kids. **YouTube Kids** provides a more contained environment for children to explore YouTube and makes it easier for parents and carers to safely guide their journey

SAFER INTERNET DAY



On the 6th February it was Internet Safety Day and this year the theme was to 'Inspire change'. The children took part in a range of exciting activities at school understanding how to remain safe, kind and grown up when using the internet. We are encouraging the children to 'inspire' their peers and teach their friends the importance of Online Safety and methods of ensuring it is achieved! Every class is going to create their own superhero for their class door to 'inspire' others to become superheroes and stay safe online! Here are some photos of some of the classes superheroes!



1 - Class 3





3 - Class 4



4 - Red Base

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



29TH JANUARY - 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

Congratulations to Class 4 for winning the Attendance Cup for the 3rd week running with 99.3% attendance!

Excellent Attendance 98% and above – Class 4

Average Attendance 95% and above – Yellow Base, Class 3, Class 5, Class 6

Below Average/Low Attendance 90% and above - Green Base, Red Base, Class 2, Class 7

Very Poor Attendance Below 90% – Class 1

5TH - 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

Congratulations to Class 2 for winning the Attendance Cup this week with 97.9% attendance!

Excellent Attendance 98% and above – None

Average Attendance 95% and above – Class 2, Class 1, Class 4, Class 6

Below Average/Low Attendance 90% and above - Yellow Base, Green Base, Red Base, Class 3, Class 5, Class 7

Very Poor Attendance Below 90% – None

CROWNFIELD STARS - MERIT CERTIFICATES



5TH FEBRUARY 2024

Green Base Oliver W for increased effort and attention during all lessons

Yellow Base Harveer S for his new focus in class and improved effort in his writing

Class 1 Ciprian P for listening carefully and always trying really hard in all lessons

Class 2 Ivy H for great effort across all subjects

Class 3 Abu-Bakr R for improved effort in all subjects

Class 4 Luke C for improved writing and **Harry C** for being honest and owning up for a wrong decision when he wasn't in trouble

Class 5 Ethan G for fantastic writing in Poetry

Class 6 Said E for all round improved effort and behaviour

Class 7 Parker P for showing much better focus in class and layout in her Maths

12TH FEBRUARY 2024

Green Base Harleigh T for resilience in her writing

Red Base Frankie O for always putting his hand up on the carpet and encouraging others to do the same

Yellow Base Ronnie C for creating a beautiful Chinese lantern and **Milana G** for being more confident and making friends in After Schol Club

Class 1 Ellis C for always listening carefully and trying her very best in all lessons

Class 2 Blake W for excellent teamwork during investigative Maths about height and length

Class 3 Louie C for always trying hard and making good choices

Class 4 Harry C for improved writing in Literacy

Class 5 Iyla-Rose C for amazing independent writing

Class 6 Millie M for always listening to ways to improve her work

Class 7 Alice L for growing in confidence in all aspects of school

MARVELLOUS MATHS

5TH FEBRUARY 2024

Reception Red Base Tommy C for always showing resilience

Year 1 Class 4 Veronika P for more independent work

Year 2 Class 6 Dylan S for his continued participation in maths lessons

12TH FEBRUARY 2024

Reception Yellow Base Dua A for knowing her number bonds up to 8

Year 1 Class 1 Ellis C for an excellent Maths result

Year 2 Class 7 Grayson N for becoming more confident counting in multiples

NURSERY



IMPORTANT DATES

w/b 4th March - Book Week

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

Friday 8th March - Mothers Day sale

w/b 11th March - Science Week

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Bonnet assembly

Wednesday 27th March - Special Easter Assembly and Easter raffle

Thursday 28th March - Last Day of Term - Easter Holidays

Children return to school on Monday 15th April

LUNCHTIME AWARDS AND PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

w/b 12th February - Congratulations to the following children who won Lunchtime Awards:-

Reception Yellow Base Terri-Grace G for eating all her lunch

Year 1 Class 1 Emily B for helping Miss Martin

Year 2 Class 7 Eamanjot S for eating all his lunch

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

w/b 12th February - Well done to the following children who won Playground Behaviour Awards:

Year 2 Class 6 Barney M for good behaviour on the playground and tidying up the play equipment

IMPORTANT DATES



19th-23rd February - Half Term

Tuesday 27th February - Reception trip to Barleylands

Wednesday 28th February - Don in

w/b 4th March - World Book Week

Tuesday 5th March 4-5pm - Bedtime Stories

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

Friday 8th March - Mothers Day sale

w/b 11th March - Science Week

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

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

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Tuesday 30th April - School Councillors and their parent visit to the Houses of Parliament - letter to follow

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS VISIT TO THE TOWN HALL

Today our School Councillors visited The Town Hall. They had the opportunity to sit in the Council Chambers and learnt about the role of the Mayor of Havering. They had the chance to ask lots of questions and also had a history lesson about how Havering got it's name! The children will be writing about this over the half-term holiday.

They were superbly behaved and a credit to our school. Well done Crownfield Councillors!







5 A DAY FITNESS



We have subscribed to the '5 A Day fitness' programme and this is a reminder to log-on to this daily fitness activity and have some fun with your child! 5-a-day Fitness is the ultimate fun. fitness resource for primary school age children. It is designed to increase daily physical activity with online 5-minute exercise routines and 2-minute chill-out routines. See flyer below with the Crownfield log-in details.



Username: CrownInf
Password: CM7I8b

(Please note the details need to be entered exactly as they appear above)

Visit <https://player.5-a-day.tv/> to login.

Remember to log into 5 a day for some fun dance exercises
to keep your mind and body active ☺

READING CHALLENGE



Well done to the following children who have achieved the **Bronze** reading challenge of reading **50** times at home. **Yellow Base Amaan K, Eli H and Rinushga M.**

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved the **Silver** reading challenge of reading **130** times at home: **Yellow Base Lucas A and Ava-Mae D.**

MEET OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNOR - SHAHINA HAQUE



Hello. My name is Shahina Haque and I am a mother to two boys. One of them attends Crownfield Infants, in Reception, so I am new to school life. It has been very interesting so far, around lots of learning for me, and supporting him with making that transition from part time nursery to full time school. It has also been great meeting other parents and building a network.

I work full time at Saint Francis Hospice, which is close by, I enjoy my role there and the team I work with.

My son is enjoying being at school and talks about the many things he is learning but most importantly all his friends at school. As a parent this reassures me greatly, and to know that he is happy is wonderful to see.

There are a few reasons for putting myself forward for the parent governor role. Mainly wanting to support the school and be the parents voice in the children education and development. I hope that I can add different views and experiences to the board's discussions and influence positive changes in the children learning. Having my son attend the school, the knowledge and an insight on the school helps. I am also a safeguard lead at my place of work, and this was an area school was looking for, so if I can be of support, I would be bringing this in.

Looking forward to starting and meeting the other governors, and listening to their views and ideas that could support with discussion and decisions.

SCARLETT FEVER INFO



There has been a general increase in the number of scarlet fever cases (and other Strep A infections) in the community. Group A Streptococcus (or Strep A) is a common type of bacteria that can be found in the throat and on the skin of some individuals.

People may carry it and have no symptoms of illness at all - or they may develop an infection.

Strep throat (or pharyngitis), scarlet fever or a skin infection such as impetigo are common Strep A infections, which can easily spread between people through sneezing and skin contact.

Scarlet fever is a contagious infection that mostly affects young children. It's easily treated with antibiotics.

Check if you have scarlet fever

The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck).

A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper.

On white skin the rash looks pink or red. On brown and black skin it might be harder to see a change in colour, but you can still feel the rash and see the raised bumps.

A white coating also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (called "strawberry tongue")

The rash does not appear on the face, but the cheeks can look red. The redness may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

On rare occasions, the same bacteria can cause more severe infection (also known as Invasive Group A Streptococcal infection - iGAS).

Important

If you or your child has scarlet fever, you must stay away from nursery, school or work for 24 hours after you take the 1st dose of antibiotics.

Scarlet fever is very easily spread. Check with a GP before you go in. They may suggest a phone consultation.

It is important to note that most Strep A infections are mild and easily treated with a course of antibiotics. However, in some cases this can be serious, so always draw the doctor's attention to your concerns and specifically ask them do they think it could be this. A test will eliminate this. Follow your instincts **always**.

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM CAMPAIGN 2024



Last week our kitchen staff made up platters of fresh fruit for Year 1 children to try. Yummy, they look delicious!



5 - Class 1



6 - Class 4



7 - Class 3



8 - Class 2



9 - **WANTED** - Please bring into school any broken costume jewellery you may have as the mid-day staff would like to make bead bracelets with the children. Also needed are any dolls that you no longer use. Many thanks.

PARENT SURVEY



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

Q19 Do you feel welcome when you come into Crownfield Infant and Nursery School? 100% of parents/carers agreed with this statement.

Q20 Are you always greeted at reception in a courteous, polite, welcoming manner? 100% of parents/carers agreed with this statement.

What can I say? We have a wonderful office team who always are professional, welcoming and informative. Thank you to our great office staff!

PARENT SUGGESTIONS

You said "It would be good if children could wear their own clothes in summer and not necessarily school uniform"

Our reply - We are very proud of our school uniform. We feel this makes the children feel part of our 'Crownfield family'. We do have a summer uniform which we feel is suitable for the summer weather. The children are allowed to wear their own clothes when it is their birthday.



10 - EGG COLLECTING

Last week some children from Reception accompanied Miss Whitehead to the chicken area and collected all the eggs that had been laid. ~Well done children the eggs are huge!



11 - CHINESE NEW YEAR - THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

On Friday 9th February, Don our wonderful dance and drama teacher, came into school to do an interactive workshop with the children for Chinese New Year. I hope they told you all about it!

On this day the children also had a special menu to celebrate Chinese New Year and the top tables were decorated for this occasion.







If you have anything you would like to say, email me at head@crowfieldinfantschool.org¹

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