



January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2024! We hope that you enjoyed time with family and friends and that you are looking forward to the next few months. Our Crowlanders have done so well in settling into their new school year and in establishing relationships with their new teaching staff. Thank you all to those of you who have sent us feedback through our parent survey. It's always so helpful to gauge our parents' and carers' thoughts on how we can improve our school and so very warming to hear your very positive feedback on the great work of our incredibly dedicated staff team. This month we share yet more monthly successes and information. Wishing you all a wonderful new year and great new term!  
Ms Stav & Mr Winnard

**Diary Dates:**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Half Term Break

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Return to school.

SEND Parent and Carer Reviews

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Book week launch

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Y3-Y5 Spring Concert

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March-Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent Evenings

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

End of Term



## Celebrating the Life of Martin Luther King Jr,

During one of our assemblies, we celebrated the inspirational life of Martin Luther King remembering what he stood for as an American activist. Children tapped into their prior learning to discuss historical concepts such as '**Segregation**', '**Activism**', '**Racism**' and '**Inequality**'. Children compared such ideas with current forms of 'inequality' in a very impressive way. Some of our pupils raised the issue of 'poverty' and 'disadvantage' still existing in today's world. They raised issues of gender inequalities in sport and in the world of work as well as forms of 'racism' which people sadly still experience. The discussion around such themes was truly impressive and we feel proud that with the help of our parents and carers we foster our children's critical thinking skills which they can explore through safe discussion spaces. Please do continue to help us foster such perspectives so that our children grow up to feel empowered and equipped to make their world a better place.

**Here are some links which may be useful:**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/talk-about-race.html>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/lets-make-a-change-inequality/>

## Parent Sessions on Managing Challenging Behaviours



The Trailblazers will be hosting a 4-week group, offering support and advice to parents around common childhood behaviours which can be challenging to manage.

In each session we will talk about challenging behaviours your family may experience, what may drive these behaviours and how to support your child.

### **Some topics covered include;**

- Setting family rules and boundaries
- Use of Praise and Rewards
- Supporting your child with transitions between tasks
- Helping your child follow instructions

**Date:** 22/01, 29/01, 5/02, 19/02

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00

**Location:** Crowland Primary School

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE GROUP, PLEASE SPEAK TO BECKY MORTIMER**

### **Who are the Trailblazers?**

Trailblazers are a partnership made up of a new Mental Health Support Team and other wellbeing agencies. We work within Haringey schools to support the emotional wellbeing of children, young people, parents and staff.



**Big Garden Birdwatch** For those of you who enjoy nature, this weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Make a count of the different birds that you see and submit your results on the RSPB website. This is real citizen science, that helps us understand the state of nature in our country. Enjoy and feel free to also share your findings on class Dojo. Mr Gwilliam

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/submission>

## Guitar and Violin Performances



Thank you to all our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who attended our January performances. Yet again our young performers did not fail to impress our families during their instrumental performances. It is always so wonderful to see how much learning takes place during their music lessons. On behalf of the school and all our families we would like to extend our very special thanks to our specialist music teachers Rob and Fahran. You are doing an amazing job!!

## Reminder on the importance of School Attendance

**A reminder to all our parents and carers that school attendance continues to be of very high priority as stipulated by government guidelines. Schools are directed to apply extremely strict measures in maintaining high attendance rates by all their pupils and ensuring that any absence can only be authorised under exceptional circumstances with proof of evidence. Unauthorised absence will in most cases attract high fines which may be issued by court proceedings. Government guidance can be found in the link below:**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/63049617e90e0729e63d3953/Working\\_together\\_to\\_improve\\_school\\_attendance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/63049617e90e0729e63d3953/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf)

## Remember to book your child's After School Club Activity!

