



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

COVID 19 – Update

There will be a relaxation of Covid restrictions in schools from Monday 28th February. Although most notable is the removal of face coverings in classrooms in secondary schools, we are delighted that we will be able to begin face-to-face assemblies in Crookfur once again.

Face coverings are still required in communal areas in all schools e.g. corridors etc. and we continue to request that any visitors entering our school building and parents/carers in the school grounds continue to wear a facemask.

Unfortunately we are still unable to have parents/carers in school unless essential.

Please refer to previous newsletters for a reminder or guidance relating to Covid testing.

World Book Day

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. This year is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day – with the message for all children *'you are a reader'!*

Mrs Jamieson is working with staff and children to plan our celebration, but parents/carers should please note children **will not** be dressing up as part of the celebration.

Parents Evenings – Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd March

You will shortly receive a letter regarding booking for our upcoming parents evenings. We have received confirmation that these meetings cannot currently take place face to face and as a result we have decided to use video calls. More information to follow.

Fundraising and Social committee meeting

Last night our Fundraising and Social committee met to discuss planned events and opportunities to continue to develop and enhance the Crookfur school community. They are creating a newsletter with information about lots of exciting events and plans over the coming weeks.

Thinking Day

A reminder that if your child attends one of the uniformed organisations who celebrate Thinking Day, then they are able to wear their uniform on Tuesday 22nd instead of school uniform.

Celebration Lunch – Friday 25th February

Please find attached a copy of a special menu that will be served in our school lunch hall on Friday 25th February.

Beat the Street

Beat the Street is coming back to East Renfrewshire from **2nd March- 30th March**. Beat the Street is a free, fun initiative game for all. The aim is to earn as many points as possible for you and your team (Crookfur Primary) by walking, running, scooting, cycling or wheeling between Beat Boxes across East Renfrewshire.

Your child will shortly receive a Beat the Street card, issued by the school. Anyone aged 12 and above plays with a Beat the Street card that can be collected from a local distribution point.

As you know we have an impressive title to defend this year, winning overall Beat the Street last year, and so the fundraising/social committee are planning to pull together a timetable of organised walks to tap for extra points. The boxes are spread across East Renfrewshire, from parks to Whitelee windfarm so the walks would not need to just be around Crookfur. More information will follow on the fundraising committee newsletter.

For more information on Beat the Street please visit <https://www.beatthestreet.me/eastrenfrewshire/>

International Mother Tongue

Monday 21st February is observed as International Mother Tongue Languages Day and this year, Crookfur will be promoting linguistic and cultural diversity through a variety of activities and songs across the whole week. Each stage will focus on a different language and work will be displayed around the whole school to immerse our pupils in a variety of languages. The children will have the opportunity to perform songs and share their learning with each other across the school. On **Thursday 24th February**, pupils can wear their own clothes to school and are encouraged to dress in their 'flag colours' to represent the country they are focusing on.

The country, language and flag colours for each stage are as followed:

Stage	Country	Language	Flag colours
P1	-	British Sign Language	Green and/or blue (representing the world)
P2	France	French	Blue, white and/or red
P3	Pakistan	Urdu + Punjabi	White and/or dark green
P4	Italy	Italian	Green, white and/or red
P5	Spain	Spanish	Red and/or yellow
P6	Scotland	Scottish Gaelic	Blue and/or white
P7	Germany	German	Black, red and/or yellow

Challenging Racism

As part of the Primary 7 Heartstone project, Primary 7 participated in a workshop to explore racism and challenge inappropriate language and racial slurs.

Mrs Nasar, who leads this project, was joined by Mrs Nabila Riaz, a Primary 7 parent and diversity group member, to carry out a presentation and talk to children about the meaning of words and how offensive they can be to others.

The children found this very interesting, providing very positive feedback. They stated that:

I learned where all of the racial slurs originated from. I really enjoyed this presentation. I also enjoyed the sesame street video and learning about melanin.

I learned the meaning and usage of lots of language. And also having a parent to come in and share experiences was a good idea.

I learned more racial slurs and why not to say them. I also learned about ethnicity and where the racial slurs come from.

I never knew why we have different colours of skin, now I know and I understand. It is interesting. I enjoyed the presentation, it was very good, I learnt lots!

I felt that even though it is a really horrible thing to learn about I feel at the age you are in P7 it is a very important thing to learn about.

Primary 7 Art group

Please see below information from some P7 children regarding an upcoming art club.

Along with Mr Wilson we will be running a lunchtime art club for Primary 3 children on a Wednesday for the next four weeks. During this club we will be working together on a mural based on the Crookfur school values. We have visited the Primary 3 classrooms this afternoon to ask for interested children and will let the children know who will be in the club on Monday. Hopefully we will be able to run another block after the Spring holidays if it is successful. We look forward to working with them over the coming weeks.

From

Darcy, Rosie, Ruby and Elise

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st- Friday 25th February – Celebration of International Mother Tongue Languages

Tuesday 22nd February – World Thinking Day

Thursday 24th February – Flag colours day – wear the colours of the flag of the country your class is studying

Friday 25th February – Special lunch menu – Celebration lunch (see attached)

Wednesday 2nd March – Start of Beat the Street; Parents Evening 4.30pm-8pm (more information to follow)

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day, Parents Evening 4.00pm-7.00pm (more information to follow)

Tuesday 8th March – Parent Council Meeting

Friday 1st April – School closes for Spring Holiday, 2.30pm

Tuesday 19th April – School re-opens, 9am