



# CROSSHALL CLOSE UP



Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term holiday.

Although we didn't see Year Five for the majority of the week, they had a great time on the York residential, along with all the brilliant staff who gave up time with their families to give the children this amazing opportunity.

Thank you to all the parents who showed appreciation for the staff's support and leadership.

The rest of the school seems to have settled straight back into school life and there has been a good learning atmosphere.

Next week is Mock SATs Week for Year Six children which helps them to prepare for the 'real tests' in May.

**REMINDER:** Wednesday 1st March has been designated a strike day by the NEU. Talks will continue over the weekend but, if you haven't already, please make plans for your child if we cannot remain fully open.

**Anne Eardley | Head Teacher**

## Year Five York Residential Trip

There were certainly some bleary eyes around school today as everyone returned after a having a great time at York!

We hope you all enjoyed the regular updates from the team on social media, and that your child has come home full of amusing stories and fun memories from the many activities this week.

We'll share more details in next week's Connects magazine!

**Year Five Trip Team**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wc 27th February

Year Six: Mock Tests

### 1st March

Cardiff House Day - wear yellow token (socks, hair bobble)

*NEU Strike Day - details TBC*

### 8th March

Mums Who Read Library Event

### 15th March

Year Six Dentist Visit

Year Three DT & History workshop

### 13th-24th March

Mother's Day Lunches

### 17th March

Red Nose Day - wear something red, donate £1

Belfast House Day - wear green token (socks, hair bobble)

Year Three DT & History workshop

### 22nd March

4AA & 4NT Verulamium Trip

### 24th March

Celebration Assembly

4CH & 4KW Verulamium Trip

### 31st March

Last Day of Term

### 3rd - 14th April

Easter Holidays

### 17th April

Staff Training Day

### 18th April

Summer Term Begins

## SICKNESS POLICY

**Reminder Request** if your child is unwell with a sickness bug or upset tummy please ensure they do not return back to school until at least 48 hours after their last symptoms. Full guidance available from NHS [here](#)

Welcome back everyone!



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## Our pupils really do make us proud! Check out these recent achievements

### Naomi H, 3LG - working towards Future Me Silver badge

Naomi has worked really hard over the past couple of months to collect, clean and prepare crisp packets so that they can be made into blankets for the homeless. What an amazing act of kindness! Well done Naomi!



### Zoe G, 3LJ - Little Princess Trust Hair Donation

Over half term, Zoe had 16 inches of hair cut off for the Little Princess Trust. Zoe raised £500 that will make a real difference to children affected by hair loss and also helps fund vital research into childhood cancers. Well done Zoe!



### Imogen B, 4AA - Dance Competition Success

Imogen had a fantastic weekend at a recent Bees Dance Academy competition and came away with 5 trophies and 8 medals for her 3 solos, duet, trio and group dances in Ballet, Lyrical, Acro and Jazz. Well done Imogen!



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|  | <b>SPEED</b>    | Bella G   |
|  | <b>COINS</b>    | David E   |
|  | <b>IMPROVED</b> | William M |

TTRS HOUSE BATTLE NEXT WEEK:  
Belfast v Cardiff

### SHARE YOUR NEWS!

If your child has a good news story or a personal achievement to share do get in touch with the school office and we can share in our weekly newsletters. Email [office@crosshalljunior.co.uk](mailto:office@crosshalljunior.co.uk) with details and photos.

### Year Six - Natural Selection YouTube video

In science, Year Six have been learning about natural selection (part of the Evolution and Inheritance unit). The children were tasked with retelling the story of the evolution of the peppered moth. In 6HB, Joshua, Antony and Jonah created a fantastic version of the story using scientific vocabulary to demonstrate their understanding of natural selection. Check out the video [here](#)

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|  | <b>COINS</b>    | Emily B |
|  | <b>IMPROVED</b> | Freya S |

### #ASKCJS

Our #AskCJS sessions are all about sharing information & guidance on key topics that you want to understand and learn more about. Is there a topic that you would like us to cover during one of our future #ASKCJS sessions? Drop the school office an email with your suggestion.

### ASK YOUR CHILD A QUESTION:



What does the word denominator mean?



Explain what a fraction is.



What period of history do you think is the most interesting? Why?



What is natural selection?