



The Infant Informative

International Holocaust Remembrance Day



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Just your normal, average, very mundane week here at Crawley Ridge... said no one. Ever.

As you will be aware, after fourteen years since the last inspection we had the pleasure of OFSTED's arrival into our school this week. I had no doubts that the children, staff and our community would all pull together to show our school at it's best. You all did us very proud. I cannot share the judgements with our community (including staff) until the report has been published, which can take almost two months. The process was very thorough, fair and supportive. I can't thank the children enough - they wanted to share all they had learnt with our visitors and did so very well. The staff, as always, were spectacular and never faltered at any point. They know what the most important part of education is, your children!

I have shared with you a letter regarding next week's NEU strike action. I am afraid I do not have any additional information that isn't already on that letter. As written, I strongly suspect we will remain open with very minimal disruption, but this can all change very quickly.

As the weather is still very rainy, please can all parents of early years children make sure children have wellies/wellington boots in school and a decent waterproof coat. Children in nursery may also wear 'all in one' overalls that are water resistant.

During this week, I have noticed some parents dropping their children to the school gate and the child then taking themselves to the classroom door. This is not safe. Children should be dropped directly to the class door. Children remain parents' responsibility until the child enters the classroom, not the school grounds.

Along with all the staff, I may now sleep for the entire weekend. Mr O'Shea :)

TRICK BOX



Big Voice

Believe in yourself.

For the past two weeks our 'trick' has been 'mirror mirror'. Being able to give yourself some positive praise.

Next week's trick is '**big voice**'. Do you feel like you can't do something? Do you give up easily? Do you not start something for fear of not being able to finish it? There is another way. Use your 'big voice' and believe in yourself. I can do it! I believe in myself. I will give it a go and try. This video will help you understand more: [click here](#)

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt De La Pena - now the excitement of December has well and truly faded this is a beautiful reminder to find joy in the mundane.

A reminder that it is **National Story Telling week** next week. If you would like to sign up to share a story suitable for 4-7 year olds there is still time! We can't wait to see you there!



DIARY DATES

- PTA Hot Chocolate Sale 3rd February 2023 15:00
- Parent Consultations W/B 6th February 2023
- National Reading Week W/B 30th January 2023
- YR height & weight check (for children with consent only) 31st January 2023

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NUR

This week we've been learning about Chinese New Year. We have written our wishes to hang on our wishing tree, been scooping and pouring with rice and practised using chopsticks to pick up our playdough noodles. Our book of the week has been *The Great Race* and we have had fun re-enacting the story, jumping our animals over the fabric river!

Outside, we have been loving exploring our new sandpit and mud area, aren't we lucky! Next week, we would like all children to have a pair of wellies at school please, if they haven't already. Also, a set of waterproof trousers or an all-in-one will help to protect the children's clothes whilst we're busy having fun 😊



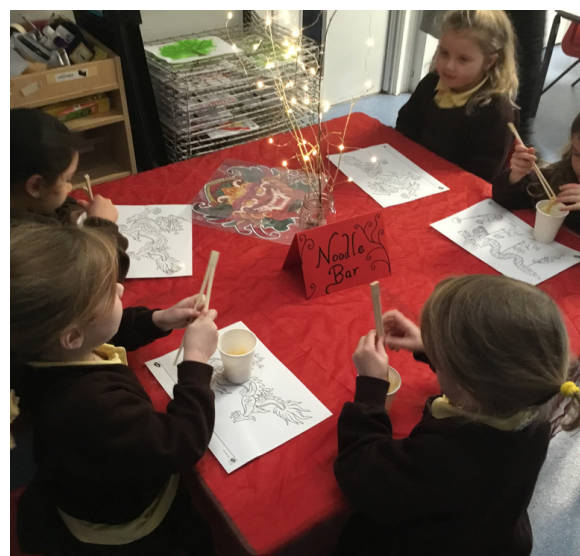
This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. Our story of the week has been *I Love Chinese New Year* which follows a family and the traditions they have around the New Year. Alongside this, our PSHE focused on the story *The Magic Paintbrush* – we talked about all the things we would create if we had our very own magic paintbrush.

REC

In phonics, we have focused on two new sounds this week – **ai** and **ee**. We have been busy painting rainbows, making paper chains, creating snails, doing **ee** word hunts outside and drawing bees.

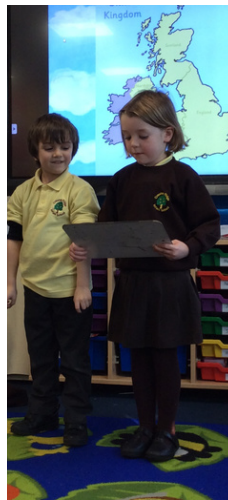
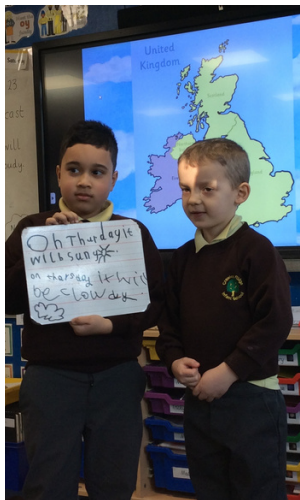
Our maths this week has looked at the numbers 6 and 7 – exploring how we write and make these numbers. We even wrote these numbers in Mandarin (along our Chinese New Year theme) outside with black paint! We loved listening to the story *Six Dinner Sid* and make our own dinners for Sid.

We have explored China as a country, finding it on the map and in atlases as well as looking at its flag. We tried some noodles, painted blossom trees, made lanterns and cleaned the home corner!



YEAR 1

Well, what a busy week it has been for us all. The children have done so well with all the visitors we have had in school this week. They have confidently shared their knowledge, learning and work with them and they have been excited to demonstrate what they know. Our focus for this week was moving on to the hot climate of Kenya, Africa, with the story *Handa's Surprise*. The children loved trying to think of their own adjectives to describe the fruit and loved getting involved with having real fruit to look at and touch to help them. They had a real good go at including adjectives in their retelling of the story on Tuesday. In maths we have moved on to addition within 20, recapping all the skills we learnt with addition to 10 and applying them to 20. We then learnt how our number bonds to 10 can help with number bonds to 20. In Science we have continued looking at materials and learnt the words opaque, translucent and transparent to describe them. In Computing we are looking at Online Safety and we talked about sharing images online this week and which ones can and can't be shared.



YEAR 2

The children have worked incredibly hard this week learning about a rainforest animal for their non-chronological report. They have researched using secondary sources and taken notes to help them write factually. We have learnt about subordinate conjunctions to add more detail to our clauses. We have also learnt more about rainforest animals in science where we thought of our own questions about rainforest animals, we searched for patterns in our answers and displayed what we found in different ways. We have continued our learning of dividing by a one-digit number. The children applied this to solving word problems with one or more steps. In geography we identified human and physical features then designed our own worlds containing only human or physical geographical features – they were very different! We have started to learn about notation in music this week. We learnt about the musical value of a crotchet and quavers as we sung and clapped "Rockstars of the Reef".





PTA news, events & clubs

Jump into 2023 - as the end of January draws closer, we're into the final few days of our fundraiser! Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support for this event - it's been great seeing the children take 23 skips into school!

We have had lots of fab sporty prizes donated for our prize draw for all children who raise £23 or more.

Aquakidz - one free place on an intensive swimming course.

Ultimate Coaching - one free place at a holiday/inset camp day.

Boogie Pumps - one free place at February half-term theatre camp.

Pine Ridge Golf Club - 1 hour session at the driving range.

Camberley Lawn Tennis Club - free coaching in a group lesson.

Nak-Shatra - free Yoga class.

Pirates Landing Camberley - free family ticket (2ad, 3ch) for a soft play session.

A special mention to all of these local businesses for their generous donations.

Please return your sponsorship form / money to the school office or PTA postbox by Friday 3rd February for the chance to be included in the prize draw.

Can you help? We've started to identify suppliers for the playground markings - do you have any contacts / know any schools that have recently had works completed? Or would you like to be involved in the planning/design? Email: crisainformation@gmail.com

Hot chocolate / cookie sale - Friday 3rd February 3pm - we need 1-2 more volunteers at pick up to help serve please. Let your class rep know if you can help or email crisainformation@gmail.com

Nearly New Uniform - please contact Stacey Muirhead via WhatsApp 07588 626777 if you'd like any uniform.



CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Reception, Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3.05pm – 4.00pm	Yoga Reception, Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Playball Reception 3pm-3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Reception, Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	

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Jump into 2023 - PTA



23 star jumps



23 arm circles



Jump up then
touch your
toes 23 times



23 bunny hops



Heel/toe
walk 23 times



Crouch down
and move for
23 seconds

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Reading stars & PANTS

NSPCC Pantosaurus

Along with many schools across the country, at Crawley Ridge Infant School we use the NSPCC Pantosaurus rule to help to teach children about keeping themselves safe. With the help of the friendly Pantosaurus dinosaur, adults, both at school and at home, can teach children about how to stay safe from abuse.

At a level appropriate for their own age, all children learn about how the parts of their bodies which are covered by their underwear are private parts and are not for other people to see or touch and how important it is to talk to someone about anything which upsets or worries them.

Pantosaurus Song

Meet Pantosaurus - our pant-wearing Dino! He wants every child to stay safe and strong, just like him, and he's on a mission to share an important message.

<https://youtu.be/-IL07JOGU5o>

Please visit the following link for advice on how to answer questions from children on this subject.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/pants-how-to-answer-questions/>

St Paul's & Heatherside Church Camberley's

Pancake Praise Party!

21st February 3.30-5.00pm

For children aged 0-11 & their families

Book your tickets here:



Join us at our pancake café as we celebrate the meaning of pancake day with games, activities, songs, toddler zone, food decorating & freshly made pancakes!



Any questions: bethany.larby@stpaulscamb.co.uk

Tickets: <https://stpaulspancakepraiseparty23.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Reading - Oxford owl

Reading is the most important aspect of any school's curriculum. Reading inspires children, improves vocabulary and speaking, helps with writing and is a genuine life skill that opens the doors for your child's future.

All children will have a book issued to them. This will be in their bookbag. These books will be at your child's reading level. Books should be readable and not too challenging – children should be able to read them successfully. This improves the chances of children developing a love and passion for books. If they are too challenging, research shows reading then becomes a chore and is not as enjoyable for young readers. Children must also be able to comprehend/understand the book they have read.

Children in Reception will start their phonics lessons next week. For now, they will be issued with a wordless book. Children learn how to hold and use a book; turning the pages and talking about the images they see. Parents can ask questions such as:

- What can you see in the picture?
- What number is on the page?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What is your favourite picture - why?
- What part of the story would you change - why?

In addition to children's books in book bags, our school also has an online eLibrary. This allows teachers to allocate groups of books to children. These can be read at home on a laptop, iPad, tablet or mobile device. At school, we will monitor which children are using the eLibrary and prizes will be awarded to those participating consistently.

I cannot encourage and emphasise enough how important it is to read at home with and to your child. We will be running phonics workshops for parents this term to help empower you all to continue supporting your children at home.

Your child's login details are attached inside their reading record book/reading diary.

A full guide has been sent to all parents - please check your ParentMail



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