



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



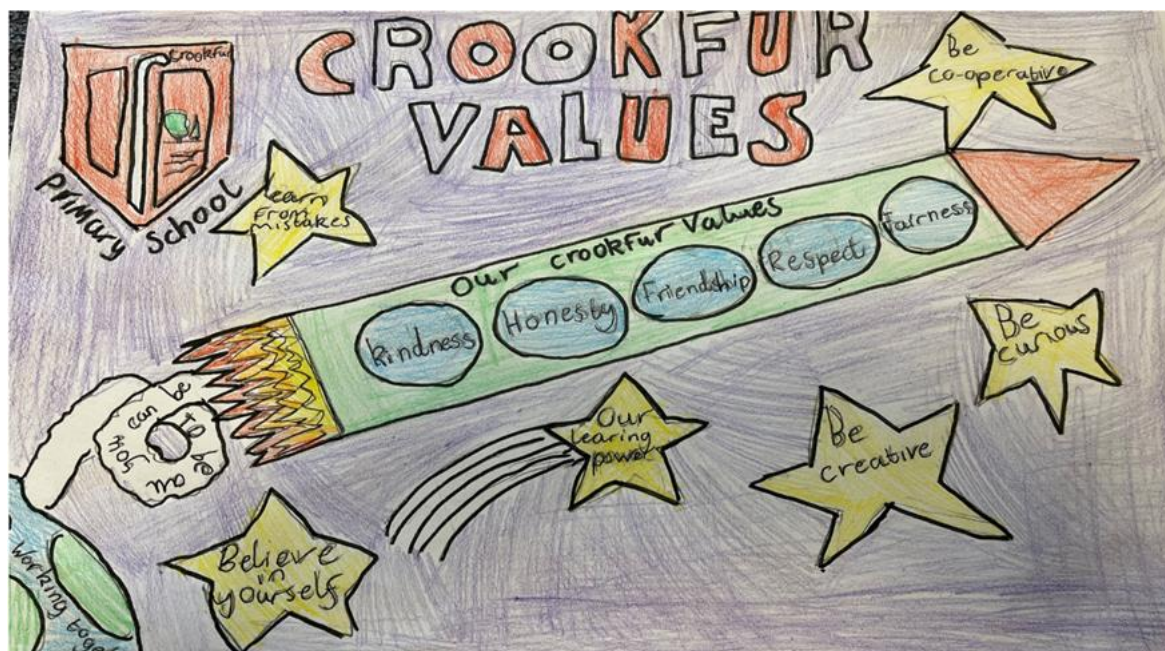
Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoyed the holiday weekend. There is definitely a more autumnal feel in the air as we return for the rest of this term.

Vision, values and learning powers poster competition

At today's assembly we were excited to unveil our brand new vision, values and learning powers poster. Classes voted for their favourite designs and I am delighted to announce the winning design was created by Ruairidh in P5/6.



A huge well done to all of our finalists; Daniel, Gurleen, Arnav, Rose, Hadia, Harry and Chloe. They worked incredibly hard on their designs and all would have been worthy winners. All of our finalists' designs will be displayed in school for everyone to admire.

Maths Week Scotland

Classes across the school celebrated Maths Week Scotland this week, exploring the beauty of maths. Class representatives shared their learning at assembly today and we were all amazed by the variety of concepts and contexts the children had investigated. They shared research about famous mathematicians, models, science, art work and even a dance routine.

I am sure you will see some of the learning on display in the class blogs and our Twitter feed (@CrookfurPrimary)

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

P6 and P1 Buddies

Our Primary 6 buddies have done an amazing job of helping our new Primary 1 children to settle in, we are very proud of each one of them! 😊

One of their most important roles this term has been to support the younger children with the lunchtime routine. Now that our Primary 1 children are settled and familiar with this routine, this daily arrangement is going to stop and the children will be supported instead by Miss Kennedy (PSA) and our P7 prefects at lunchtime.

We know that both the P6 and P1 children are still very keen to spend time together and will be planning lots of fun opportunities for them to do this.

Parents Evenings

Parent – teacher consultation meetings are scheduled to take place at the beginning of November and February this session. Following evaluation carried out last session, we plan to offer a hybrid model for these meetings, where parents and carers can choose a face-to-face meeting or video call. Many families felt that a video call was more convenient in managing childcare, with others preferring to come into school to meet the teacher in person.

There are some limitations to this model and in order to manage this we will offer face-to-face meetings on Wednesday 2nd November (4.30pm-8pm) and video calls on Thursday 3rd November (4pm-7pm).

To give an indication of demand, please indicate your preference using the survey form below. Please note appointments themselves will be booked using our usual SchoolCloud software. We have time to adapt the offer based on demand, so please let us know the type of appointment that you would prefer. The survey will close on Wednesday 12th October. Many thanks in advance.

<https://forms.office.com/r/6t7E7A9QKW>

Cost of Living

A cost-of-living event will take place for East Renfrewshire residents in Voluntary Action, Barrhead on Tuesday 4th October 10:20 - 2:30. The event will be attended by WorkEastRen, CAB, MART, Adult Learning, Talking Points, Social Security Scotland and others.

Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Diversity Group Update

It was lovely to welcome some new members to our Diversity Group meeting on Tuesday this week. We had a productive meeting, sharing feedback from the Equalities network and our focussed actions to address the impact of the *Cost of the School Day*, increase engagement across all groups and plans to develop a more inclusive curriculum in school.

Our next meeting will be online (Google Meet) on Tuesday 15th November at 8pm.

Office Communication

We aim to deliver the highest quality learning experiences, care and support for our children and families. The first point of contact for parents and carers in our school is usually our office team. We have three wonderful admin assistants who work tirelessly for the school and who greet everyone with warmth and kindness. In recent weeks, I am sorry to report that the admin team have experienced an increasing number of parents/carers who have been verbally abusive to them both on the phone and in person at the desk. East Renfrewshire Council has a zero tolerance policy of abuse towards employees.

If you have a concern or are upset about something, the office will do their very best to help you. We understand that people may act out of character in times of trouble or stress and we will make allowances for such circumstances. In line with our school values, we treat others with respect, honesty, kindness and fairness at all times and I respectfully request that all visitors/callers to the school do the same. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Staffing Update

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Bishop has welcomed a lovely baby boy this week. Both mummy and Arlo are well and big sister Amelie is thrilled with her baby brother.

P3A parents and carers will also know that Miss Muir is due to finish for maternity leave on Friday 7th October. Miss Asif will take over as P3A class teacher and we will be joined by Miss Megan Ralston on a temporary basis taking over Miss Asif's support role in P2. Miss Ralston will join us from Tuesday next week giving a few days to support a smooth transition for the children.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards



Sheena McGuigan
Head teacher

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 11th October – P1A Pop in and Play, 2.15pm; School Photographer *(more details to follow)*

Wednesday 12th October – P1B Pop in and Play, 2.15pm; School Photographer *(more details to follow)*

Thursday 13th October – P1C Pop in and Play, 2.15pm; Parent Council meeting 7pm

Friday 14th October – School closes for October holiday

Monday 24th October – School Closed to children (in service day for staff)

Wednesday 26th October – P1, P3 and P4 discos (more information to follow)

Thursday 27th October – P2, P5-P7 discos (more information to follow)

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