

Newsletter

Cranford Primary School

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Message from the Head Teacher

We are delighted to inform you that we have registered for Pets As Therapy visits, which can help to give pupils opportunities to increase their confidence and sense of well-being. In the first instance we will be holding Dog Safety Awareness sessions for selected children on Monday. Therapy dogs undergo extensive training and certification to ensure they are well-suited to interact with children. Pebbles, our visiting therapy dog, has successfully completed her training and passed her assessment with flying colours. Throughout the visit, Pebbles will be under the careful supervision of her owner, with additional adults present to support the session. During the session, the children will have the chance to engage with Pebbles in various activities, including petting the dog, observing her perform tricks, and offering her treats. These interactions will not only be enjoyable but also educational, as they will help the children learn how to interact safely with dogs.

Outstanding attendance and punctuality are key to your child's learning and ensure that the best possible progress and attainment levels are achieved. The school is under strict obligation to follow central government and local government guidance in relation to an absence from school. Therefore we do not allow children to take any time off during term-time. There are 13 weeks of non-school time throughout the year and this is the time during which holidays must be taken. If you have older children who attend secondary school you should remember to check their term dates before you book a holiday as term dates do not always coincide. Please note any absences occurring either side of school holidays will require medical proof of illness, otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

Attached to this newsletter are our [term dates for the 2024-25 academic year](#). We have given you this information now so that you can make your holiday arrangements in advance.

When booking routine medical and dental appointments every effort must be made to book appointments out of school hours. Evidence will be required in advance of the appointment. Thank you for your co-operation.

Jasmeen Chana, Headteacher

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you." —Walt Whitman"



EARLY YEARS
ATTENDANCE
WINNERS
PINK CLASS

KS1
ATTENDANCE
WINNERS
PURPLE CLASS

KS2
ATTENDANCE
WINNERS
RUBY CLASS



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a merit this week:

Fouad (1Lime), Mercy (1Lime), Zainab (4Scarlet), Shrihas (4Scarlet), Sumerdeep (5Crimson), Ayan (5Crimson), Nathan (2Gold), Amrique (2Gold), Jester (5Emerald), Amina (5Emerald), Anjluka (3Lilac), Kivleen (3Lilac), Chloe (4Indigo), Andrei (4Indigo), Ekam (4Scarlet), Khadijah (4Topaz), Qusay (4Topaz), Pranjana (4Topaz), Vladislav (4Topaz), Reuel (3Aqua), Alyssia (3Aqua), Milford (RPink), Nadia (3Ruby), Rajvi (3Ruby), Vayk (6Amber), Athav (RPink)

This morning Year 6 were entertained with a road safety workshop focusing on the transition from primary to secondary school. While we do allow children in Years 5 and 6 to walk home independently for many children their first experience of travelling alone is when they start secondary school. Velany, from Magenta, said that the workshop was useful in teaching the children the safest places to cross the road for example on footbridges, subways, zebra crossings and pelican crossings. Zahra said that the workshop was very useful in helping her get ready to walk to secondary school and she feels more confident that she will be safer on the roads now.

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World Book Day

A group comprising both Year 5 and Year 6 students had the wonderful opportunity to visit children's author Sam Copeland. The session was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, who had the chance to engage with Sam as he discussed his favourite selection of books and shared his passion for reading. Mr Ravat, Miss Baig and Mrs Vaid are excited to introduce more of Sam Copeland's books to the children in the future!



Field Trip!

Year 5 have been learning about Rivers and the Rainforest in their Geography topic this term and comparing these to our local ecosystem. As part of this learning all of the children went to the River Crane this week in order to explore some of the landscapes, animals and insects that can be found around the area.

Manshveer and Ayesha from Crimson Class explained "we have been learning about rivers and rainforests in Geography this term. Our trip made us very curious as we could see River Crane and our local ecosystem and compare this to the Amazon rainforest. We then wrote a letter to Rishi Sunak, trying to persuade him to make policies to stop deforestation. It was so fun!"



“A happy mouth is a happy body”.

World Oral Health Day - 20 March 2024

World Oral Health Day

Maintaining good oral health is important at every stage of your life. No matter what age you are, caring for your mouth and looking after your oral health is important. A lesser-known fact is that poor oral health is associated with increasing your risk of developing other serious health conditions such as heart disease or diabetes.

Good oral hygiene habits should be set from a young age. We encourage parents and caregivers to take their children to the dentist and teach them how to care for their teeth and gums.

As you go through life, you should continue to brush your teeth twice a day and floss between your teeth. Cut down on sugar and continue to go for your regular dental check-ups.

The British Society for Paediatric Dentistry has worked with Dr Ranj to produce a series of helpful videos on how to look after your teeth.

Visit: www.bspd.co.uk/Kidsvids

Prevention is key: Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, reduce sugar and don't forget to visit the dentist.

The NHS website has lots of useful information about how to look after your teeth and gums:

www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>



Dates for your Diary

27th March - Year 4

Easter Assembly

29th March - 12th April

- Easter Holidays

15th April - Start of the

Summer Term

25th April - Year 1

Vaisakhi Assembly

26th April - Maths Day

23rd May - Positive Day

24th May - INSET day -

school closed

27th - 31st May - Half

Term



Telephone numbers and contact details

It is essential that we have your up to date telephone contact numbers saved on the school's database. While day to day communication with parents is carried out using email we use telephone communication for dealing with emergencies such as any illness or accident concerning your child, school closures and any other urgent issues.

Several times over the last week we have been unable to contact parents whose children were in the Medical Room. Fortunately these children did not have serious injuries or illnesses.

Current safeguarding guidance suggests that each child has three or more contact numbers saved on the school's database. This might be the number for mum, dad, granny, uncle, sister or neighbour. Please let the school office know of any changes to your number.

Rights Respecting School:

This week we have been focusing on Equality (Re-connection).

We have been learning about Article 14:

“Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

Governments must respect the rights of parents to give their children information about this right”

Music is an important part of school life as it enhances children's moral and spiritual capabilities. Each week we will be sharing songs from the model music curriculum, which is used in our music teaching at Cranford. We would encourage and welcome your support by playing the music at home and discuss with your child what instruments they could hear, did they enjoy the music and how it made them feel.

This week's song:

We are the World

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_uDUSzzSUo



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