



CROSSHALL CONNECTS

A monthly magazine from Crosshall Junior School

This issue's highlights:



Diary Dates



Year Six
Morality Tales



PTA Quiz Night



Primary Futures
Event



Praise Postcards



Head Teacher's
Award



The PTA Quiz Night Is back! See inside the newsletter for more details



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome to our latest edition of our monthly magazine, Connects. The magazine aims to keep parents and the community in touch with what is happening in school and provide useful information. We also aim to share our successes and future plans.

Snippets

- For **Children in Need**, our children are invited to wear non-school uniform, including something spotty and to donate on Friday 18th November. We may have **special visitors** that week too!
- **Autumn - The Kindness Term!** We will continue to post home **Praise Postcards** or give **Head Teacher Awards** in recognition of kindness or demonstration of any of the other School Values.
- More equipment has been purchased for play at lunchtimes and Playleaders are continuing to lead games. Tinkering Club is in need of some old boxes (small), foil and other crafting resources if you have some to spare for use at lunchtime.
- On Monday 14th November, children may wear odd socks in support of NSPCC and marking the start of our **Anti-Bullying Week**.
- We welcomed back parents to our **Celebration Assembly** in October!
- Ask your child about the engagement with: our **Future Me programme**, and; **Century** – our artificial intelligence, personalised, tutoring website. It is available to every child for maths, reading and science and is regularly used for home learning.

News

- Parents have been very busy over the past two months attending PCLRs, Open Week, Toothpaste Day, Residential Briefings, Clubs Fayre, #AskCJS ... We really appreciate

everyone's involvement and working in partnership for the success of your children. We have Open Day and Library events soon.

- Thank you, to those parents who took the time to complete the latest parent **questionnaire**. Your input influences policy and decision making in school. Sadly, we had very few replies this time, so either we are doing a great job or people didn't have the time to complete it. There will be opportunity for further feedback during Open Day.
- Our autumn term **Parents and Child Learning Reviews** (PCLRs) were another success! Thank you to parents and staff - we had almost total attendance.
- On Friday 11th November, we will have two minutes silence whilst we pause for **Remembrance Day** at 11:00. Poppies, snap bands, wristbands and zip pulls are available to purchase at the office.
- The first house bonus day of the year will be on Tuesday 30th November. **Edinburgh House** will be able to wear a blue token – hair band, bobble, slide, socks - in the house colour (blue) along with normal school uniform. All house points earned for Edinburgh that day are **doubled**.
- We all need a bit a sparkle this term. Our 'world renowned' **Christmas Decoration Day** is on Friday 2nd December. It is an opportunity for the children to learn some new art skills/crafts whilst making cards/decorations for the family. Our past students tell us that they really miss this annual event.

It's only 51 days until Christmas!

Anne Eardley
Head Teacher



**CJS NEEDS
YOU!**

Our school requires some additional governors. If you would like to be considered, please contact the school office. We would particularly like to hear from anyone with expertise in HR, education or safeguarding



COMING UP...



8th November	Year Three Burwell Talk (Via Zoom 6pm)	YEAR THREE
9th November	Dads Who Read Event in Library	
14th November	Odd Socks Day in Support of NSPCC	
18th November	Children in Need Day PTA Adult Quiz Night 7pm	QUIZ
22nd November	Flu Immunisation Catch Up 4CH & 4NT Chiltern Air Museum Visit Year Six SRE Film Viewing 3:30pm	YEAR FOUR YEAR SIX
23rd November	Year Six Maya Mask Parent Workshop 1:30-3:30pm #AskCJS - Online Tools CJS Open Day	YEAR SIX
30th November	Edinburgh Bonus Day	
2nd December	Christmas Decoration Day	
8th & 9th December	Year Three Nativity	
14th December	Instrumental Concert PTA Christmas Disco	
15th & 16th December	PTA Christmas Shop	
19th December	Christmas Panto in School	
20th December	Carols @ St Mary's	
21st December	Christmas Dinner Day & Last Day of Term	



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

If your child missed the last flu session here at CJS, there will be a catch up opportunity on Tuesday 22nd November.

Parent/Carer consent is required. Please go to:

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

The portal will close 48 hours prior to the session.



PHOTOGRAPHS



School photos are now live and available to purchase on the Carmel Jane website. If you have pre-registered you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link:

<https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

All photographs will be sent straight to home address. For any queries please contact Carmel Jane Photography:
Email: info@carmeljane.co.uk Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-5pm).



TT ROCKSTARS & NUMBOTS

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

	SPEED	Albert B
	COINS	Callum P
	IMPROVED	Elsie P

NEXT WEEK'S BATTLE
Belfast v Cardiff



Students who have achieved Rock Hero status on TT Rockstars (last year's winners):






Albert B
Joseph P
David E
Zakariya R


Layla R
Dvir Z
Rares P
Thomas G

Ashley B
Callum P
Dexter A
Natty T

Leo T
Thomas C
Sapphire G
Ela M



	COINS	Simran T
	IMPROVED	Maki O




Year Three students who have completed NumBots and achieved Diamond status (last year's winners):

Dvir Z and Callum P



PTA CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS

The PTA would like your outgrown Christmas jumpers! They are asking for families to donate any they no longer need. The PTA will wash them and then sell them to parents for just a few pounds, all ahead of our Christmas Decoration Day on 2nd December.



The sale date will be confirmed soon, but if you have any jumpers to donate, please pop them in the box in reception **before 19th November** to give the PTA enough time to wash them ready for the sale. Thank you for your support!



MORALITY TALES

YEAR
THREE

YEAR
SIX

Last month, the children in Year Six had the opportunity to read their recently written morality tales to a Year Three child. They were so excited, and it was lovely to see the Year Six students proud of their final drafts. Well done to the Year Three children for their listening skills!





ACCELERATED READER

If you would like to receive reports about your child's quizzing when they complete a book, you can sign up here:

ukhosted28.renlearn.co.uk/2051095/HomeConnect/



COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



As winter approaches, more people will feel the impact of inflation and increasing fuel bills. [County Council's webpages on support with the cost of living](#) provide information on accessing grants and debt advice, support on getting all the money you're entitled to and more information about the government's recent support measures.

The page also contains a link for the Council's [Household Support Fund](#). This fund, which has wide eligibility criteria, provides direct financial support and a gateway to more personalised offers which are intended to provide longer-term help. It is easy to apply to the fund, details and a link to the application form are on the webpage. There is also a telephone application route for pensioners through our partners Age UK Cambridge & Peterborough on 01223 221929

We will continue to run the Holiday voucher scheme for children during Christmas and February half term holidays. If you have difficulties accessing your vouchers, please email winter.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



PTA ADULT QUIZ NIGHT

CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA



Adult Quiz Night



Friday 18th November

**Doors open at 7pm for
a 7.30pm start**

Crosshall Junior School
School Hall

Prizes for first place and a wooden spoon for the
losing team

OVER 16s ONLY

**ENTRY £3
PER PERSON**

(teams of 8
maximum, pay
on the door)



**REFRESHMENTS
'BRING YOUR
OWN'**

Wine/beer/soft
drinks/nibbles
etc...

**WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ON THE
NIGHT AND HOPE
YOU WILL SUPPORT
YOUR CHILDREN
THROUGH PTA
EVENTS**



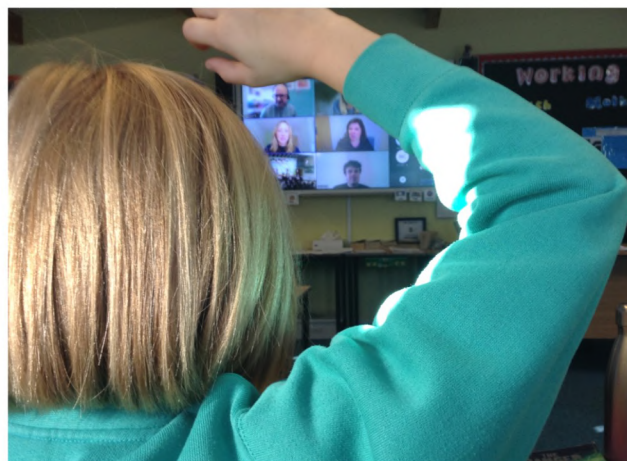
FUTURE ME - PRIMARY FUTURES SHOWCASE

FUTURE ME

**YEAR
FIVE**

Raising Aspirations and Empowering Children –
Primary Futures Virtual Showcase

On 18th October, Year Five joined a Future Me event arranged by Primary Futures. Our Year Five students joined classes from other schools, the Primary Futures organisers and three volunteers.



We began with welcomes and introductions. Following this, the children asked the volunteers questions about their jobs and then tried to guess what the volunteers' jobs might be.

Then, came the 'Big Reveal', where the volunteers announced their jobs and talked a little about them as a junior school child, their early career, steps they've taken and their current roles.

The three volunteers were: Rachel de Souza - Children's Commissioner for England, Kate Ball - Founder and Director of Mini First Aid and James Williams - Associate Director at Watford Palace Theatre. We benefited from hearing about their experiences and the gravitas of their current employment.



We are currently looking to arrange more Future Me talks. Would you, a family member, colleague or friend like to talk to our pupils (in person, or virtually) about careers? If so, please contact Mr. Murphy via the school office.



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	Maia 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:

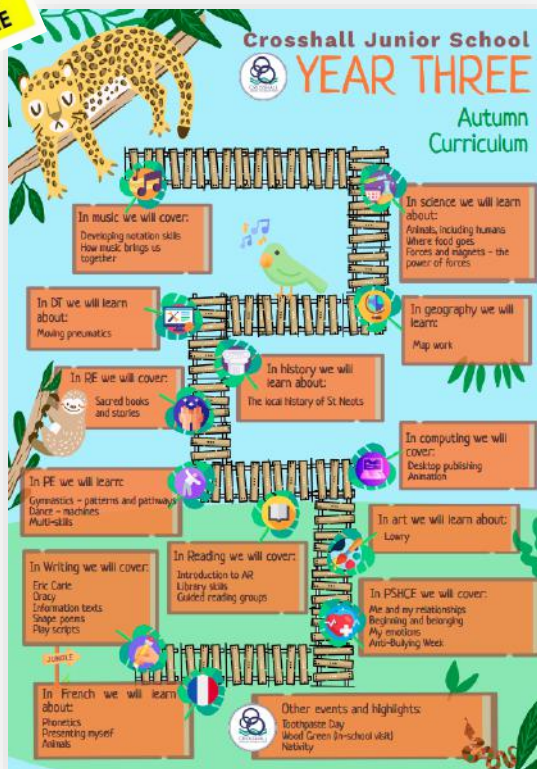
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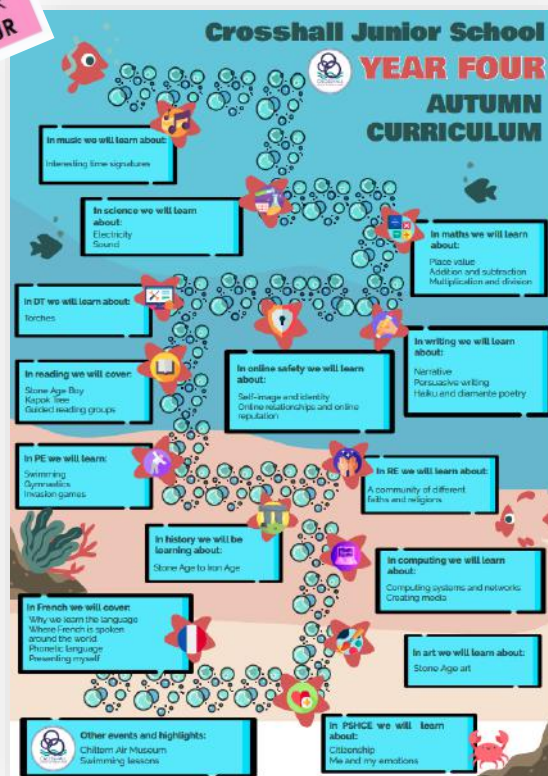
AUTUMN CURRICULUM PATHWAYS

The Autumn term's curriculum pathways are on our website. Click on each picture to visit your child's year group area.

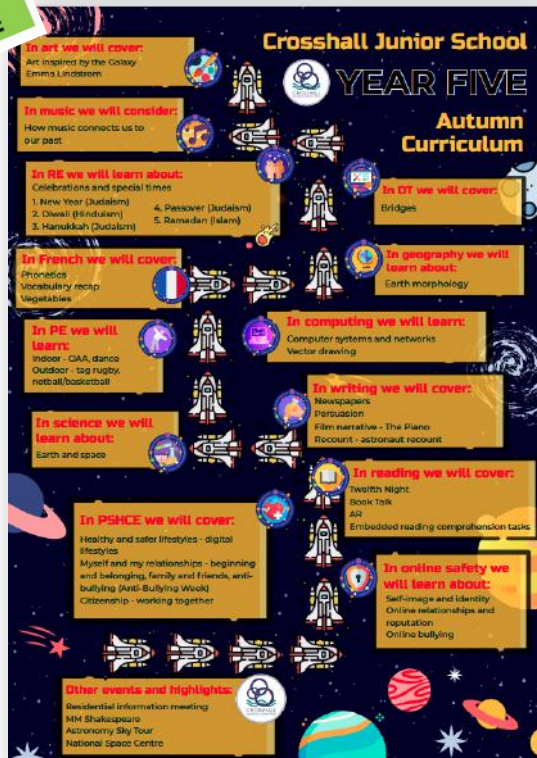
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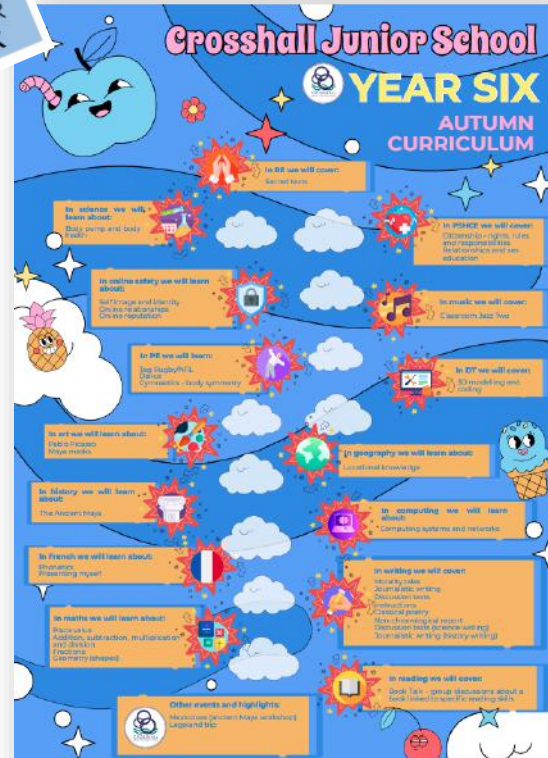
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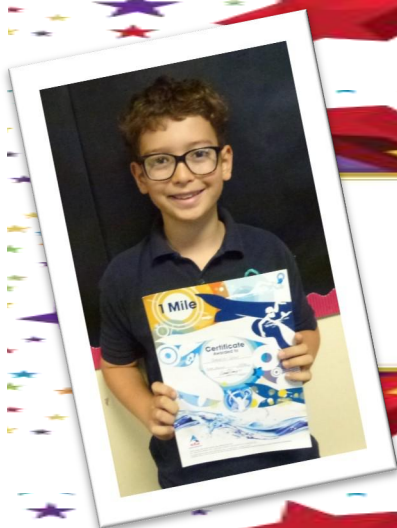


OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Year Three's **Maia** who completed a charity run in London's Hyde Park and helped raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Well done Maia!



A huge WELL DONE to **Seb** in Year Six who has completed a one mile swim! A great achievement Seb!



Congratulations to **Brynley** in Year Five who along with his sister, did a collection for The Brain Tumour Charity! The siblings even donated their own pocket money to raise an impressive £400! Wow!



Congratulations to Year Six's **Amelia** who had a big haircut for the Little Princess Trust. Amelia has also raised £600 so far in sponsorship for the Trust. You're amazing Amelia!





ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL GUIDE

Parent advice from Cambridgeshire County Council:

The information below is designed to help parents understand how and when leave of absence in exceptional circumstances may be granted. The decision to authorise absence is at the head teacher's discretion based on their assessment of the situation. Circumstances vary from school to school and so there can be no absolute rules on this subject.

Term times are for education. This is the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Head teachers will rightly prioritise attendance. Generally, absences will not be granted during term time and will only be authorised by the head teacher in exceptional circumstances.

Penalty Notices for term time leave are issued based on information and referrals received from schools. The Local Authority cannot override the decision made by the Headteacher to unauthorise the absence. If you have any reasons to believe the Penalty Notice should not have been issued please contact the school within 10 working days. There is no statutory right of appeal against the issuing of a Penalty Notice.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are exceptional circumstances? Exceptional circumstances are one off events which are unavoidable, examples may include the death of a close relative, attendance at a funeral, respite care of a looked after child, a housing crisis which prevents attendance.

Can this be reviewed by the Council? No. Only the head teacher of a school can authorise any absence under exceptional circumstances. The County Council cannot override any decisions made by the head teacher. If a request is sent to the Council then a PN fine will be issued based on the information received.

My child's attendance record is generally good, can I still be issued a fine for short time unauthorised holiday?

The Cambridgeshire Penalty Notice Code of Conduct allows Penalty Notice fine to be issued for holiday taken for three days or more.

Which parent receives the fine? Where both parents live together and have day-to-day care and also any absent parent who has frequent contact with the child and is named in the child's school records may receive a fine for each of their children. This will include parents who allow their child to go on holiday with another family member or friend of the family.

Who is fined when parents do not live together? The situation can become complicated where parents do not

live together and both wish to remove their child from school at separate times during the same academic year. Where parents are separated, if an absence request is submitted by the parent not involved with the absence, then both parents may be fined.

Who is considered to have parental responsibility? The definition of a parent is anyone who has parental responsibility for the child and/or any adult with day to day care and responsibility. (Section 576 Education Act 1996). This will include step parents and cohabiters, partners of older pupils if the partner is over 18 years of age and they are living together, other relatives with residency orders.

What happens if I am a self-employed worker e.g. a farmer, is an employee with fixed holiday dates, or is on a holiday rota set by my employer? It is advisable for parents to discuss this with their child's school prior to making any arrangements for absence during school term times. Legislation no longer allows Head teachers to authorise 10 days absence from school for a term time holiday. If you are self-employed then you are able to select when you take your annual leave.

We want to go on a trip of a lifetime. Could this be an authorised absence? No, this would constitute a family holiday. The Head teachers cannot authorise term time holidays, unless there accept the reason for leave of absence is exceptional.

I have a significant number of relatives abroad and may need to spend an extended period in another country. Could this be an authorised absence? Head teachers are bound by law to discourage families from taking trips during term time, whatever the reason given.

Can I have a payment plan or make part payments? No, The Code of Conduct does not allow part payments or payment plans.

The primary school authorised the absence but I received a PN fine for my secondary school aged child. Is there no consistency? The government has given the authority to individual head teachers to make their own decision based on the explanation provided by the parents. What is exceptional has not been defined by the government and therefore individual opinions may differ between head teachers. However, the county council does encourage schools to work together but at the same time take into account circumstances of the individual child's needs.

Could an absence to attend a religious observance or festival be an authorised absence? Absence that is due to religious observance must be authorised. The day should be marked as authorised where there is an element of worship associated with the religious observance. The religious observance days are set apart by the religious body of the individual religion, not determined by the parents.



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Home-Start is one of the UK's leading family support charities, offering support to families who have at least one child under five when family life becomes difficult. Our service supports families, through weekly volunteer home visits.



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You can contact us on tel: **01480 700242** or email:
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or find out more at: **www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk**

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organisation. I am a
completely different
person now and I
couldn't of
done it without them.*

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UPCOMING COURSE

One Leisure St Neots Thursdays 16:45-17:45
Starting 10th November 2022 for 6 weeks

For more info and to book, please visit
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Or scan the QR code!

