



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well and looking forward to the weekend. In a huge contrast to last week's snow, we are beginning to see some signs of spring with lighter days and drier weather.

World Book Day

We had a lovely time yesterday celebrating World Book Day, some of the younger children even reported that it was 'the best day ever!'

As well as our Book Swaps and Reading Picnic or Cafés, there was a whole range of exciting activities taking place across the classes including scavenger hunts, escape rooms and many live events involving different inspiring authors and illustrators.

We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Snap a Story Scene' challenge, it was lovely to see family members and pets also being included within the scenes! We really were so impressed by all the different photos that were uploaded or sent in. We are currently collating all of these and will share them with the classes at the start of next week. The top 10 scenes were announced at assembly today and these children will earn 20 points for their house however we felt that everyone who took part deserves a house token and these will be issued at the start of next week.

We hope that celebrating World Book Day inspires everyone to take some time this weekend to read a book for pleasure!

Parents Evenings – Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd March

I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to speak with you child(ren)'s class teacher(s) this week. I know that staff were delighted to be able to host the virtual meetings and share their reports on children's progress.

We were pleased that our use of School Cloud video calling was relatively smooth and although there were a few technical glitches, I would like to thank parents/carers for their patience. I would also like to thank all of the teaching staff who were very flexible in making alternative arrangements to contact parents/carers, whether rescheduling appointments or quickly switching to telephone calls. I am sure you can imagine managing the technical side and working to a tight time schedule can be quite stressful, however all of the staff took it in their stride in order to ensure that meetings were worthwhile.

In planning our future approaches to parents evening appointments, we would value your feedback and I would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your views using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/H8iVGEyzi>

Appointments for P3C will be arranged as soon as possible upon Miss MacInnes' return to school. For all other classes, if you have not been able to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk; 0141 570 7120)

Tempest Photographs

Class group photographs for P1 and P7 can be ordered online using the unique link sent home with the proof images or by visiting www.tempest-orders.co.uk. The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is Thursday 10th March. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

British Science Week (11th-20th March)

Next week sees the start of British Science Week and we have lots of exciting activities planned for Science Week across the family centre and school. This year the theme is 'Growth' so we will be looking at all sorts of growth, including buildings, eco-friendly behaviours, animals and even how we can grow plants of Mars!

Each class will also have the opportunity to take part in a virtual live lesson on a farm where they will study life cycles, minibeasts and where to find them as well as becoming climate change superheroes. Look out for pictures on Twitter and our blog posts which will give you lots of information about the fun science experiments and activities we take part in!

Growth Mindset

Over the past term, all classes at Crookfur have been learning about Growth Mindset and have developed their understanding by participating in circle time, discussions and activities. In line with our school vision, we want children to realise their potential and understand that challenges and mistakes help their brain grow and develop. In addition, staff are adapting their feedback and praise to promote effort and perseverance.

We would encourage parents and carers to read through the SWAY using the link below and watch the video to develop their own understanding of Growth Mindset and how they can support their child/children at home.

Keep an eye out for Crookfur Growth Mindset Family Challenges which will be appearing next term!

<https://sway.office.com/UDaV9HD1EjpvdnEX?ref=Link&loc=play>

Digital Leaders

We are delighted to relaunch Crookfur's Pupil Digital Leader programme to pupils in P4-7. This programme recognises pupil achievement in digital learning and empowers learners to make use of opportunities to lead learning and share their expertise.

There are four levels in the digital leader programme - Bronze, Silver, Gold and Digital Leader. Pupils can choose to apply for any level, providing evidence that they have met the criteria for that award.

A Google Classroom has been set up and pupils can access this by logging into Glow and using the code **eua2wdg**. Lots of information about the programme and links to apply can be found in the 'Classwork' section. Miss Bishop will be visiting classes to share this information and answer any questions.

Applications for this term will be open until **Monday 28th March**.

Parent/Carer Information Evening – Wednesday 23rd March 7pm

A reminder to please save the date for our planned curriculum evening will be held on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm. This will be a virtual presentation held on Google Meet. Marilyn Brennan (Quality Improvement Officer) will lead the session on Gender Stereotypes and Gender Bias.

An electronic invitation to join the meeting will be sent out soon.

Parent Council Update

A reminder that our next parent council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 March (8pm, Google Meet) and parents/carers can contact their reps with any general queries.

Parental Involvement and Engagement Census

Every parent/carer of a school pupil in Scotland is being invited to take part in the national Parental Involvement and Engagement Census. It is only necessary for one parent/carer per family to complete the survey, which should take no more than 10 minutes. The survey closes on Monday 7th March.

Link to survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ERCPIE/>

Further details are available at <https://bit.ly/3KwxORO>

Beat the Street

Crookfur is off to a great start in this year's Beat the Street competition. So far, we have 283 players and an amazing 29,790 points. We are delighted to be in second place on the total points leader board already! Well done everyone!

If you haven't yet registered to play, you can do so on the Beat the Street East Renfrewshire website. <https://www.beatthestreet.me/eastrenfrewshire/>. We are encouraging parents and carers to take part and boost our team points. Cards and maps can be collected from the following distribution points:

- Uplawmoor Hotel
- Neilston Leisure Centre
- The Foundry, Barrhead
- Eastwood Sports Centre
- Asda at the Avenue, Mearns (Customer Service Desk)
- M&S BP Filling Station, Ayr Road, Mearns
- Co-Op Broom Road East, Mearns
- Whitelee Wind Farm

Please collect your cards at the above points, register on the website and opt to join the Crookfur Primary School team.

All child cards which are already registered to school team can also be registered to create an online account to view miles walked/cycled/wheeled and collect "virtual" badges.

The online survey at the Beat the Street East Ren website is still open, all children, parents and staff can complete the survey and this will earn individuals and teams 100 points– **if this is completed by Sunday 13th March everyone will be entered into a competition to win a Scooter**. It is really worth completing this as it is the equivalent of swiping 10 beat boxes.

This weekend on **Sunday 6th March – 11am-2pm** the Beat the Street team will be at Whitelee Wind Farm. They will have a stall to hand out freebies and answer queries – there will also be double points on the 3 boxes located at the windfarm. The weather forecast looks to be nice so if you are planning a walk or cycle this may be an area to explore.

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

Sunday 6th March – Beat the Street fun event, Whitelee Wind Farm

Tuesday 8th March – Parent Council Meeting, 8pm Google Meet

Friday 11th – Fri 18th March – British Science Week

Tuesday 15th March – Diversity Group, 8pm Google Meet

Wednesday 23rd March – Curriculum Evening – *Challenging Gender Stereotypes*, Google Meet 7pm

Monday 28th March – Applications for Pupil Digital Leader awards close

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

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