



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 7

Term 1

October 20th, 2017

Sharing Practice

As you know, last week we welcomed different headteachers and teachers from schools in South Africa. Every day we had at least three educators in school watching and observing the way we teach. Hopefully you were able to catch the BBC news on Monday evening last week, which highlighted the amazing work that CHOKO have done and how we are all benefiting from the partnership. Everyone involved wanted to extend a massive thank you to everyone who helped make their trip such a success. We all loved to watch them suddenly erupt into singing and dancing, always explicitly showing their gratitude and joy in life around them. We all

learned some major life lessons! On Friday, a few of us attended Cholsey Great Hall for the final session where we all shared best practice. Mrs Garland did a fantastic presentation to the crowd regarding developing an understanding of personality and emotion through storytelling and Mr Sharman shared tips and techniques for Oracy and debating across school. We are hoping to continue to develop our links with these schools in South Africa and look forward to sharing children's learning via e-mail until another face to face visit.

Open Afternoon

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our first open afternoon. We hope that you found the time useful and were able to use the question stems as useful prompts to help understand more fully what your children's learning looks like including the progress they have been making. To help us continue developing our communication with parents, please fill in the very short survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5LKWWRD>

Advent Calendars

We know it seems early, but Christmas will be here before we know it! We have a limited stock of 'The Real Advent Calendar' for sale in the office for £5 each. They are made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company and come with an illustrated copy of The Christmas Story to be told as you open each window. Come and purchase one for yourself or even as a present.

Changes to Reporting Arrangements

Please see the separate letter regarding changes to our parent evenings and how we report on your child's progress.

Ofsted Inspection

Please see the separate letter and Ofsted report attached.

What did you learn from the story Ronald the Rhino ?
How can you always stay true to who you are?

When we return...

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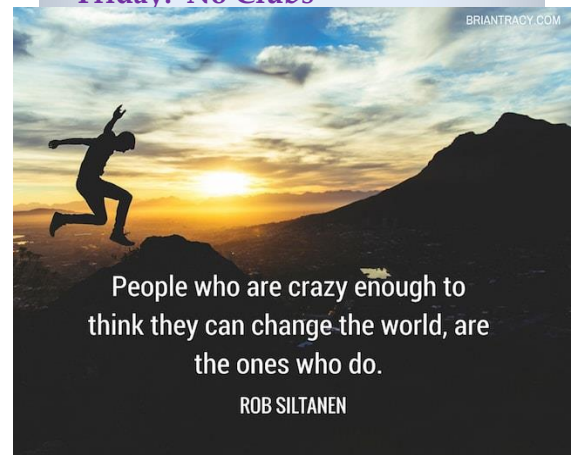
Monday: Run Club 8:00

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

Thursday: Family Learning 9:30
Basketball to 4:15
Choir to 4:00

Friday: No Clubs



People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.

ROB SILTANEN

Ping Pong

We will be selling Ping Pong bats for children in KS2 if they would like their own. They are £5 each. Balls are also sold for 10p each.

Family Learning at Crowmarsh

Family Learning is a way of helping parents and carers to support their children's learning and development and to understand why this is so important. The tutors understand the parental difficulties around learning and that sometimes a little bit of support is all that is needed.

Next Term we have Keeping up with your Children Maths starting on Tuesday 7th November at 9.30-11.30am where you can find out about our school approach to making Maths fun and interesting.

To register an interest and for further information please contact our Home School Link Worker, Jackie Napier-Jones: T. 07375 457 512

Email. jnap5834@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Royal Air Force Parents and Families

You are invited to the Grand Opening of Crowmarsh Garden on Wednesday 1st November at 2.00pm with Special Guests. Come along for refreshments and plant some bulbs in celebration of all the planning our RAFTers have been doing in setting up a regular Gardening Club at school. We believe it's a fantastic way of providing open access to gardening, inspiring children to learn new skills, eat healthily and make a positive contribution to their environment. It is hoped the children will engage in projects and activities to help keep the garden flourishing in all seasons throughout the year.

Did you know that we collaborate with many other schools across England? Partnership is crucial in our current educational climate and therefore we take as many opportunities to share best practice as we can. For the past two years we have been a part of the Wroxham Transformative Learning Alliance and more recently been asked by Didcot Girls' School to be one of their strategic partners for their Teaching School. Working alongside other schools, both primary and secondary, ensures that we are always seeking to develop our practice while sharing those things that we excel in.

Grandparents' Week

We would like to invite all grandparents back into school to join us for our annual grandparents' week during the week beginning November 20th. We hope as many as possible are able to join us. Grandparents are welcome to come to school from 2:00 on the afternoon that is dedicated to the house group your grandchildren are in. The dates are as follows:
Victorians – Tuesday 21st
Edwardians – Wednesday 22nd
Tudors – Thursday 23rd
Georgians – Friday 24th
We look forward to seeing you then!

PE Blog

Well done to the Year 5 Team (Crowmarsh B) who won the Cup at the tournament last week! Mr Baroni, one of our parent coaches said "There was a real sense of teamwork and competitive spirit displayed. The Year 6 (Crowmarsh A) also did really well. They made an incredible effort as they had received less training sessions to date. Captain Marnie did especially well to organise her team".

Well done to the two Year 5/6 mixed netball teams that played matches on Tuesday. Mrs Hermsen, another of our parent coaches said "the players made much progress during the tournament. Most encouraging was their footwork control and improved understanding of the positional boundaries."

We are hoping to arrange some friendly netball matches with local schools next term.

Netball Coaching will continue next term on a Wednesday lunchtime. This term Year 5 and 6 have had the opportunity for coaching. Year 4 joined us yesterday. If you have a child in Years 4-6 who hasn't tried netball coaching and would like to give it a go they are more than welcome to join. Please let either myself or the Office know.

The next Chiltern Edge Primary School Cross Country races will be Saturday 4th November 2017 and Saturday 2nd December 2017. Timings are as follows :
Year 1 10.00am, Year 2 10.15am, Year 3 10.30am, Year 4 10.45am, Year 5 11.00am, Year 6 11.15am. There are

separate boys / girls races.
Distances are as follows: Years 1 and 2 = 650m; Year 3 = 1100 m; Years 4 and 5 = 1500m; Year 6 = 1780 m. For these races please car share wherever possible due to limited parking. Please let us know via the Office if your child intends to run. We have detailed parking information available from Mrs Rance at our Office. The Chiltern Edge School Association will provide a café at the races.

On 7th October, seven children ran from Crowmarsh. Each child did well against a large field of runners in their age groups. The children were

Year 2: James Rowley, Olivia Hermsen, Joseph Hermsen
Year 3: Isaac Morgan, Samui Richardson
Year 5: Charlotte Hermsen
Year 6: Oscar Morgan.

If your child has not returned their PE from either the football or netball tournament, please hand it in to Mrs Rance in the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Scott
PE Coordinator
October 2017

PTA News

On Friday 3rd November, the PTA will be showing a film for pupils from 3.15 – 5pm. The cost per child will be £3 including popcorn, crisps and a drink. There is a list on the PTA notice board in the entrance hall where children can place a tick under the film which they would prefer to see. The options are 'Finding Dory' and 'Moana'. The film with the most ticks will be the one shown on 3rd November. Please complete the attached slip if your child(ren) would like to see the film.
Dates for other PTA Events before Christmas are as follows:

Thursday 2nd Nov at 9am
PTA Meeting. All welcome.

Friday 10th November
Non School Uniform Day
£1 donation or sweets for the Christmas Fair on 7th December

Friday 1st December
Christmas Jumper Day
£1 donation or sweets for the Christmas Fair.

A reminder about the Bag2 School Collection on Thursday 30th November. Please bring all bags to school on that morning when dropping your children off.

Second hand Uniform

We are very grateful to Mrs Townsend and Mrs Emma Reynolds who have looked after our second hand uniform for some time now. If there is anyone who would like to take over this important service to parents please let us know. It involves sorting out donated uniform items which are kept in school and running occasional sales. Most items sell for £1 each and the money goes to the PTA. Due to the large amount of stock we now have, we are currently unable to accept further donations. Parents who wish to buy second hand uniform are welcome to do so at 3.00 – 3.15 each day when the uniform shop is open.

Thames Run Committee

The Thames Run Committee raises much needed funds for the school and one other local charity.

We are still looking for people to help us prepare for next year's run. Even if you can't commit to the monthly meetings you can help. Specifically we need help keeping our Facebook page active with run related updates and someone to update our website (via a user friendly format). We also need assistance

in attracting support from local business in sponsoring the event. You will be supported with these activities by other Committee members. We'd really welcome your support.

If you'd like to support the event but don't have the time, please do let us know if you'd like to be an individual or family sponsor, or whether the company you work for would like to sponsor the event.

Sponsorship support packages begin at £25. Please email thamesruncommittee@gmail.com. Our next Committee meeting is at The Queens Head on Thursday November 2nd at 8pm. Thank you.

Church News

The church will be holding a 'Light Party' to reclaim the Christian origins of this Halloween. This will be at St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh at 4pm on the Sunday 29 Oct. Families are welcome to join in the crafts, games, tea, fun and worship – definitely more positive than 'Trick or Treating'! Please let Rev Kev know if you would like to be join in the fun (teamvicar@wallingfordcofe.org.uk).

Oratory School Aquathon

Fun aquathon for beginners. October 29 at 1pm. £10 entry. To sign up go to: <https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/go-tri-the-oratory>.

Your headteacher Mrs Barton and the team at Crowmarsh Gifford CE Primary School.

PTA FILM SHOW FOR PUPILS 'Finding Dory' or 'Moana'

Friday 3rd November from 3.15 – 5.00pm

Name of Child Class

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I am happy for my child(ren) to attend the film show on Friday 3rd November and enclose £3.00 per child to include refreshments. (Cash or cheque payable to Crowmarsh School PTA).

Signature of parent