



Crawford Village
Primary School & Nursery

THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 12th January 2024

Class Attendances

5 th January 2024			12 th January 2024		
C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3
75.5%	95.4%	91.4%	100%	99.3%	98.4%

School
Target
96%

A note from Class 1...

Happy New Year from all of us in Class 1!

We have enjoyed welcoming lots of new little faces to our class this half term. Our children have been so loving and caring when helping to settle them in.

We have made some changes to our classroom over the half term to create an even more calm and relaxing environment. We have added a 'Zone of Regulation' which has massaging, sensory and emotion resources to help the children relax and regulate their emotions. It has proven to be a big hit and the children have been using the massaging tools on each other which has resulted in a few little snoozes. 😊

This half term, we are learning all about healthy bodies and healthy minds. We will be introducing moments of mindfulness throughout the day which we think the children will really enjoy. We have some delicious healthy snacks lined up too, for our Tasty Tuesday treats.



Coming up @ Crawford...

Diary Dates

Mon	Lunchtime - Choir / Self Love Club / School Council
Tues	After School - Eco Club
Wed	Lunchtime - Spanish / Chicken Club After School - Craft Club
Thurs	Lunchtime - Brass
Fri	Lunchtime - Micro:bit Club
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Next week:

18th January 2024
Winnie the Pooh Day

Later in the half-term:

23rd January 2024
C2 Swimming Final Session

26th - 28th January 2024
Big Garden Birdwatch

30th January 2024
C3 Swimming

31st January 2024
Pupil Parliament meeting

2nd February 2024
Number Day
Posh Nosh

5th February 2024
Online Safety Week
Young Voices

6th February 2024
Safer Internet Day
C3 Swimming Final Session

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school following the Christmas and New Year break. I very much hope that you enjoyed the time with family and friends and was able to rejoice, relax and recuperate! We have very quickly settled into the new term and are excited about 2024 here at Crawford Village.

Please do take the time to read our January Newsletter; we hope that it contains a number of useful updates.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Eaton

Mrs Eaton's Column

Well, 2024 got off to a tremendous start for everyone here at Crawford Village ... one of our amazing families sent us a very generous donation of £5,000!

It is very rare, if ever, that our school receives a truly magnificent gift of this size - and it will make so much difference!

We are so, so fortunate to have such wonderful families in our school community and have this remarkable support. Thank you to all our families for this, and an extra-huge thank you to our fabulous donors who have helped enrich the lives of all our children through their incredible kindness.

Mrs Eaton



What an amazing morning we have had with the volunteers from the British Guide Dog Association and very importantly Nacho, one of their incredible guide dogs. We learned about the rigorous training these fabulous dogs go through and then we heard first hand from Hilary who is registered blind and the proud owner of Nacho. The children really enjoyed taking part in a number of activities which gave them an insight into how it must feel if you are unable to see. Thank you so much to Tina, Carol, Hilary and Nacho for giving up your time and sharing your experiences.

Award Winners



Star of the Week

C1 Fred
C2 Lottie
C3 Florence



Pride Award

C2 Max
C3 Bella



Super Writers

C2 Mason
C3 Lennon

Housepoints

OWLS



1st

EAGLES



2nd

RAVENS



3rd

PHOENIX



4th

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Don't forget to log on to your child's Seesaw account. You will find work that they do in school, photographs and videos that are not uploaded to social media and you can upload photos from home. Please ask if you are having any problems logging on and we will help if we can.

Do not forget to check out our school website! You will find details of upcoming events, term dates, important key documents and policies plus lots of information and photographs showcasing what we have been doing in school.





Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk. We all want to keep our children safe around schools, so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

How can you help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off - do not idle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians, pushchairs & wheelchairs to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing and do not use the school car park as a turning point
- ✓ DO NOT PARK ON ZIG ZAG LINES

Meet the Staff



Mrs L Linney
Teaching Assistant

Hello, I am Mrs Linney and I am the Teaching Assistant in Class 2. I have worked at Crawford Village Primary School for 22 years, enjoying every minute of it especially working with my special Crawford family. The children definitely keep you going and make you smile every day. As well as working in Class 2, I also run the brass group and craft club.

Outside of school, I am married to John, who thankfully is a great cook and has kept our family well fed because anyone who already knows me is aware that I cannot cook. I also have twin boys, Myles and Jerome, who are 29 years old. The boys' academic journey started at our little school when there were approximately 37 pupils on roll.

Before I had the boys, I was a member of Old Hall Brass in which I played solo tenor horn which is where I met John. I later volunteered in the learner band when one of my sons decided he wanted to play a brass instrument to which a number of Crawford brass players came along too.

My hobbies include walking, reading, listening to music, crafting and knitting which was self taught during Covid, although I can only knit scarves and blankets. I love to go shopping with my friends and two sisters and obviously this will include stopping for coffee and cake.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At myaccount.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Bobby Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, What?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the TV News of Ten, and has written for the likes of The Guardian and The Telegraph. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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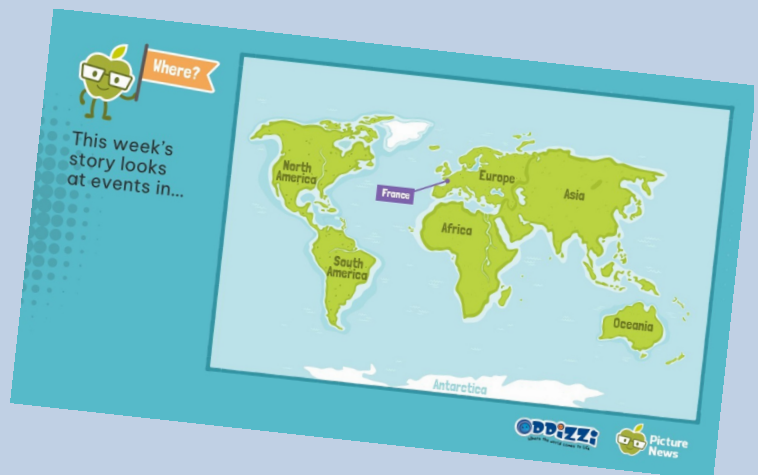
As a part of our commitment to fostering an appreciation for nature and conservation among our children, we are excited to announce that we are participating in the Big Schools' Birdwatch initiative this year.

The Big Schools' Birdwatch is an annual event organised by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) that encourages students to observe and record the birds they see within the school grounds. This initiative provides a wonderful opportunity for our children to connect with nature, learn about different bird species, and develop their observation and recording skills. Our results also form part of the statistics gathered during the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, which you can take part in at home. This will take place between the 26th and 28th February.

To make this event a success, we kindly request your support in the form of donations. Our Eco Council would greatly appreciate any contributions of toilet rolls and possibly suitable bird feed, such as peanut butter, lard and seeds, to help facilitate this activity. The donations would enable us to create even more bird feeders and bird cakes, providing a welcoming habitat for birds during the event and beyond.

If you would like our Eco children to make a feeder for your garden, please let Miss Sherrington know and we will supply this for you.

Thank you for your support.





What?

Residents in France are currently getting used to a new law which states composting food and garden waste is mandatory.

The French government's Green Fund is helping municipalities (towns or districts that have a local government) to provide households and businesses with methods to dispose of organic matter that can be composted.

Since 1st January 2024, people in France are using separate, special bins and organic waste collection points in their area.



Why?

The European Commission reports that food waste is responsible for approximately 16% of total greenhouse gas emissions from the EU food system. When food goes to landfill, it contributes to the release of CO₂, which harms the environment.

Instead, the organic matter collected from French homes and businesses will be composted and used as fertiliser for crops and plants.

It is hoped the new rule will lessen food waste and emissions, as organic matter is repurposed.

