



Cranwell Primary School

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Dance Competition

On Wednesday 8th February eleven children took part in a dance competition at Kesteven & Sleaford High School.

They were very nervous but after one Practice, they loved being on stage. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the evening and are hoping more children will be able to join their dance club.

Report by Denise Kennard



Thurston Trip to Coniston

Tonight parents and children in Year 5, who are attending the Thurston Residential trip are requested to attend a meeting, giving further insight into the residential adventure course, and what the children will need to practise and prepare prior to the trip. The meeting will also discuss medical procedures and emergency contact details for the trip.

A list of the items required will also be discussed. Parents in the past have found this meeting **vital** in preparation for the trip and we cannot stress enough the importance to attend. The meeting will take place in Cranwell Primary School Hall at 6pm. **Medical forms, procedures and items required will all be discussed at this meeting.**



Mathletics

Mathletes of the week for 6th – 12th February were:

1st: Alex McConnell 11,598

2nd: Emily Tweddle 5,457

3rd: Nicholas Price 5,202

The winning KS1 class was 2/3CO, with 28,958 points, and the winning KS2 class was 3/4H, with 43,598.

For the week 13th – 19th February:

1st: Alex McConnell 13,127

2nd: Oliver Shirley 4,002

3rd: Raul Covaci 3865

Top KS2 class was 3/4H with 19,456 pts

And the top KS1 class was 2C with 17,186 pts!!

Well done to all the children involved in generating these amazing totals.

Wherever Home is...?

On Monday 27th February we have a visit from 'An Invisible Man' drama company who will be performing a play called 'Wherever Home Is...?' This play was funded by the MOD and was created to support K.S.2 children with the emotional effects of moving home and school. The play focuses on the stories of two children who have serving parents in the UK military, the production and workshop explores how change affects us all, children and adults, and looks at what it means to be resilient and adaptable in the face of some of life's regular difficulties...

Calvin and Lucy's stories are drawn from many hundreds of hours of research with children of serving military personnel, the soldiers themselves, their spouses and teaching professionals both in the UK and in Germany. The play is an analysis of the fortitude and resilience of children and a celebration of how important our friendships are at times of stress. Further information about the play can be found at www.wheneverhomeis.co.uk



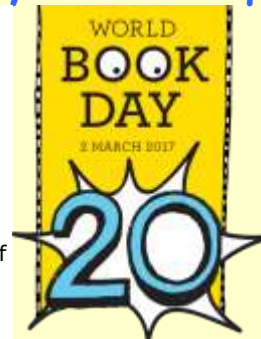
World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2017 - Fancy Dress Required!

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

This is the 20th year there's been a World Book Day. On Thursday 2nd March 2017 our school will be celebrating reading. Our aim will be to further encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading. Throughout the day, children will be discovering more about famous authors, or enjoying reading a certain book which inspires them.

To help celebrate the occasion, we are asking the children to come to school dressed like their favourite book character. Children will also receive a book token to put towards buying a book of their choice.

Ideas of how to dress up can be found at: www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/



Books
Build
Brains



Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews will take place between the 20th and 22nd March 2017. A letter will be sent out nearer to the time.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all of the parents who bought a raffle ticket at the Infant Christmas production. We were able to use the donations towards a fantastic outdoor play kitchen. As you can see, they are already enjoying playing with it!



Assessment Time

SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the week beginning 8th May 2017. All Year 6 children will be participating in the tests. Optional SATs for other year groups will be the following week.

Year Two SATs testing will take place throughout May, and therefore children need to be in school during this time.

Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 12th June 2017 and is a Government requirement. Therefore, please ensure your child is in school during this period. Absences during this time may be classified as unauthorised.

Film Club

We are delighted to inform you that FILMCLUB will be showing its next film of this academic year on Wednesday 8th March 2017. It will be a chance for your child to experience a variety of films in a safe, happy and structured setting. Our FILMCLUB aims to make a wide range of films available, which challenge, unite, educate, amaze and inspire.

Our FILMCLUB will be running from immediately after school until 5.00pm. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a small charge of £2 to cover this.

We will be watching 'Spy Kids'. This film has a U rating and is classified as suitable for all. **However, the film has a couple of uses of mild bad language.**



Gregorio and Ingrid were once two of the world's greatest spies - but retired when they fell in love. Now they've got two kids - Carmen and Juni - who have no idea about their secret past. But when secret agents start disappearing, Gregorio and Ingrid have to go back to work. And when they too go missing, it's down to Carmen and Juni to take on the villainous Fegan Floop, who hides his sinister plans for world domination behind the front of a kids TV show. This espionage caper for all the family boasts brilliant special effects, crazy characters and great jokes.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Chris Wilson
Headteacher

Homework

As a school, we have been reviewing our Homework Policy, and this will continue over the next few months.

As a school, we wish to ensure that homework meets the Ofsted criteria for outstanding schools, being 'challenging' and... 'in line with the school's policy and as appropriate for the age and stage of pupils, that consolidates learning, deepens understanding and prepares pupils very well for work to come'.

Homework is a very tricky aspect of learning to get perfectly right due to the diversity of abilities within each year group and class. We wish to try to make homework more consistent and more enjoyable.

You will not see a full change in the homework structure until Easter 2017.

We are delighted, however, with the introduction of Mathletics. Both children, and parents have commented on how enthused the children are with its introduction.

The children within the school council are currently discussing homework and how we can improve it.

Any Issues or Worries?

If you have any concerns at any point with your child's education, or the systems the school adopts, please contact the school office where these can be dealt with immediately and effectively. Facebook is not an appropriate site for such issues.

Upcoming Events:

World Book Day – Fancy Dress
Thursday 2nd March 2017

Next PTA Meeting
Tuesday 14th March 2017 @ 9.00am

Parent Interviews
Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Grandparents' Day
Friday 26th May 2017

This Academic year:
Term 4 ends: Fri 31st Mar 2017
Term 5 : Tuesday 18th Apr – Friday 26th May 2017
Term 6 : Mon 5th Jun – Wednesday 19th July 2017

Academic Year 2017-2018:

Term 1 Tuesday 5th September – Friday 20th Oct 2017
Term 2: Tuesday 31st Oct – Tuesday 19th Dec 2017
Term 3: Wed 3rd January – Fri 9th Feb 2018
Term 4: Mon 19th Feb – Wed 28th Mar 2018
Term 5 : Monday 16th Apr – Friday 25th May 2018
Term 6 : Mon 4th Jun – Friday 20th July 2018

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