



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 30th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Round Up

Class Blogs

Just a reminder to regularly check our class blogs. These are accessed through the school website and give lots of information about the activities children have been doing in class. There are new posts most weeks and they are filled with photographs, comments from the children and details of learning taking place.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/pupils/class-blogs/>

Next week we will send home some of the work that children have completed in class. I hope that looking at the children's jotters and workbooks alongside the class blogs will give you a full picture of what they have been learning in class.

Spooky Mini Mudder – One Week to Go!!!!

Excitement is building for next week's sponsored Mini Mudder event. If you haven't already, please look at our Twitter feed for a taste what might be in store...

[Twitter – Mini Mudder post](#)

Additional copies of the sponsor form have been posted on each Google Classroom. Children are able to bring their sponsor money in a sealed envelope from Monday 2nd November. Many thanks for your support.

Beat the Street

I can't quite believe Crookfur's success in the Beat the Street competition so far! We are now proud to hold first place on both the Total and Average Points leader boards. This is an incredible achievement for our whole community and thank you to everyone who is playing the game so well. There have been some amazing individual and family efforts and these have really paid off. In the past week, we have not only caught up with our friends in Kirkhill but have now overtaken them, building an unbelievable lead of almost 16,000 points.

We would love to see your pictures when you are out playing the game, so don't forget to Tweet us @CrookfurPrimary.

I am sure other teams will be determined to catch up so there is still everything to play for!

The 5 Day Walking Challenge

Well done to everyone who has managed to walk to school this week. Miss Wallace and the JRSO's have collected all of the data for our 5 day Walking Challenge and they announced that the winning class is... P6B!

P6B can look forward to an extra play as their reward.

Flu Immunisations

A reminder that children will receive their flu vaccinations on **Tuesday 3rd November**. If, for any reason, your child is absent on this day then please contact your local GP to arrange their immunisation.

Intergenerational Community Links

We continue to enjoy positive relationships with our local community and were delighted to receive a message from Whitecraigs Care Home this week.

The residents always love to see the smile on children's faces as they dress up at this time of year and all agreed that it is very sad that trick or treating is cancelled. They want to do something to bring some joy and fun to the local community and are creating a spooky pebble hunt within Newton Mearns and around the home for anyone to find and move/take photos of and re-hide for others to find.

Look out for the rocks and if you find one, please take a photo and tweet the school or send to the care home. The residents would love to see if anyone finds them. They have just painted their first batch and started to hide some already for a Halloween hunt.

Diversity Focus Group - Update

Our Diversity Focus Group met on Tuesday evening using Google Meet. We discussed East Renfrewshire's approach to promoting diversity in education and we plan to identify a diversity parent champion to work with the school and Parent Council.

We agreed to develop a mission statement/remit for the group and identify actions that we can take to promote culturally responsive teaching, tackle gender bias and remove barriers arising from cost of the school day. We will share our action plan in the New Year.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st December at 8pm (Google Meet). Please contact me at the school if you are interested in joining our group. Although we discuss some really important issues, our meetings are informal and a great way of getting to know other parents/carers.

Dyslexia Awareness Week - Scotland

Dyslexia Awareness Week in Scotland is 2nd-7th November. The theme this year is "unlocking potential". In classes, children will find out more about the different ways that people learn and staff will focus on a refresh of dyslexia friendly approaches to learning and teaching.

We have blue ribbons from Dyslexia Scotland that staff and children in the middle and upper school can wear to show their awareness and understanding of dyslexia.

Family Centre Update

Our Family Centre continues to near completion and from our frequent site visits, we can see the finishing touches are being added.

This week most of the playroom furniture has been delivered and lots of planters have been added to the outdoor area. If you are passing the site you will see that landscaping is being completed at the main entrance and signage is being put up.

Please use the link below to access our latest Family Centre update.

<https://sway.office.com/91XySMVEOn9WRJvL?ref=Link&loc=play>

Early Learning and Childcare – 1140 Consultation

The Education Department is consulting on the on-going delivery of 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare and would like to hear from parents/carers of nursery aged children in order to continue to improve the service.

The consultation will close on Sunday 22 November and can be accessed using this link- [ERC 1140 Consultation](#)

Parents Evening Update

A reminder that our Parents Evening consultations will take place via telephone on Wednesday 11th November (4.30-8.00pm) and Thursday 12th November (4.00pm-7.00pm).

Appointments will be booked online as usual through the School Cloud system and I have attached a letter with this round up which explains how to make an appointment. It would be helpful if you could include the telephone number that you would like the teacher to use to contact you in the comments box.

The booking system will open on **Saturday 31st October at 10am until Friday 6th November at 10am.**

In order for these evenings to run as smoothly as possible, teachers will have to run strictly to time. Each appointment is 10 minutes and I have asked teachers to ensure that they do not run over. It is no problem to make an appointment to speak to the teacher at another time if you wish to discuss any matter further, so please don't worry if your discussion has to be brought to a close.

Sibling appointments are automatically set with a 10 minute gap between so I hope this will prevent two teachers trying to contact parents/carers at the same time.

I will send out more detailed arrangements nearer the time however if you have any questions or comments prior to 11th and 12th, please contact the school SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk.

Staffing Update

I'm delighted to let you know that Mrs Lamont welcomed a beautiful baby boy on Saturday 24th October. Baby Fraser and his mummy are both doing well and we send all our love to Claire, Colin and the newest member of our Crookfur family.

Mrs Grieve will begin her maternity leave next week and we wish her all the very best. Her final day will be Friday 6th November. Mr McMillan will replace Mrs Grieve as class teacher in P7A alongside Miss Kelly.

A temporary teacher will be appointed who will take over Mr McMillan's current teaching commitment. I understand that this will mean a change of teacher for a number of classes in the school, but I hope you will appreciate my desire to ensure continuity for our P7 class. I will update you regarding NCC staff as soon as I can. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd November – Flu immunisations

Friday 6th November – Mini Mudder fundraising event; jotters home to parents

Monday 9th November – Please return jotters to school ☺

Wednesday 11th November – Parents Evening 4.30pm-8.00pm *(more information to follow)*

Thursday 12th November – Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm *(more information to follow)*

Tuesday 1st December – Diversity Focus Group, 8pm

Friday 4th December – Dress as You Please - please bring a gift for the Present Room *(more information to follow)*

Monday 7th December – Parent Council, 7pm

Tuesday 8th December – Present Room *(more information to follow)*

I hope that you have a lovely weekend - please stay safe.

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan

Head Teacher