



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 1

Term 5

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Steps to Increase Your Child's Maths Achievements and to Make Maths Fun!

(Written by Jo Boaler – youcubed.com) Step 4: Encourage children to work on problems that are challenging for them, so that they can make mistakes. We know that it is really important for students to take risks, engage in 'productive struggle,' and make mistakes. Sometimes my daughter asks for help with her homework when it looks difficult, and I try to encourage her to have a go first, without my help, saying "I don't want to take away the opportunity for you to struggle and for your brain to grow." Keep telling your children that struggle is really important because it will make their brains grow. This is a delicate balance as you don't want to leave your children struggling to the point that they feel despondent, but always try to encourage as much struggle as you think they can cope with at that time. Girls, in particular, have often learned to avoid difficult work – usually because they have been

Maths Poster

See attached for the eighth instalment of our maths posters.

Teaching Awards!

Thank you to those of you who nominated staff across our school for the Pearson Teaching Awards. We are thrilled that Mr Silvester has been shortlisted for teacher of the year! This is an incredible achievement. A panel of judges will be coming into

praised for being smart a lot, which makes them then want to try and keep that label. Avoidance of harder work is damaging for children and it is one of the reasons that fewer girls pursue math and science. In one of Carol Dweck's studies participants took math problems that they all solved correctly. Half of the participants were praised for being "smart" and half for "working hard." When offered a choice of a follow up problem that was easy or hard, 90% of the participants praised for being smart chose the easy problem, whereas most of those who were praised for working hard chose the harder problem. This tells us that the praise we give children has an immediate effect on them. It also gives us some important clues into gender inequities in math participation rates.

school on May the 10th and they would love to hear from current and past parents and pupils. We will be welcoming parents in to speak with the judges on this day and nearer the date I will have a firm time when this can happen. Congratulations to all of our staff – we truly have a dynamic team here at Crowmarsh, who always go above and beyond for the children in their care.

What makes you stand out from the crowd? What makes you unique and different from others?

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Monday: Run Club 8:00

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Choir

IF YOU ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO BE NORMAL YOU WILL NEVER KNOW HOW AMAZING YOU CAN BE.

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Sun Safety!

Now that the sun looks like it will make an appearance, we would like to remind you to ensure your child always has a sunhat and water bottle in school please. If you know it will be a hot day, we ask that you apply sunblock in the morning. Children may keep sunblock in their bags to reapply throughout the day.

School Garden

If you haven't visited our RAFTers garden lately, please take a moment to have a walk by as it is looking rather stunning with all the new flowers blooming. We have a few parents to thank with helping Jackie Napier-Jones to set it up. A huge thank you to Mr Fryatt for helping to open the garden and for providing all of the signs in the garden. Thank you as well to Ms Franklin for helping with the planting, creating a true wildlife garden (including bug hotel!) and for running gardening across the school. A huge thank you also to BLANDFORDS who supplied the Slabs, Cement and Sand for the base of our Garden Shed. Finally a huge thank you to Mr Crellin for assembling our garden shed. We could not do it without the support of our parents. Thank you so much. Our children are blessed to have so many different opportunities in school.

After School Clubs

Please note that we are no longer using Ignite Coaching, rather we are training up existing staff with coaching credentials in a range of sports. This means that we are looking to change the after school clubs we offer. More information will be sent out about this shortly. However, if there are any parents who would be interested in running an after school club, please get in touch.

Please note that it is now school policy that if children leave PE kit, uniform or homework at home, we will not be calling parents to bring it in.

This is because it is very important that pupils start to learn to take responsibility for their belongings.

Please help us to encourage your children to become more independent.

Data Protection

As you may know, the way data is handled within organisations is changing. As part of this, you will be receiving letters regarding consent for photography as well as other issues.

Please also know that you may contact the office at any time if you would like to opt out of receiving newsletters.

Safeguarding Training

For any parents who are interested in helping in school, we will be running a Generalist Safeguarding training course on Friday 27th April from 1.30 – 2.50pm. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend.

Care for the Family

Parents of a child/children with a SEN will love this extract from Care for the Family; a gentle reminder of how ALL children are different and the importance of recognising their unique qualities and achievements, because they are ALL equally important.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/parent-support/parenting-additional-challenges/additional-needs-support/autism-and-the-family>

Governors' Email

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at 1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

PTA News

The PTA AGM will be held at school on Tuesday 1st May at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend (including children). Topics for discussion are the upcoming May Fair and also the appointment of a new committee. There are parents who are happy to take up the role of Chair and also continue as Secretary and Treasurer. If anyone else is interested in these roles or others (Marketing, Fundraisers etc.) then please attend. Those who would just like to assist the PTA and not have a named role are most welcome to come along too!

Non School Uniform Day

Tomorrow, Friday 20th April will be a non-school uniform day in aid of the May Fair. Please bring in £1 donation or a tombola item (no alcohol please).

Bag2School

There will be a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in

order to raise funds for the PTA on Wednesday 9th May 2018. Bags are being sent home with your child this week. Please start sorting now and see the attached list for accepted items. Any questions please contact Sarah Lowe (child in Years 2 and 5) email s.lowe@cabi.org.

2018 Thames Run – Can You Help?

The 2018 Thames Run will take place on Sunday 20th May at 09:45. Last year's event was a great success, raising money for Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA and Style Acre.

If you are able to marshal this year, please email bob@helenandbob.com as soon as possible. If you know anyone else that can help out please ask them too!

Marshalls are there to ensure that everyone safely gets round the course and to provide encouragement for the runners. It's a fun morning and the school fete is the same day so there will be plenty going on afterwards, with stalls, food and refreshments available.
Thames Run Committee

Church News

Services of particular interest to families at St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh are:

Sunday 22nd April at 11am
Family Communion

Sunday 6th May at 11am
Family Service.

Community News

We are happy to include community items when space permits but readers should be aware that events and activities advertised have not been researched by the school.

Karate Lessons

New karate lessons starting in Crowmarsh. One month free trial of karate lessons at Crowmarsh Village Hall, starting on Tuesdays. Times: 4.30 – 5.00pm 4 – 6 year olds
5.00 – 5.45pm 7 year olds and above.

Contact Sensei Lloyd on 07970505803 for more information or to book your child in for a trial.

Bull Croft Park Regeneration Consultation

This Saturday in the Market Place (next to the Fountain) from 11 to 3pm.

A small group of Wallingford residents and Town Councillors was formed last year to plan the regeneration of Bull Croft Park. We are excited to now be in a position to share some conceptual designs with you and get your feedback. Come along with your children to our stand in the market place at the St. George's Day event this Saturday between 11 and 3pm to see the plans and tell us what you think. Hope to see you there. Also, to keep you up to date with progress on the park and to improve communication we have set up a Facebook group called "The Bull Croft Wallingford". Please do join and spread the word.

Fairytales: a story of magic and miracles for adults and older children by professional storyteller Cindy Zudys. Saturday 21st April at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. No fee but donations towards the church tower fund. Interval with refreshments.

Pangbourne School Open Morning
Saturday 28th April 9.00 – 12 noon. Tel: 0118 984 2101, Email registrar@pangbourne.com.

The Elms Holiday Camps will be running at Woodcote Primary

School from 29th – 31st May and in the summer holidays as follows:
30th Jul – 1st Aug
6th Aug – 8th Aug
13th Aug – 15th Aug.

Open to children aged 4 – 12 years.
Half day £19 (Early Bird price £17)
Whole day £33 (Early Bird price £30).
3 day camp £90 (Early Bird price £75).
Booking hotline: 020 8954 8787
or book online at elmsholidaycamps.co.uk.