



The Infant Informative



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Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 15th September 2023

Issue 02

Today, after another busy week, I have some important news to share regarding our school's governance. After serving two dedicated terms of office as our Chair of Governors, I want to take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Alexandra Woods. Over the last four years, Alexandra has shown unwavering commitment, hard work, and dedication to our school community. Her guidance and leadership, particularly during the challenges posed by the pandemic, have been invaluable to us all. We are immensely grateful for her service and wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

As we bid farewell to Alexandra, it is with great pleasure that I introduce our new Chair of Governors, Mehefin Bell. Mehefin is no stranger to our school community, having been an involved parent during her children's time at Crawley Ridge Infant School. She brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to this role, including her extensive experience working with the council, as well as expertise in finance and procurement.

Mehefin's passion for our school and her dedication to the well-being and education of our students make her an excellent choice to lead our governing body. I have every confidence that, under her guidance, our school will continue to flourish and provide the best possible education for our children.

We are excited to embark on this new chapter with Mehefin as our Chair of Governors and look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly have on our school community.

A few words from our new Chair

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from Mr O'Shea's kind words, I just wanted to briefly introduce myself and explain what we as a Governing body do, and our plan moving forward.

As Alexandra Wood's leadership has come to the end of its term, I am aware I have big shoes to fill and am grateful she is to continue on the Board of Governors in order to further support the school.

As for me - I have been a past parent and volunteer since 2016 and a Governor since 2020 when my youngest children were in reception. They have now just moved into year 4 at Crawley Ridge Junior School where I am also a Parent Governor. I strongly believe in the Crawley Ridge and wider TAMAT community, which is created by you, your children and the wonderful staff at these schools.

The Governing body exists to serve four main purposes for this community. These are to:

- support the headteacher and all staff to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement.
- ensure the school has a clear vision, direction, and ethos
- hold the headteacher to account for the educational success of the pupils and the school itself
- to oversee the financial performance of the school in these very challenging times to ensure that the resources the school receives are managed effectively.

Having had such a great 'Good' Ofsted report last year, I am really looking forward to working with Mr O'Shea and all the staff as they continue to deliver the best possible education for all and keep building on what makes this school so special.

And if you see me around, please come and say hi.

Mehefin Bell

I wish you all a great weekend. Mr O'Shea :)

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

For our Jewish Community, Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday. Therefore, this week's recommended read is a story about the importance of recognising our mistakes and learning from them.



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DIARY DATES

- **School tour for 2024** - 19th Sept @ 10am, please book through the office
- **Year 1 Curriculum meeting** - 26th Sept @ 9am
- **School tour for 2024** - 27th Sept @ 14:15pm, please book through the office
- **Year 2 Curriculum meeting** - 28th Sept @ 9am
- **Reception Curriculum meeting** - 3rd Oct @ 9am
- **Flu Immunisations** (see ParentMail sent today for details) - 4th Oct
- **School tour for 2024** - 10th Oct @ 10am, please book through the office
- **School Photo Day** - 11th Oct
- **Year 1 Space Day** - 13th Oct
- **Year 2 Castle Day** - 16th Oct

Parent evenings will be held on 17th & 19th October, more info to follow



PTA

Meet the PTA: We have our first PTA meeting of the school year on Wednesday evening, 8pm online via Google Meet. Please come along and join us - everyone is welcome!

Meet the current committee, and find out about future events and fundraising plans. All parents with children at the school are part of the PTA, and the more help and support we get, the better we can enhance the lives of our children at school.

Perhaps you can help run an event? Or be an ad hoc volunteer? Are you a whizz at designing event posters? Or happy to create WhatsApp reminders? All help is appreciated, however big or small.

Additionally, I will be stepping down as Chair at the AGM in October, so we are looking for a replacement. Would you like to be Chair or perhaps Co-Chair? We are also seeking a nearly new uniform coordinator?

If you would like to find out more information, come along on Wednesday or drop us an email: crisainformation@gmail.com

Bag2school collection on 21st September - our first fundraiser this term. You should have received a bag via your child's bookbag this week, but any plastic bag can be used.

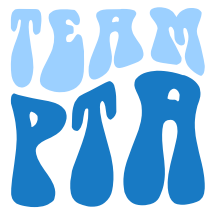
Please bring your filled bag (tied at the top) to drop-off, by 8:45am on 21st Sept - and leave it in the fort in the reception playground.

They accept good quality items for RE-USE: Clothes, shoes, accessories, linen, towels, curtains, soft toys.

They do NOT accept: uniform, rags, soiled items

Full list can be found here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Name Labels: Whether you choose Stampstastic, Stikins or My Nametags for your name labels, the PTA can earn commission at no extra cost to you!



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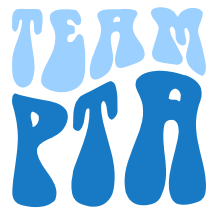
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our clubs

After School Club Timetable - Autumn Term 2023

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the [Clubs](#) section of our school website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Bilingua Sing Year 1 & 2 12.30pm - 1.00pm	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 Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
		Playball Year 1 3pm - 3.45pm		



yoga and dodgeball sessions available

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This week in early years, we have...

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This week, we have spent more time getting to know each other and learning the routines we follow in our Nursery. The children are getting very good at tidying up after themselves when they have finished playing with a toy – well done everyone! Some of the things we have enjoyed this week include constructing rivers in the sand pit, painting portraits of ourselves, drawing sea creatures and building amazing structures with all kinds of blocks and bricks!

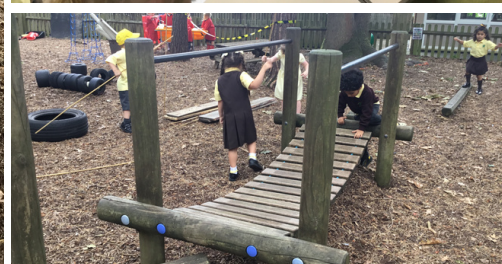
We look forward to another busy week, next week.



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This week the children have each had a full day at school and enjoyed eating their first school dinner. They have been learning the routines and expectations both inside and outside of the classroom. The children have listened to our story of the week with interest and joined in with the repeated phrases in '**The Very Busy Spider.**' They have begun to take part in our daily phonics sessions where they have been encouraged to listen to sounds, clap to the beat and join in with nursery rhymes. The children are building on their independence skills and have been encouraged to pour their own milk (if they are on the milk list), find and prepare their snack and put on their wellies when in the outdoor area.

What a busy week! The children have certainly earned their rest this weekend.



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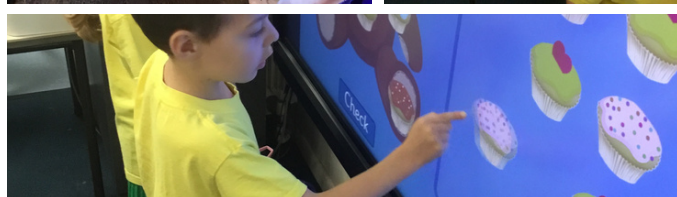
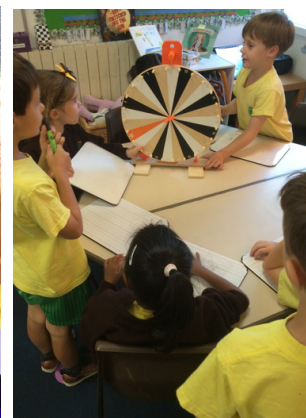




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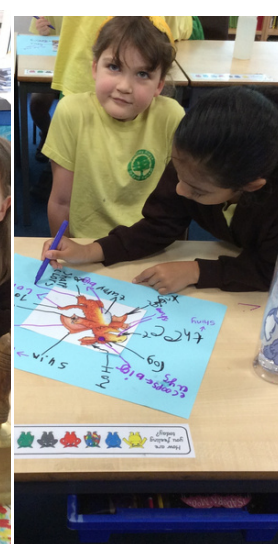
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Our first full week has been completed with the children getting to know the full range of subjects that they will be learning about and finding out what each one will teach them. In Maths we have been representing numbers and counting on from a number within 10. In English we have been carrying on our discussions last week about their Summer holidays and we wrote a sentence to share our experiences. In Geography we are looking at our local area and the children drew simple maps of their journey to school and what they see along the way. In Science we had a look at our body and named a large whole class outline of a body with all the parts we could remember. The children knew so many already! In Art the children learnt about the artist Piet Mondrian and focused on the primary colours. The children have been making the most of our outdoor canopy classroom with the range of activities we have had on offer. It is such a fantastic space to help enhance their learning further for those that love to be outdoors. We really appreciate you keeping your children out of this area before and after school so that we can make the most of setting it up and keeping it ready for learning. Thank you.



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Year 2 have had another exciting week. The children have really enjoyed their first full week back. In English we have been reading the story **Zog** by Julia Donaldson and have created story plans for their own versions of the story. In grammar they have been learning about adjectives and coordinating conjunctions. In maths we have been learning about place value by partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones. We also practised writing numbers as numerals in rainbow writing. In science the children have been learning about the basic needs of animals for survival. In history we have been learning about the different external features of a castle. In design and technology, we explored hinges and took the first steps in building our castle grounds.



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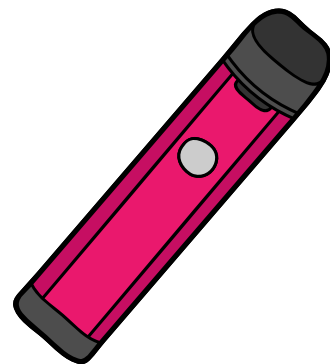




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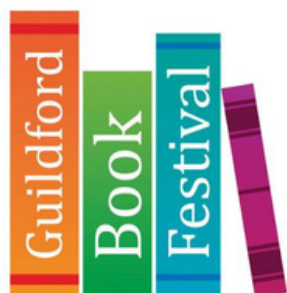
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Some of our staff are raising money...

In September, Miss Corser, Mrs Samuels and Mrs Bailey will be walking an overnight marathon in London to raise money for Cancer Research. Both as a school and individual staff members, cancer affects us all. The team wanted to do something to raise money for such a brilliant cause and would love your support. As you can imagine, walking a marathon and doing it overnight is no small feat – especially during a busy September start! Any donations would be gratefully received.



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