



# CROSSHALL CONNECTS

A monthly magazine from Crosshall Junior School

## This issue's highlights:



Diary Dates



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Life Education Bus



LEGOLAND Trip



Praise Postcards



Head Teacher's Award



*The CJS Macmillan Coffee Morning was back and a great success, raising over £1100*



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome to the first edition of Crosshall Connects for 2022 – 23!

Crosshall Connects is a monthly magazine that lets you know what's been happening recently in the junior school.

It is published on the first Friday of each month and replaces the Close Up for that week. It is a more in depth look at the life of the school and tries to keep you up to date with the latest information.

There are many other ways to find out what is going on, such as via Twitter, Facebook, year group blogs, the weekly Close Up newsletter, and the website.

### **Mrs Farrugia**

As you may know from my email this week, sadly our beloved colleague Sarah Farrugia has passed away.

Sarah had been ill since the beginning of the 2022, and sadly could not return to teach 5SF last academic year, as she had very much hoped.

Mrs Farrugia, began teaching at Crosshall Junior School in 2006 as Miss Bowles.

Her teaching talent had been spotted whilst she worked at a school in Bedfordshire, and she was invited to join our Crosshall team. She was a subject lead for many years and was an inspired, thoughtful maths specialist.

I know that the children she taught, the parents, governors, and the colleagues she worked alongside, also appreciated her dedication and her gift for building warm relationships.

Sarah was a fun-loving, marathon running, kind-hearted person, and above all a great mum and wife.

Our community has lost a wonderful woman and we send Sarah's whole family our love and support.

If you would like to donate to our Macmillan Appeal, or to send a message/card/gift to her family, please come to the school office.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

The children, with the support of parents, have made an excellent start to the year.

Thank you for your support regarding uniform choices, PE Kit, small bags and the removal of earrings.

### News/Support Needed

- The Crosshall Junior VALUES of Ambition, Resilience and Kindness are promoted throughout the year. This term, the focus is **Kindness**. So far, the children have been learning the habits of good manners, being 'noticers' and 'paying it forward'. We want our school to be a happy, safe and respectful place to learn and work.
- During the holiday, Year Five, Library and the outdoor markings were painted as well. The Paxton Room has been gutted, benches and stage removed, and the room recarpeted ready for music lessons. The Farm and Adventure Playground have been refreshed and both the Log Cabin and Summer House were repainted. Thank you, Mr Bruce and the site team!
- Please do not let your child use the Adventure Playground before or after school. The barrier will usually be drawn across the entrance, though this is often removed by users.
- The children have elected the House Captains and they have been busy sorting out the new token system.

- Thank you for completing the Parent/Carer Survey. This will enable us to target resources more effectively as required.
- This year, again, we are trying to find ways in which to educate the children about waste and lost items. We have reviewed the previous budget system and have now linked positive action to house points.
- This month, we will be holding Parent-Child Learning Review appointments via SchoolCloud again. Feedback about virtual PCLRs has always been very positive. We will review this again before the spring consultations.
- **The Queen:** every child has contributed to our school, art memorial. The work will be displayed in the Small Hall for everyone to see. Here is a photo of what some of it looks like:



Have a great October and I look forward to seeing some of you at the Celebration Assembly next week.

**Anne Eardley**  
Head Teacher



## COMING UP...



11th October	Individual Photo Day	
14th October	Celebrations Assembly	
W/C 17th October	Parent & Child Learning Reviews - online	
19th October	Flu Immunisation Day	
20th October	SCHOOL CLOSING BY 12:30	
21st October	Year Three Toothpaste Day	YEAR THREE
24th - 28th October	Half Term	
31st October	DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS	YEAR SIX
11th November	CJS Open Day	
16th November	#AskCJS - Online Tools	

## DID YOU KNOW



Term dates are available on our school website. Click [HERE](#) to visit the CJS Digital Village.



## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The school nurses will be in school administering Flu immunisations on Wednesday 19th October. Please see the letter sent with this week's Letter Day email for more details.

Parent/Carer consent is required. Please go to:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2022/cambridgeshire>

The portal will close on Sunday 15th October.



## PHOTOGRAPHS

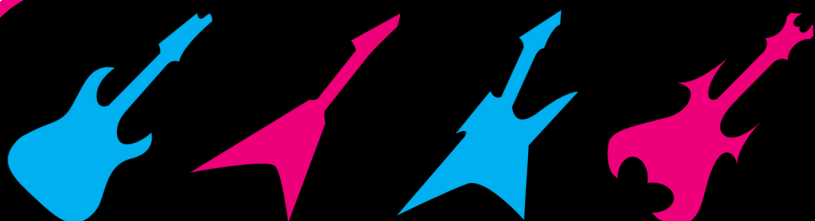
Our new photographers, Carmel Jane will be in school on Tuesday 11th October to take individual photographs.





## TT ROCKSTARS &amp; NUMBOTS

Each week we celebrate our CJS Times Tables Rockstars and NUMBOTS users with the highest scores. Here are this week's winners!

**SPEED**

Vaibhav B

**COINS**

Callum P

**IMPROVED**

Josie K



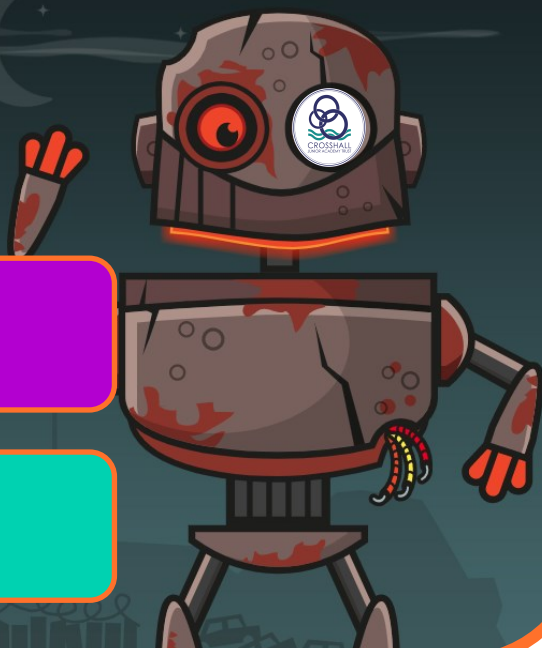
NUMBOTS

**COINS**

Harrison H

**IMPROVED**

Oscar D





## GOOGLE CLASSROOM

If you would like to receive emails showing what has been set for your child via Google Classroom. Complete this form to request this feature: [forms.gle/X7D2Vr9QqZ1EDsbu8](https://forms.gle/X7D2Vr9QqZ1EDsbu8)  
This may be classwork, Home Learning, optional tasks or an announcement.



## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Hayden has built his very own robot and used a very technical programming app to give the robot motion, sound and light. A great example of bringing his passion to life! The class loved his demonstration and are using it as further inspiration for their D&T work next week.

**Mr Righetta**

*Head of Year Six*





## EDUCATION LIFEBUS

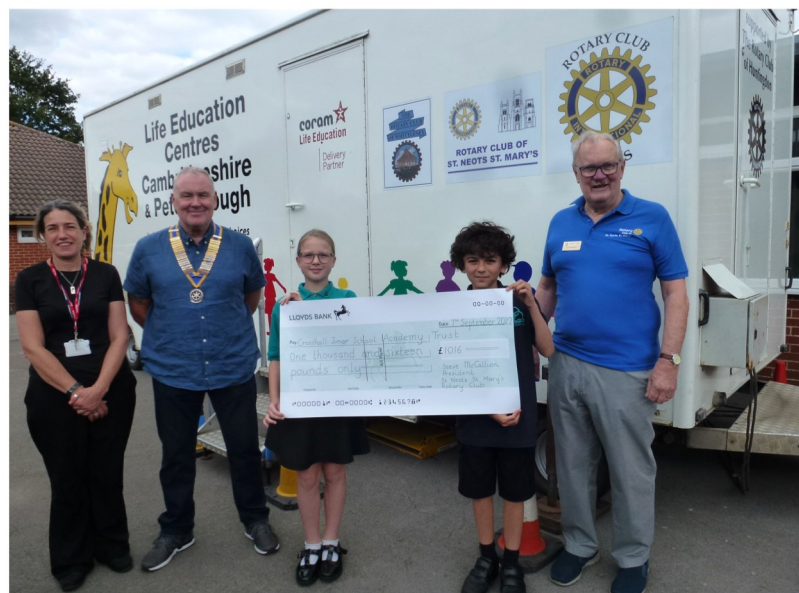
Crosshall had an exciting seven day visit from the Coram Education Lifebus recently (7th-16th September). You might have noticed the mobile classroom parked near the car park during those times, or even visited during the seven days.

It was an amazing experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed. At Crosshall, we pride ourselves on our excellent PSHCE curriculum and the Lifebus strengthens this through its interactive, informative lessons. All the children experienced a lesson in the bus which ranged in structure. They learnt about many aspects of personal and social education. I know that many of the Year Four children enjoyed meeting Gerald the Giraffe!

Year Six also got to experience some new drama workshops linked to personal and social education which they found very informative. It was great to have the Lifebus visit, and I am sure it is something the children will remember forever.

A huge thanks to the St Neots Rotary Club for funding the Education Lifebus visit for Crosshall Junior School.

**Miss Griffiths**





## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The staff would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our Crosshall families for answering our call for cakes and donations for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. As well as it being a fantastically attended event with over 150 people coming along to support us, we raised over £1100 for Macmillan, which is very close to all our hearts.

There were seventeen prize winners and the Guess the Weight of the Cake and Veg Box winners were children from Year Four and Five.

Thank you again for all of your support.





**LEGOLAND TRIP****YEAR  
SIX**

Year Six children (and adults!) had a wonderful day at Legoland on 29<sup>th</sup> September. As well as it being a great opportunity to build relationships with each other and bond as a class/year group, it provided many learning opportunities linked with this term's Design and Technology unit of work.

The children studied (and tested out!) the motions of the rides and how they vary; the theme of different areas of the park and how to use the WeDo software.

Children will apply this learning to this term's unit of work by designing and building their own theme park ride made out of Lego. They'll use a motor and the WeDo coding software to create a desired motion too. The children are very excited for this!

Furthermore, throughout the day, the year group were praised by members of the public and the leader of the coding workshop on their manners and enthusiasm.

Well done Year Six!

**Mr Righetta**

*Head of Year Six*

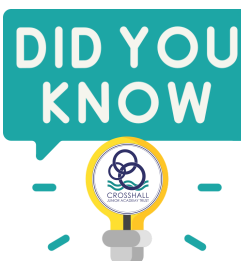




## PRAISE POSTCARDS

Here is this month's update to the Praise Postcards recipient list. Staff recognise progress or attainment by posting Praise Postcards home to students. It is very exciting when one of these lands on the door mat!

The 'Students Achievements and Awards' section of our website is regularly updated with all the winners! Click [HERE](#) to visit the page.



Students who have received postcards so far this term are:

Dexter M	Tyler W	Sophia G	Layla R	Elliott E	Isla B
Sam L	Kelena N	Sofia B	Layla M	Emily E	Anna P
Rubie C	Alice H	Clemmy E	Isabella O	Eva M-W	
Robbie H	Toby B	Seb S	Anya P	Ava P	
Samuel H	Ella-Louise M-D	Isla P	Shane McK	Chloe L	
Goncalo R	Finlay W	Eleanor C	Daisy J	James W	



## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Here is this month's update to the Head Teacher Award winners list.

Ms Eardley sends a congratulatory text message to parents/carers and meets with the student



The recipients of the since the beginning of this term are:

James W, Sam L, Archie F, Dexter M, Isabel N, Emily B, Isla C-M, Robbie H, Esther Y,  
James W, Tilly C, Vespa S.



## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Year Four's **Imogen** who took part in a dance competition last month and placed 2nd, 4th and 5th with her groups in contemporary, musical theatre and hip hop! Wow! Well done Imogen!



### OPERATION SMILE

Congratulations to James W, Dexter M, Archie F and Sam L who held a cake sale last month in aid of Operation Smile.

They raised £71.00 with their efforts, which was very gratefully received by Operation Smile.

Well done!







## HUNTINGDONSHIRE TRAVEL

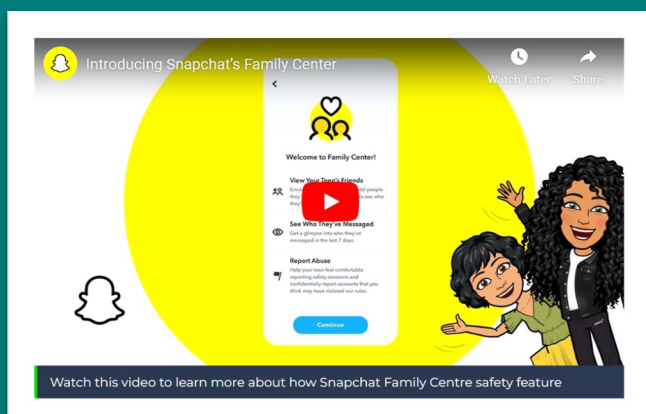
If you would like to give your views to the consultation regarding Huntingdonshire action plans to address transport challenges faced in the district, please visit this site:

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/transport-strategy-for-huntingdonshire-public-consultation>



## SNAPCHAT FAMILY CENTRE

Whilst Snapchat requires users to be a minimum of 13 years old to use the platform, we know that a number of primary school aged children are exposed to it. We therefore have the following information for parents:



***Snapchat has introduced its Family Centre feature to help parents engage with their teens in their digital world. The feature allows parents to easily view new friends their teens have added however it will not show the content of conversations, protecting their teen's privacy. According to Snap, this will, "reflect the way that parents engage with their teens in the real world where parents usually know who their teens are friends with and when they are hanging out."***

***Using Snapchat Family Centre parents will be able to report accounts that may be concerning directly to Snapchat's Trust and Safety teams. Teens will also be able to notify parents when they have reported an account or a piece of content on the platform.***

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.