

NEWSLETTER 17th November 2023

Habit:
Curriculum Theme:

Hopeful
Citizenship

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

We had some lovely news shared this week. Ms Taylor had her baby boy on the 4th November. Mum and baby are both doing well and are hoping to visit soon.

It has been great to see the wonderful array of Odd Socks for start of Anti-Bullying Week on Monday and the colourful outfits today for Children in Need. We will let you know next week how much we raised next week. We have a number of events coming up over the next few weeks, please do look at the list of key dates below for each year group so nothing is missed.

Please read the information about Children's Book Project below from Mrs Gray. We are very lucky to have this wonderful opportunity for all children across the school to be gifted six books across the year. This would not have happened without the hard work from Mrs Gray. We are all very thankful.

It has certainly felt a lot chillier this week. We still have a number of children who do not have coats. Please talk to your Children at home about the importance of wearing their coat and ensure they come to school with it.

Our attendance has increased this week – thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ms Evry

Weekly Updates

Office News

To report your child's absence/lateness or if you have a general enquiry, please email primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org. We find that this is a quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.



Please remember that our Lower School is part of a Safer Schools Street, we are noticing an increased number of traffic during ticketing times. The council have now started to issue fines. Please be mindful of the prohibited times.

Attendance Winners



Each week we have a prize draw for children who have had 100% attendance for the week.

This week's winners are Kerem – Sycamore Class, Cairo - Pear Class, Emily - Apricot Class, Jakub – Holly Class, Kellis – Hawthorn Class, Safwa – Hazel Class, Esther - Alder Class and Joshua - Oak Class.

The next week's winner could be you!



We are asking for all parents to check their eligibility for Free School Meal entitlement. We would like to let you know that if you are eligible, you could receive a free breakfast club space and some of our trips are also discounted to you. Paste the link into your browser and check, it only takes 2 minutes.

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We are excited to write and let you know about the launch of our Discovery Programme next week! We will be putting on three book gifting events (one per term) and your child will automatically be invited to participate in each one of these.

The first book gifting will take place via a Book Gifting Party we are putting on next Thursday 23rd at the Lower school and Friday 24th at the Middle school. Children will be invited to visit with their class and to choose a paired bundle of books from a vast array on offer. They can then keep both books or swap one of them with friends before taking theirs home to keep. We look forward to seeing which books your child chooses and hope they prove hugely enjoyable.

Mrs Gray

Library Competition:

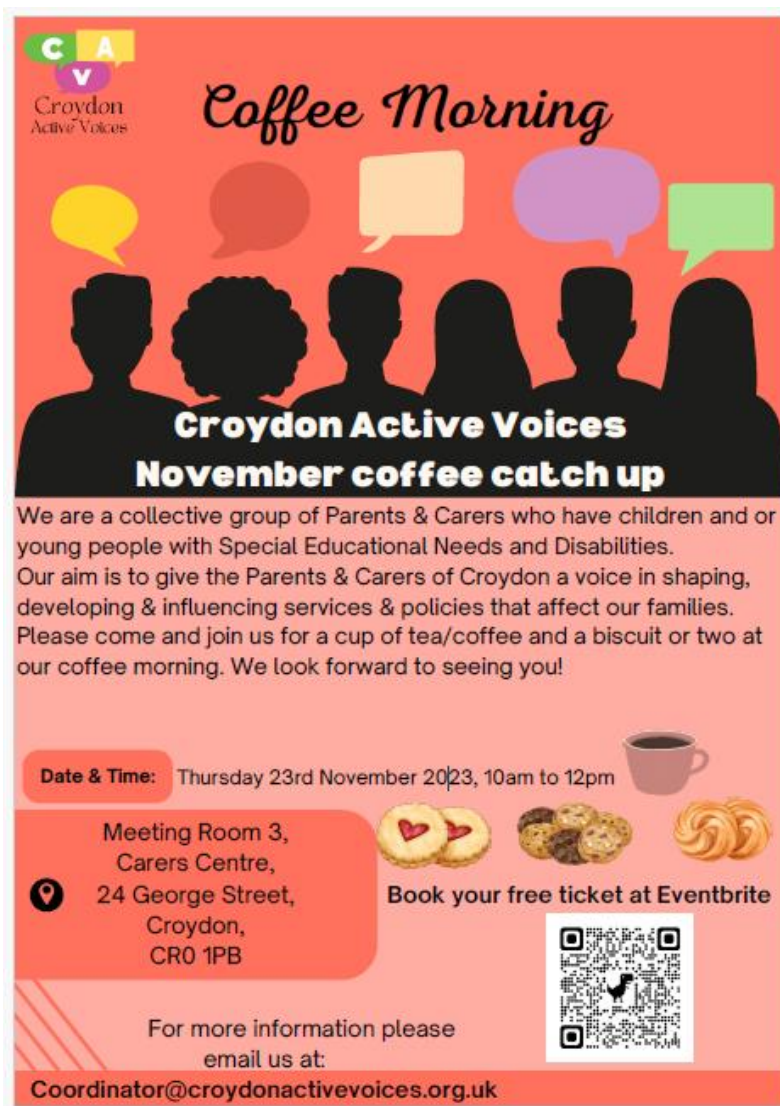
This week we have our **first** library competition- '**Disguise the Gingerbread**'. We are providing a template that you can use to trace onto card or simply print and use. All your child must do is decorate the gingerbread as their favourite book character using colouring pencils and any craft materials! We have some wonderful prizes up for grabs, including x2 £10 book tokens and x2 festive book hampers. Please see the poster attached for more details and the deadline.

Important Information - Nursery, Lower and Middle School Breakfast Club Bookings

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, it is important that you book a place on MCAS **before** the day you want them to attend. Breakfast Club is now full most days and if your child arrives on the day without a booking, you will be turned away.

For safety reasons and staff: child ratio we only have space for a certain number of children each day.

Please complete this contract before your child attends for the first time (<https://forms.office.com/e/rhpp75Dwkf>)



Croydon Active Voices
November coffee catch up

We are a collective group of Parents & Carers who have children and or young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Our aim is to give the Parents & Carers of Croydon a voice in shaping, developing & influencing services & policies that affect our families. Please come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit or two at our coffee morning. We look forward to seeing you!

Date & Time: Thursday 23rd November 2023, 10am to 12pm

Meeting Room 3,
Carers Centre,
24 George Street,
Croydon,
CR0 1PB

Book your free ticket at Eventbrite

For more information please email us at:
Coordinator@croydonactivevoices.org.uk

The poster features a red background with silhouettes of six people and five colorful speech bubbles above them. It includes a QR code for ticket booking and illustrations of a cup of coffee and various biscuits.



Nursery News

Next week We will be reading the **exciting and fun** story 'Stick Man' by **Julia Donaldson**, 'Stick Man lives in the family tree with his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three.' But it's dangerous being a Stick Man. In maths we will practice linking numerals and amounts; showing the right number of objects to match the numeral. On Phonics Monday we will play a game called 'Kim's Game'. We will identify objects that begin with our sound /p/ and place them in the center. The objects will then be covered up and an item will be removed, the children will then take turns to guess which object is missing. When the correct object is guessed emphasis is made on sounding out the initial letter. This game not only helps to support language and phonic recognition but also promotes the development of memory and observation skills. Why not try this game at home, any objects can be used.

Ashburton Park Autumn Visit: We are very excited about our trip to the park that will take place on **Tuesday 21st of November**. We believe that taking the children on outings helps them to learn about **safety and the natural environment**. If you would like to volunteer to support us on this trip, please send us a message via ClassDojo or an email to let us know that you are interested. Please see the timetable below. Please make sure your child arrives on time to allow us to get ready for our walk. Thank you!

Morning Group: 9.00am - Departure. The group will be leaving the school.

Afternoon Group: 1.00pm- Departure. The group will be leaving the school.

Key dates:

Tues 21st Nov: Ashburton Park visit (TBC)

Thu 14th Dec: Nursery Christmas Singalong (TBC)

Fri 15th Dec: Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day

Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Thu 4th Jan: School Reopens to Students

If you would like to contribute to our 50p fund, please place your contribution in the yellow box or hand it over to any of the members of Nursery team. Please ensure that all items of clothing and water bottles are labelled, this will support the staff to ensure nothing is lost or given to the wrong child. This is especially important at the beginning of a school year. If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org

Reception News

Next week our focus in Literacy will be how we write a list. We will think about all the wonderful things we saw and heard at the woods, and how we can record these in a list. In numeracy we will continue to explore language around money and what it can be used for. In topic we will be exploring celebrations around the world, please do let us know of any celebrations that you and your family partake in so we can talk about them in school. A huge thank you to the adults who supported us during our walk to the woods, we would not have been able to find stick man without you.

Children in reception will have received their iPad today. Please do check that you can unlock and charge your iPad over the weekend. If you have any issues, please do let us know. We will spend the next few weeks learning how to keep our iPad safe and how we can use them in school. Please bring your child's iPad to school every day.

P.E sessions will start after Christmas. Please find your child's P.E day below. Children can come to school already dressed in their P.E kit on their P.E day.

Key Dates:

Thurs 14th Dec: Reception Nativity 9am

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

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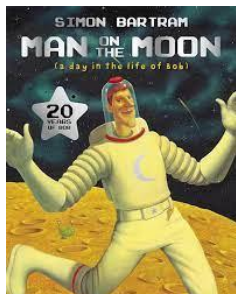


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If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by emailing us at- SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org

Have a wonderful weekend



Year 1

We've had a brilliant week in Year 1. The children have worked extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum which has resulted in some fantastic work being produced! It was lovely to see so many children dressed in their own clothes for Children in Need today. Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped us raise money for such a worthy cause.

Next week, in our English lessons, we will starting a new book called 'Man on the Moon' and will begin by learning more about the author, Simon Bartram. In maths, we will be starting a new topic on 3D shapes, and in science, we will be learning about the diet of animals. For our geography lesson, we will be looking at the landmarks in London, and in History, we will be thinking about people who have made a big impact on our lives.

Year 1 PE Days

Apricot Class: Monday and Wednesday

Damson Class: Tuesday and Friday

Mulberry Class: Thursday and Friday.

Please could the children come to school in their P.E kits on those days.

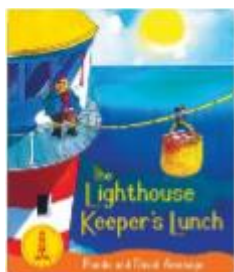
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Year 2

The Year 2 team would like to say well done to all our pupils for having another fantastic week. In English next week pupils will be editing and publishing their letters. In maths pupils will be showing off their addition and subtraction skills as they solve worded problems. In geography pupils will be Identifying hot & cold areas of the world in relation to Equator & North & South Pole. In history pupils will be discovering the growth of the British railway during Victorian period. In science pupils will be learning how we can change our energy use to help our environment. In poetry pupils are resighting the poem The North wind doth blow, and we shall have snow. During our PE sessions pupils will be collaborating with a partner and practicing hitting a ball through the air with a tennis racket.

Weather: As we are approaching more wet and windy weather conditions, please ensure that all children are coming into school with a labelled coat.

Lunches: We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in pack lunches please.

PE: Ash/Holly Tuesday and Thursday

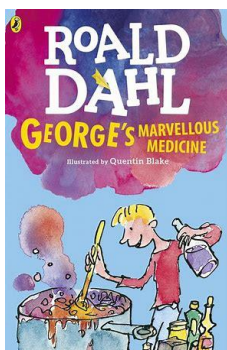
Elm/Cedar Monday and Wednesday

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Year 3

It's been a lovely week in Year 3! The children have worked hard on writing their own versions of George's Marvellous Medicine and had lots of fun learning about the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be using our plans to write our own versions of George's Marvellous Medicine, before taking time to edit our work.

In maths, we will be learning how multiplication links to addition as well as recapping our times tables. In science, we will be discovering what a geologist does before learning how to classify rocks based on their properties. In history, we will be continuing to be examining how the ancient Egyptian civilisation influenced the world we live in today, and in geography, we will be identifying different types of housing in the UK. In our PE sessions for this term, children are learning the skills for gymnastics and tennis.

PE days: Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct P.E. uniform in line with our school's policy on their P.E. days.

Chestnut: Monday & Wednesday

Hawthorn: Tuesday & Thursday

Pine: Monday & Thursday

Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

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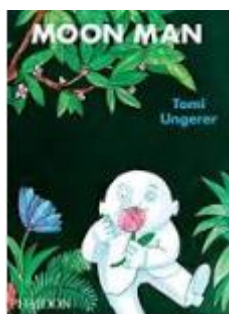
Key dates:

Fri 8th Dec: Freshwater Theatre Workshop

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Thurs 4th Jan: School Reopens to Students

Have a lovely weekend!



Year 4

A continued thank you to all of you for your support in your child's learning. We really have come a long way since September. In English, we will continue reading our book, 'Moon Man' by Tom Ungerer. We will continue writing our own version of the story changing key features. In Maths, we will be learning how to multiply and divide by 7 and 11.

Previous messages from last week include, in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication tests in May, please encourage your child to learn their times table daily.

As well as continuing or normal learning, we will be assessing the children in everything they have learnt in grammar, reading, maths reasoning and arithmetic. There is nothing to worry about, this is to help teachers assess what the children have understood and what they need to teach next.

A reminder that on the 21st November, Year 4 will be visiting the Shree Ghanapathy Temple in Wimbledon.

-Laurel and Cypress will be leaving school at 9 am and will arrive back at 12 pm

-Hazel and Rowan will be leaving school at 10.30 am and will arrive back at 1.30pm

PE

Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers*

PE Days:

Laurel Class-Monday and Tuesday

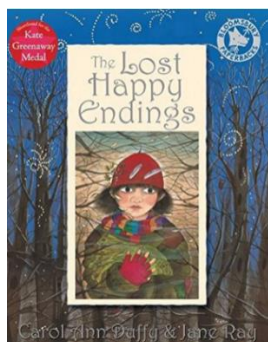
Cypress Class- Wednesday and Thursday
Rowan Class-Tuesday and Thursday
Hazel Class-Monday and Wednesday
We hope you have a restful weekend.

Key Dates:

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Year 5

Year 5 have had a lovely week of learning. We have continued the book called 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy in writing and the children have also enjoyed reading an alternative book in a different genre called 'Corey's Rock'. In Maths we have continued investigating multiples, factors, prime numbers, squared and cubed numbers using our multiplication knowledge to help us. Please ask your child to explain what they understand about each mathematical term, as this is great consolidation for them. In RE this week we celebrated Diwali on Monday and Guru Nanak's birthday on Wednesday, It has been important and joyous week for the Sikh religion and we have loved learning all about it.

The PE lessons for each class are as follows: Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor) Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor) Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor)

Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor)

Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

REMINDERS:

PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black joggers or shorts and school sweatshirt.
iPad's need to be 100% charged and ready for learning every day.

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Year 6

This week, year 6 have been working hard. In Maths, we have been converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa; from this, we then began to add and subtract mixed numbers. In English, children have been getting creative and continued their narrative based on our book, The Arrival. They are writing narratives on migration, due to natural disasters or getting work. In D.T. we practiced the running stitch, the back stitch and the blanket stitch as well as designing our bookmarks. We will be doing applique, when we make them in the upcoming weeks. We've looked at how to be eco-friendly this Christmas and continued to look at our habit of the month: Hopeful. Thank you to everyone who took part in BBC Children in Need day, we loved seeing the Pj's and colourful clothing.

Next week, children will be multiplying and dividing fractions. In Reading, we are looking at a text on Frida Kahlo, answering inference questions, working on pace and vocabulary. In Geography, we will be looking at the layers of the rainforest.

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The Orchard

This week, we have read another fairy tale, the story of **The Gingerbread Man**. The children enjoyed working on this story. During the literacy lessons we talked about it: retelling the story, answering questions, describing the characters and baking biscuits. In maths, we are focusing on addition and subtraction using different methods (dienes, counters, column method). During PSHE lessons, we have been learning about British Values and in science, we have been talking about recycling and how to look after our beautiful planet Earth.

Next week's book will be **Little Red Riding Hood**.



Please can you send in any recycling materials for junk modelling.

Theme: Citizenship and the world

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Thursday

Key Dates:

Sat 2nd Dec: Christmas Fair at St. Lukes

Wed 6th Dec: Coffee Morning in the Orchard

Thu 15th Dec: Sycamore Drama Performance 11:15 (Sycamore Parents Only)

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

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Remember:- Should you need to contact us, you can contact the Inclusion Team by email through:

SPA.Inclusion.STF@oasisshirleypark.org