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CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 15.11.24

MESSAGE FROM ACTING HEAD TEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This week has been Book Week at Crosshall Junior School. The children's activities have all been based on the wonderful book 'The Barnabus Project' by the Fan Brothers. This tells the story of Barnabus, a failed project, in a world of perfect pets. Through acceptance of differences and imperfections, teamwork and bravery, Barnabus and his friends escape to freedom.

Across the school, the children have created their own fantastical animals and recreated them in drawings, clay and sock puppets. They have carefully escaped tunnels just like Barnabus and they have made stop-motion movies.

These activities were designed to get children to explore the text in different ways and use their reading to be creative. We hope this may inspire the children to be creative with other stories they are reading: perhaps making their own wand, paint scenes inspired by stories or even write their own stories using characters they have read about.

We also welcomed the poet Joshua Seigal into school. He worked with all the children and helped them write their own poems whilst making children and staff laugh.

It has been a fantastic week and the children have enjoyed exploring their reading with such a wide range of fun activities.

Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Acting Co-Head Teachers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Tree Planting on 25th November

We are looking for volunteers to help plant some trees/ bushes on our school site. Can you help? Please contact the school office

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Sock Day - 18th November



Odd Socks Day is a day to embrace uniqueness as part of Anti-Bullying Week. **Children can wear odd socks on Monday 18th November.**

amazon wish list

Our **CJS Amazon Wish list** is full of items to enhance activities for children across the school. We really appreciate the extra helping hand. Items ordered will get delivered direct to school click on link [HERE](#)

Thank you to those of who have very kindly purchased from our wish list this term already.

UPCOMING DATES

18th November
CJS ODD SOCK DAY/ ANTI BULLYING WEEK

19th November
INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY 2024

22nd November
CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - Invite only

25th November
TREE PLANTING AT CROSSHALL

27th November
PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE 6:00pm-9:00pm [POSTER](#)

29th November
CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY
wear Christmas jumper (non-uniform)

29th November
PTA CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING 7:00pm-9:00pm [POSTER](#)

6th December
CJS CHOIR: COMMUNITY CAROLS 3:20pm-4:00pm
in the playground [LETTER](#)

11th December
INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT - Invite only [LETTER](#)

12 & 13th December
PTA CHRISTMAS SHOP during school hours

13th December
CJS CHOIR: VISIT TO NELSON LODGE [LETTER](#)

14th December
CJS CHOIR: PERFORM AT ST NEOTS MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT [LETTER](#)

17th December
CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARY'S

18th December
PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO

19th December
ROCKSTEADY CONCERT - Invite only

20th December
LAST DAY OF TERM - wear non-uniform

Monday 6th January 2025 **STAFF TRAINING DAY**

Tuesday 7th January 2025 **BACK TO SCHOOL**



Reminder: Children **must not ride** their scooters anywhere on school grounds for the safety of children & adults. This rule applies to both the Junior & Infant school grounds.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Badminton

Well done to **Eddy, 4NT** has been selected to be part of the Cambridgeshire County Junior Badminton training squad following a recent trial he undertook.



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Well done to **Dylan, 3LR**, who has received his Chief Scout's Bronze Award - the highest award a Beaver can receive.



Student Achievements

Celebrate your child's out of school achievements with our CJS community. Email the school office with details and a photo, and we will include it in our next edition!

Remembrance Sunday

Well done to **Cody, 3KP**, who was chosen to lay the wreath on behalf of the Eaton Socon Beavers at St Mary's Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th November.



BOOK WEEK

Activities this week

Children across all year groups have enjoyed a fun filled, activity packed week. This included a visit by our Author of the Month, Joshua Seigal, who held workshops with each year group.

Today, the children dressed in 'cosy reading' outfits.

Reminder that the Book Fair is in the hall after school under Tuesday next week.



SPORTS

Year Six Sports Leaders



Our Year Six Sports Leaders have successfully completed the activities to gain their Sports Leader badge after training with Miss Leighton from HSSP.

They will now begin undertaking their Sports Leader duties for the rest of the school year.

Year Five & Six Football Match



Well done to the mixed Year Five and Six football team who took part in the Pokémon Cup at St Ives this week. The team won five out of six games, and finished overall third place. Team members were: Dylan, Cameron, Elijah, Ianis, Ellis, Jacob, James, Nicolas and Dante.

The referee also commended the team on their sportsmanship!



Attendance Awards

Pupils who have achieved 100% attendance so far this school year are now listed on the website [HERE](#)



School Policies

All school policies can be viewed on our website [HERE](#). This includes our latest Attendance Policy [HERE](#).



Curriculum Pathways

Reminder that each year groups Curriculum Pathway by term is available on our website [HERE](#)



Flu Vaccinations - Catch up Clinics

Various clinics running in our area throughout Nov/ Dec. Click on link to view and book for your child [HERE](#).

Last chance: Parent View Questionnaire

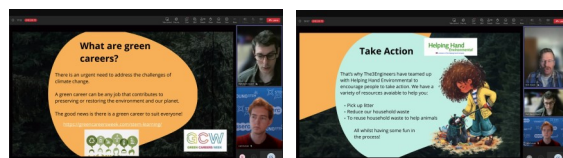
Every year, we ask parents to take part in our online [Parent View Questionnaire](#). The survey is anonymous and helps us gather vital community insight and feedback. Survey closes **by Friday 22nd November**.

FUTURE ME

Future Me Talks

Since the beginning of the school year, we have run six Future Me careers related aspiration Talks. These talks have covered: lorry driver, social media content creator, aviation, quality control manager, marketing officer, green engineering and sports coaching (by an Olympian). Approximately half of pupils have attended at least one talk, with many attending more than one. Our intention is for all pupils to attend at least one Future Me Talk over the course of the school year. Where possible, we provide talks closely linked to the pupils' identified career aspirations.

This coming week, we have more talks taking place. These will cover acting, aviation and human resources. If you wish to give a talk or know someone who can, please do contact the school office. In a coming Close Up, we shall share a wish list of the professions we are hoping to secure talks related to.



PTA UPCOMING EVENTS

****NEW** Christmas Fayre [POSTER](#)**
(Weds 27th Nov 6-9pm)

◆ Wreath Making Workshop [POSTER](#)
(Fri 29th Nov 7-9pm)

◆ Christmas Shop
(during school 12th & 13th Dec)

Online Safety

Parents and caregivers need to be equipped to have conversations with their children about safety online, and they need to understand the unique risks when sexual exploration and technology mix.

Thorn for Parents have useful information [HERE](#).



Continuing our series of PiXL Parent Guides every Friday.

Our second one is **PiXL Reading in Primary School Guide**. Click [HERE](#).



TTRS Rock Hero status achieved:

Kai M & Ollie P Well done!



COINS

Freddie C

SPEED

Ollie P

IMPROVED

George D'AA

NEXT WEEK'S BATTLE

London v Belfast



COINS

Frankie W

IMPROVED

Mason S

Question of the Week

The questions below are related to some teaching that took place in each year group this week.

Year Three

What was your favourite part of Book Week?

Year Four

Can you give an example of a simple sentence?

Year Five

Talk to an adult at home about our visiting poet, Joshua Seigal.

Year Six

What have you enjoyed most about Book Week?