



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well and looking forward to the weekend. I also hope the weather allows us to get out and about, collecting more points for Beat the Street!

British Science Week (11th-20th March)

We have a fun, filled week planned next week for British Science Week. 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!

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.

Parents Evenings

Appointments for P3C have been re-arranged for 16th and 17th March. Parents/ carers have been allocated the same day/time and should have received an email confirming this. If you have not received this appointment time please contact the school office who will be happy to help (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk; 0141 570 7120)

A reminder that the parent evening feedback link below is still live. In order to plan 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 if you have not already done so.

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

Digital Leaders

A reminder that Google Classroom has been set up for children to apply to be a digital leader. Children 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 has visited classes this week to share this information and answer any questions.

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

Parent Council Update

The parent council met on Tuesday 8 March. As usual we covered a range of topics including the local development plan and the health & wellbeing census for P5-P7.

Mrs Slorach talked about some of the excellent mental wellbeing initiatives being implemented in school and we will work with the school to prepare some information for parents on these. The parent council is also going to work with the school on a review of other guides and policies for parents, to ensure that information that parents need is available and easy to find on the school website.

The collection to remember Mrs Rattray will close soon. People have been so generous that will be able to purchase 2 benches and some planters to create a nice area in the playground.

Parent Fundraising and Social Committee Update

I have attached a newsletter about upcoming events from the parent fundraising and social committee. We have a number of exciting events coming up which will continue to enhance our community spirit.

House Reward Trip

As you will know we have had to postpone the House Reward trip for the winning house Fleming 2020/21. We are going for third time lucky and are delighted to announce that we have managed to re-arrange this trip for our winners. Children will be going to Cineworld Cinema at Silverburn on Wednesday 30th March 2022 to view "Sing 2" at 10am. If your child is in Fleming you will receive a letter with more information with regards to this trip.

We are sure that they will all have a great time!

Beat the Street

Crookfur continues to excel in Beat the Street, on our last check we were sitting in 2nd place, so the challenge is on to get back up to 1st place!

There are a number of Beat the Street events happening through East Renfrewshire this weekend, which will help to boost our score, see below for information.

On Saturday 12th March from 2pm-4pm there is a "Pop Up Event" at Dams to Darnley Country Park, Barrhead, meeting at Box 16.

On Sunday 13th March from 11am-1pm the "Pop Up Event" will be at Whitelee Windfarm.

There will be stalls to hand out freebies with the opportunity to gain double points at "Extra Mystery Beat Boxes".

As they are entering "Go Wild" week the team are encouraging participants to look for Wildlife and explore parks and green spaces. I have attached a GO WILD Bingo sheet which some of the younger children may wish to take part in.

The following boxes will have double points all weekend :

Barrhead – Dams Country Park Boxes 16 and 17

Mearns – Box 30 at Broom Park and Box 31 at Barrhead Road (entrance to Woodland Walk)

Whitelee Windfarm – All Boxes - 44, 45 and 46

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/>.

Primary 3 Spring Shows

In true Crookfur tradition, our Primary 3 classes are currently working on a production of a Spring Show. We are hoping to be able to share this with parents and will confirm the format/arrangements for this at the start of next week.

Cross Country Trials (P5-7)

Mr McMillan will be carrying out trials for the East Renfrewshire Cross Country Competition on Monday morning (14th March). If your child is currently in P5-7 and they would like to take part in the trials they should come to school dressed in their PE uniform on Monday morning.

Class Blogs

Please continue to look at the class blogs on our school website and Twitter to keep up to date with some of what is happening in your child's class.

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

Emergency Menu

Due to staff shortages in the kitchen we will be moving to a slightly reduced emergency menu from next week. I have attached a copy of the menu and we will inform you as soon as we are able to return to our full menu.

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

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- P7A Bikeability Level 2 training all day (separate letter issued)

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

Wednesday 30th March- House Reward Trip- Cineworld (separate letter to be issued)

Thursday 31st March- P7B Bikeability Level 2 training all day (separate letter issued)

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

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