

Crowland News



February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is in the air and hopefully it is not long before the warmer weather arrives. This Term has been a fantastic learning journey for all the children at Crowland Primary School, with lots of engaging activities and plenty of opportunities for off-site learning. A huge thank you to Mr Adebayo for putting together our spring Concert, which was a huge success and a real celebration of all the talents we have within our school. Now, we look forward to our Summer Term where we have lots of trips already booked and other special activities on the horizon.

Ms Stav and Mr Winnard



A Growing Community!

We are very proud to be announcing Crowland's first allotment area which will house our variety of plants. flowers and vegetables. We are really looking forward to having the opportunity to plant our own crops and watch them grow. This will teach the children about sustainability, healthy eating and eco-friendly, home grown food produce. The allotment beds are now ready for planting and they are the result of many people's efforts. We owe special thanks to our parents Leah Turner and Mr Thomson for their very generous effort and support. Special thanks also to all our staff Mr Winnard and Mr Thomas for supporting the project Mr Waller, Ms Samworth, Ms Yazgili, Ms Argent, Ms Kaplan, Ms Kildunne and the young ones; Isabel and Maya for rolling up their sleeves and doing a great job! You are now able to see the allotment in the area next to our football MUGA.



Please remember that school closes at 1:30 on Friday 31st March.

Next Term dates

17th April - School reopens

<u>26th May</u> – 2nd June Half Term

<u>2nd May</u> – Children's Group Photographs

<u>17th April</u> - Guest Speaker on Healthy Eating' parent workshop led by Dr Pippa

8th May - King's Coronation

Another Big Push on Books!



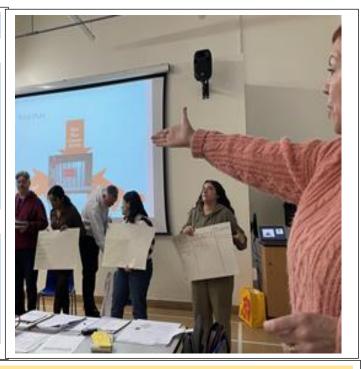
We have been successful with our latest bid for books to help our younger readers. After making a bid to Tottenham Grammar Foundation, we have been lucky to receive £10,000 towards the purchase of new books.

Most of this money has been spent on our new Early Reading books and there is still more to be spent. Ms Daley has been busy sorting out our wonderful new books which will give our children a huge boost to their early reading skills. If you have a child who is an early reader, expect to see some of these books in your child's book bag looking shiny and brand new! Please do look after them as reading is probably the most useful educational tool for your child's life!

Our Staff Training on Language Skills

Remember our four key drivers for learning and the important one on 'excellent communication'? Whilst everything is focused on children's learning, our staff also continue to learn. This year we have been focussing on how teachers can develop children's language through speaking and listening and how it is so important to be able to articulate the language linked to the various subject areas we learn in.

Ms Demitri, who is a highly skilled trainer has been teaching our staff on how to use various clasrroom methods to develop our children's specialist language; We want our children to articulate themselves like scientists, mathematicians, historians and all other subject specialists.



Gold Level accreditation!!

We are very proud to be announcing our newly gained gold level accreditation from Transport for London, in recognition of our achievement in active and safer travel initiatives. Huge thanks to Mr Thomas for encouraging this initiative.

We enjoy being a school of active travellers as many of our pupils and staff cycle or walk to school. We are making efforts towards extending our bike parking bays and setting up some new scooter bays too. We are also working alongside Gladesmore Community School and local community groups towards pursuing short term and long-term plans for our surrounding roads. Watch this space!

