



Crawford Village
Primary School & Nursery

THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 18th October 2024

Class Attendances

11 th October 2024			18 th October 2024		
C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3
93.8%	98.9%	98.1%	83.8%	97.1%	96.5%

School
Target
96%

A note from Class 3...

Class 3 have had a busy few weeks as always. In English, we finished writing our 'science fiction' adventures by describing our journey through time and the new setting we reached. In Maths, we have finished our place value and addition and subtraction units and we have just started focussing on multiplication and division. We have also absolutely loved getting stuck into our linking project with Heasandford Primary School in Burnley.

In the afternoons, we have loved celebrating Spanish Day and writing to our pen pals. We have been busy with designing repeating patterns in art to be used to cover real life products. Our World War 2 topic has kept us super busy too, culminating in a fabulous celebration day where we became code breakers, shelter makers and cake bakers.



Coming up @ Crawford...

Diary Dates

Mon	Half Term
Tues	Half Term
Wed	Half Term
Thurs	Half Term
Fri	Half Term
Mon	
Tues	Lunchtime - Self-love Club After School - Eco Club
Wed	Lunchtime - Spanish / Chicken Club After School - Craft Club
Thurs	Lunchtime - Brass After School - Table Tennis
Fri	Lunchtime - Micro:bit Club / School Council After School - Sports Club

Next week:

Half Term

Later in the half-term:

28th October 2024
School re-opens 8.50am

28th - 30th October 2024
Y5 Bikeability

30th October 2024
Dress-up Day - Halloween
Halloween Disco

7th November 2024
Flu Vaccines
C1 Stay & Play 3.00pm

11th November 2024
Anti Bullying Week

12th November 2024
Odd Socks Day

15th November 2024
Children in Need Day



Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that we're approaching the end of this first half-term; it has simply flown by ... they do say that time flies when you're having fun!

It's been a busy few weeks. We were overwhelmed with your generosity for the many donations that came into school supporting The Storehouse Project as part of our Harvest celebrations. For a small school like ours, we managed to collect a fantastic amount and I know this will all go to a very worthwhile cause – thank you so much, you are all amazing!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Parents Evenings this week – there was such a positive atmosphere around the school as we all got to talk about your amazing children. We hope you found the evenings informative.

Our cinema night was also a great success and the children were so excited to watch the Minions creating havoc! Thank you to our fantastic PTA and our staff members who stayed to help out

We are looking forward to finishing for half term today. I hope that you all manage to have a restful break and that some of you manage to get away for some much needed R&R.

Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday.
Mrs Eaton

Mrs Eaton's Column

Award Winners



Star of the Week

4/10	11/10
C1 Nyla	C1 Eliza
C2 Finley W	C2 Evelyn R
C3 Rosie	C3 Dash

18/10
C1 Alistair
C2 Lilian
C3 Emilia

Housepoints



1st



Pride Award

4/10	11/10
C2 Darcy C	C2 Elijah
C3 Gabriel	C3 Sophia

18/10
C2 Eddie
C3 James M



Super Writers

4/10	11/10
C2 James G	C2 Jenson
C3 Mack	C3 Olivia BMi
Y3/4 Hattie	Y3/4 India

18/10
C2 Martha
C3 Olivia L
Y3/4 Harriet

Find us on social media...



Crawford Village Primary School



@crawford_school

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.



October 1/2 Term Soccer Camp



22nd to 24th October

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£36 for three days

Tuesday to Thursday, 10.30am – 3.30pm

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**Sandwich/Hot Dog/Burger + Fruit Shoot
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MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER
UNTIL
FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

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OCTOBER @ 3 PM. NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN
AFTER THIS DATE

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ALL STAFF ARE RECRUITED TO DFE SAFER
RECRUITMENT STANDARDS INCLUDING DBS



For this week's story,
we are visiting...

The Arctic



What?

In the Arctic, scientists have discovered that caribou (reindeer) are making some big changes to keep up with their environment. Caribou normally migrate to find food, and timing is everything.

But as the Arctic warms and the seasons shift, they are adjusting by giving birth earlier in the year. This change helps their calves be born just in time for when fresh plants and food are available.



What?

The earlier birth timing helps the baby caribou grow strong before the long Arctic winter.

With the warmer weather, plants are sprouting earlier, and the caribou need to match that schedule. If the caribou didn't adjust, the new babies might not have enough food to grow and survive.



This shows how animals are adapting to climate changes in order to survive in their changing world!



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FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Get ready for a spine-tingling adventure this half term as our Minecraft Social gets Spooktacular! Design a , haunted roller coaster with spooky decorations, dark tunnels, and jump-scares to create a chilling and immersive ride experience!



Wigan Library

10.00am-12.00pm

Atherton Library

2.00pm-4.00pm



EXTENDED 2 HOUR SESSION!

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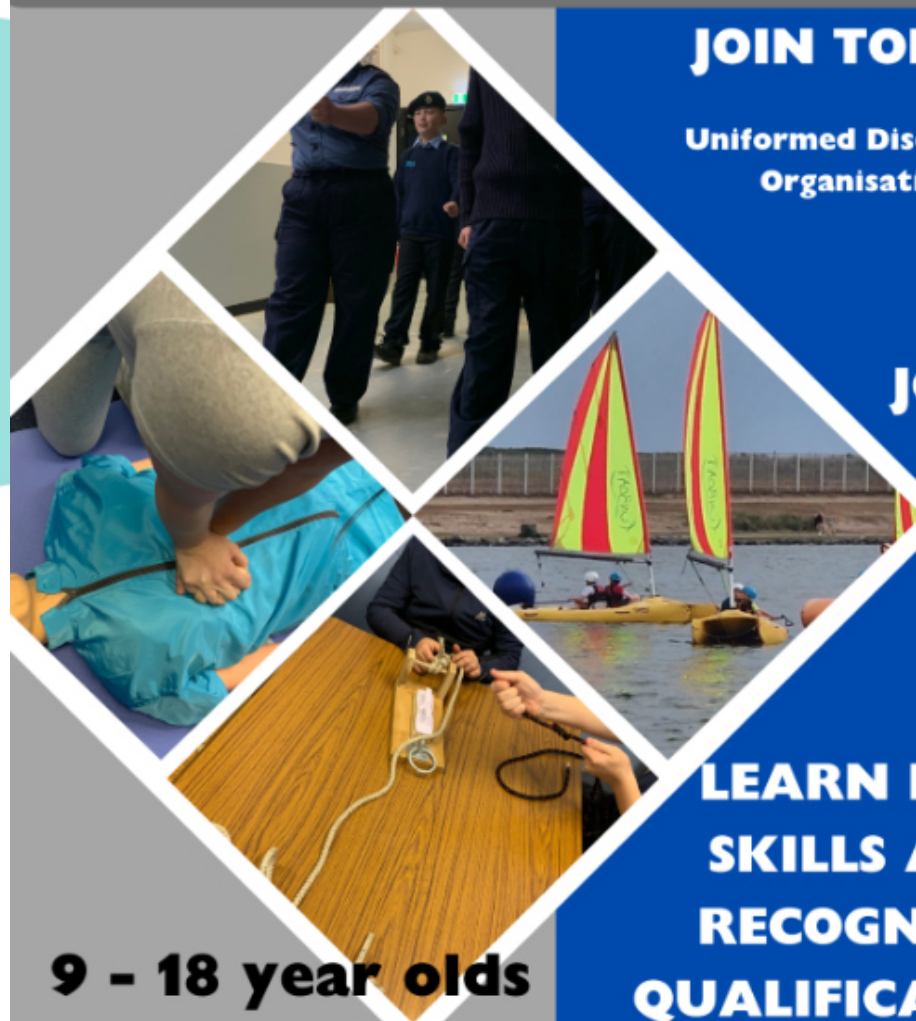
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Skelmerdale and West Lancashire Sea Cadets

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LEARN NEW SKILLS AND RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS

9 - 18 year olds

TUESDAY Seniors only (12-18 years) 19:00-21:00

FRIDAY seniors and juniors 19:00 - 21:30

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Be smart on internet

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can start with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour and being abusive. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These trolls often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBTQ+ sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident prying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like to re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful trash talk and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children at a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of an emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both good choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resulting dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20-30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

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Meet Our Expert

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

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If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01772 532109**.

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting
secondary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 31 October 2024

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

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