

31st
March
2017

CROWN LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message:

Dates for Your Diary

31/3/17 Last
Day of Term

18/4/17
Inset Day

19/4/17
School Starts

More
information
available on
school
Website
Calendar

Children's
Centre

Easter Timetable

Available from
the Children's
Centre and
School Office

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of term I would like to thank you for being so supportive of the school in recent months.

As promised, we have developed our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who have volunteered so much of their time to running a *Valentine's Ball* for our children and also an *Easter Egg Hunt*. They are currently planning a *Summer Fair* which is due to take place in early July.

Early in March we had a Section 8 visit from Ofsted. As soon as the report becomes available I will share this with you. I hope you will join me in thanking our staff for their hard work in the lead up to this inspection.

In January we re-launched our Parent Forum led by Ms Hardy. Your input to this Forum has been invaluable in helping the school to address any issues and move forward.

We will continue to post the minutes of each meeting on our website. Please remember that every parent and carer is most welcome to these meetings.

This half term, we have continued to promote a deeper understanding of *British* and *Crown Lane* Values. Our assemblies have included:

- Achieving your personal best
- Chinese New year
- E-Safety
- Fair Trade
- Democracy
- World Book Week

I hope that you all have a restful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on April 19th when school reopens.

Take care,

Gavin Farrell

Re: Celebrating Birthday's at Crown Lane

As you are aware, Crown Lane primary School currently holds the *Silver Award* for Healthy Schools. We plan to secure the *Gold Award* in the near future. In order to achieve this I have been looking very carefully at the food and drinks that are available for children at our school.

I have noticed that when children are celebrating a birthday they often bring in large cakes, chocolates, sweets or goodie bags to share with other children in their class. While this is an incredibly kind gesture, from a Health & Safety perspective, it has caused problems due to a number of children with different allergies, on top of the time taken for staff to hand these out.

With this in mind, from Wednesday 19th April 2017 I am asking families to please refrain from bringing these items into school.

Thank you for your support with this matter

Gavin Farrell



If you have any old children's wellies that you could donate, Early Years and Year 1 would like to have them to use as planters!

Thank you

Nursery class

We have had a very busy term focusing on minibeasts. We enjoyed listening to lots of fiction and non-fiction books about minibeasts. We looked closely at caterpillars thinking about all of their body parts and then used the soft dough to make our own. We also planted seeds and learnt how to look after them.



We watered them every day and really enjoyed watching them grow.

Reception Class

We have had a very busy term in Reception. We have been reading traditional tales such as the Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children really enjoyed making and eating porridge! We have also been learning to retell stories and writing descriptions for some of the characters we have met. We had lots of fun in science week and were very excited to create circuits and make the bulb light up!



Year 1

We have had an exciting term! We have written our own wolf poems and performed our own short story scenes in class. The children enjoyed Sculpture Day and were very excited to perform in the sharing assembly. We have also written our own stories based on the, 'Three Little Pigs' which has led to amazing writing from every child due to their enthusiasm!

It has been an action packed term and we have had lots of fun. We are already looking forward to next term when we will be growing plants and flowers in our Year One garden.



Year 2

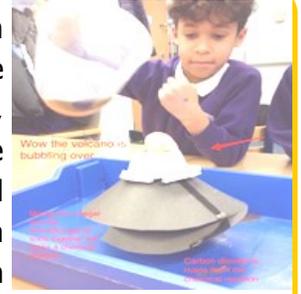
Last term our topic was London's Burning. We found out all about the history of the Great Fire of London. We experienced life in Pudding Lane, pretended to be in the fire as it spread and met the famous diarist Samuel Pepys as part of a Freshwater Theatre workshop.

We also visited West Norwood Fire Station to compare how firefighting has changed from 1666 to present day. We learnt all about fire safety, we looked around the fire engine in our firefighting hats and we even had a go at using the hose!



Year 3

We have been enjoying the topic "Rumbling Rocks". In PE we considered the movement of a volcano and how we could show this through movements in dance. We focused on direction, level, repetition, speed and space. During Science week, we created our own volcano. We added bicarbonate of soda and malt vinegar to make a chemical reaction which produced the gas carbon dioxide. When a volcano erupts, pressure pushes the magma to the surface in an explosion of ash and lava!



Year 4

This term our topic has been Riverting Rivers and we have been very busy! We visited Teddington Lock to learn more about rivers and their uses. We took part in lots of interesting experiments and learnt that the Thames is a very clean river that supports lots of wildlife.

As part of sculpture day we designed and made sculptures that were linked to the British Value mutual respect. The message behind the sculpture was that we need to respect the environment and not pollute our rivers. We have read and rehearsed lots of performance poetry and learned The Cautionary Tale of Jim. We are looking forward to lots more interesting learning next term!

Year 5

Our science topic this term was 'Earth and Space'. Amongst other things, the children learnt to describe the movement of the Earth, Sun and Moon and understand why we experience night and day.



We read King Kong and using the story as a stimulus, wrote newspaper reports and character descriptions.

We enjoyed all of the different investigations that we did during science week, our favourite was making rockets using camera film cases and Alker-Seltzer tablets.

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Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard all term, getting ready for their SATs exams. SATs are in the week beginning 8th May and consist of a Reading Paper, Grammar Paper, Spelling test and 3 Maths tests. We really appreciate all the support they have been receiving at home as well. Furthermore, they have taken part in Sculpture Day, when they made sculptures based on the British and Crown Lane value of tolerance of different religions.



They had some imaginative designs, as you can see from the photos.

Our Literacy lessons have all been based on Philip Pullman's The Grimm Tales, which has let us think up some gruesome punishments, rewrite modern versions of traditional tales and investigate fairy tale crime scenes.

It's been a lot of fun!



Crystal class

This term Crystal class have been learning about London. We have cooked traditional English food such as scones, cucumber sandwiches and strawberries and cream. In structured play we have gone on an imaginary sightseeing trip around the city.



The children have made fantastic creations depicting London landmarks in structured art. Everyone has enjoyed the topic.



On Wednesday 1st March, six children competed in a Gymnastics competition organised by SG Sports. Each child had to perform a vault, tumble and pair routine. They performed each element with control and stretch and were successful, winning gold! Well done!

E-Safety

Ms Bell (Computing Lead / Year 2 Class Teacher) and Mr Beaumont-Cole (Family Support / Safeguarding) have created an E-Safety group led by the children.

The group consists of students in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. In our tailor-made group we will explore the advantages and also the dangers of the internet; we will look at safety features, privacy settings and how to protect ourselves online.

School Uniform

I would like to remind you that the school uniform consists of:

- A purple Sweatshirt
- A white polo shirt or blouse can be worn underneath
- Grey/navy or black trousers or skirt
- Sensible black shoes with a non-slip grip should be worn to school.
- Black trainers can also be worn if they fasten safely.

Children are also required to change for P.E.

All children are given a school bag free of charge when they start school. If you need to purchase a new school bag, these are available from the school office at a cost of £4.00 each.

Jewellery should not be worn in school with the exception of small ear studs, however, the school will not accept responsibility for any loss.

All clothing brought to school should be clearly labelled with your child's name. A lost property box is situated near the school assembly hall.

All of our uniform can be purchased from [Wearabouts](#), 358 Norwood Road, London, SE27 9AA or [School Wear United](#), 30 Crown Dale, London, SE19 3PB.

I would be grateful if you could please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform when they return after the Easter holiday. *This does not include casual trainers.*

Thank you,
Gavin Farrell