



CROOK LOG NEWS



Believe in a brighter future



Year 4 took part in an inspiring activity based workshop that brought the Saxon period to life. The day began with the children arriving to school dressed as Anglo Saxons and listening to a short talk that explored how the Saxons changed the culture of post Roman Britain. They were taught the Beowulf story, learnt about etiquette and hierarchy of a feast, learnt about burials of a king, studied ancient Saxon weapons, took part in quizzes and played Saxon board games. They learnt lots of additional, quirky, gory facts to keep the children amused and engaged.



The man carrying out the workshop said that they were the best group of children that he had carried this workshop out with. He said their enthusiasm shone through and made the workshop fantastic, bringing the topic to life.



Back in February, the Crook Log choir had the amazing opportunity to sing at the O2 Arena as part of this electrifying choir. Young voices mission is to ignite a love for music, empowering children to discover their voices and build their confidence.

It is always such a breathtaking night. This year the children were joined on stage by MC Grammar who is an ex teacher turned rapper and social media sensation, Tommy Blaize, a singer from the Strictly Come Dancing band and Souparnika Nair, a 14 year old singer who auditioned for Britain's Got Talent in 2020 and wowed the judges by singing 'Never enough' from the Greatest Showman. Her rendition of the song has received over 100 million views on YouTube.



We are always extremely proud of our children when we take them out of school on a trip as their behaviour is always impeccable. The children, staff and parents had a fabulous evening listening to over 8000 children performing together with the most amazing sound and lighting effects.

A big thank you to Miss Parkes for a given up her time to rehearse with the children and for given them this wonderful opportunity.



Children's Mental Health Week took place between the 3rd- 9th February. The theme for 2025 was 'Know yourself, Grow yourself'. The aim of the week was to equip and empower children to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them so they can build resilience, grow and develop. The more children can understand about themselves, the more prepared they are to express their emotions and take on life's ups and downs. Being self-aware means getting to know and understand what they are good at, what they find difficult, their likes and dislikes.

This year for Children's Mental Health Week, we used the characters from Inside Out 2 to explore the importance of expressing our emotions. The children came to school on Friday dressed as their favourite Inside out Character, wearing the colour of that emotion.

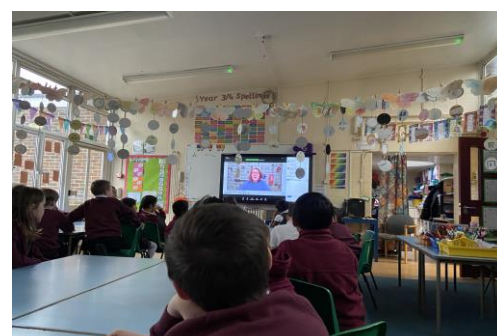


On a very dark, gloomy February day the Year 5 children came to school dressed as Ancient Greeks ready to be transported back in time for their Greek Day. They all looked fabulous in their costumes. The day started with an introduction to Greek culture followed by four engaging activities. These included: re-enacting Greek myths and legends, working in groups to solve Archimedes Stomachion (the oldest known mathematical puzzle), Playing Petteia (a Greek strategy game) and having a fun quiz with lots of Greek facts. After lunch, the day continued with the children looking at weapons and armour, taking part in a mini Olympic Games followed by the Great battle of Gaugamela between Alexander the Great and King Darius which concluded a brilliant engaging day of activities.



We welcomed Ian from KIC Theatre back to school in March when the children in Nursery, Reception, year 1, year 2 and year 6 took part in drama workshops on their current topics, including, The Wright Brothers, the Ocean, Superheroes, Handa's Surprise and the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. The children always enjoy their sessions with Ian and get so much out of them. It is wonderful watching the children's confidence grow throughout the sessions. We are grateful and thankful to Ian for being so inspiring and engaging.

Year 3 took part in a live multi-sensory workshop that enabled students to virtually explore London Mithraeum Bloomberg Space, London's Roman Amphitheatre and Billingsgate Roman House and Baths. During the session the children got to explore Roman artefacts and sniff scent boxes while engaging in the multi-sensory workshop. The children were encouraged to develop their skills of observation, questioning and prediction. The children found the sessions really fun and interesting and made history exciting to learn about.



WORLD BOOK DAY

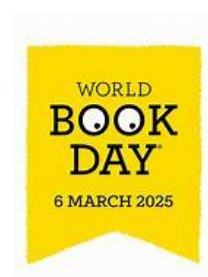
We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day. Everyone looked amazing dressed up as their favourite book characters. We started the day with an assembly by **The Cat in the hat**. Each class took part in a costume parade so we could appreciate all of the fabulous costumes. We had such a wide variety of characters. Next, we returned to class to start transforming our classroom doors into our favourite books. The children then took part in a wide range of book related activities. A fun day was had by all.





WORLD BOOK DAY

We designed our classroom doors as part of our World Book Day activities. Here is a selection of them. They all looked amazing!





Safer
Internet
Day

On February 11th we took part in Safer Internet Day and explored all aspects of online safety such as bullying online, managing online information, privacy and security. We learnt about the SMART rules and we acted as Scam Detectives trying to outsmart digital tricksters to protect our personal information. We examined a range of emails and pop up's and learnt how to recognise phishing emails and scams. The children took part in many discussions about real life scenarios and discussed what they would do in these situations. Please talk regularly to your child about online safety and how to act responsibly online. For further information

[Childnet — Online safety for young people](http://www.childnet.com)

The Cloggy choir, our Rock Steady bands and children that receive additional in school music lessons were given the opportunity to go to London's West end to watch Matilda the musical. For some children this was their first time visiting a theatre. All the children had a fabulous time and were impeccably behaved.



Huge congratulations to the school football team for winning their cup match against Leigh Stationers Primary Academy 2-1. They are now in the draw for the semi- final. Good luck to them all.



The Year 3 children had a brilliant Roman Day where they explored the dramatic change in the lifestyle of the lowliest citizens following the arrival of the Roman legions. The children took a tour through a bath house and experience the excitement of the games arena. They were given the opportunity to explore real Roman artefacts and to study weapons and armour. The day finished with a gladiator show where the children took on roles from slaves through to the important Emperor.



Before Christmas, we set the school a competition to design their favourite character which Olivia Clark's mum would kindly make by crocheting the winning designs.

Lots of children entered the competition and Mrs Clark, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Hollidge had the tricky job of choosing five winners from across the school.

The money raised went towards buying new speakers for the school playground so that the children could have music on at playtime to dance to.

Well done to everyone that entered the competition. They all received a crocheted worry worm for taking part in the competition.

The winners were:

Freya in Rabbits, Bobby in Year 2, Harper in year 3, Joey and Asena in year 6.



The Years 1 and 2 children had a visit from the Mental Health Support Team who came in to teach the children about the zones of emotional regulation. The children learnt about how their body feels for each group of emotions and they learnt coping strategies such as square breathing and other grounding techniques. The children listened very attentively and asked some really good questions. Thank you to Allison and the Mental Health Support Team for carrying out the workshops.



On the last day of term before the Easter break, FOCLS had the Great Easter Egg Hunt on the school field. It was a perfect way to end the term. Excited children running around the field, laughing and searching for Easter pictures while the sun shone brightly. When the children had completed all their stickers on their chart, they eagerly swapped the chart for a chocolate egg. The barbecue was sizzling and the smell of burgers and sausages filled the air. Families were gathered in groups, sharing food and enjoying the atmosphere and simple pleasures of a lovely spring day. Thank you to FOCLS and Mrs Green for organising the event and to Mr Hollidge for running the barbecue. It was a big success.

How emotions feel



ANXIOUS
Sick in the stomach
Heart racing
Body shaking



HAPPY
Warm inside
Light feeling inside



EXCITED
Heart beating fast
Butterflies



ANGRY
Feeling hot
heart beating fast

THANK YOU TO FOCLS

We have been extremely lucky to have been given brand new playtime equipment that has been purchased with money raised by FOCLS. We now have fantastic new table tennis tables which the junior children can use and we have a new wooden boat and train carriages on the infant playground which the younger children can climb on and play imaginative games.

This term FOCLS have organised the spring discos. The children always love the discos and enjoy being able to spend their money on glitter tattoos, nail painting, glow toys, sweets, drinks or hot dogs. A massive thank you to all the parent helpers and staff that volunteered to help at the event.

FOCLS also bought some wonderful gifts for the children to purchase for their mums or grandmothers in the Mother's Day sale. The children really enjoy going over to 'shop' for their gifts and to be able to take home a little something that they have personally chosen for their mums or grandmothers.

The final event to take place this term was the Great Easter Egg Hunt and barbecue. This was a wonderful family event with over 300 Easter eggs won.

Finally, A massive thank you to everyone at FOCLS that offer any kind of help, no matter how big or small to help raise money for our children. We appreciate everything that you do for us! Special thanks must go to Cecilia and team for all their hard work with FOCLS. These events would not happen without your dedication.



The Reception children had a fantastic pet week where they learnt about many different kinds of pets and thought about what each pet needs and how to look after them. The week started with a visit from Mrs Jupp's guinea pigs, followed by a visit from Tommy, our school tortoise.

The children were lucky to have had a visit from one of our lovely parents, Mrs Specht, who is a veterinary nurse. She brought a selection of small pets into school including a giant snail, a ferret, a tortoise and more guinea pigs. The children were given the opportunity to handle the animals and to learn more about the animal's health and care. Mrs Specht showed the children some of the equipment that Vets use to look after the animals.

A big thank you to Mrs Specht for giving up her time to visit and for sharing her pets with the children.

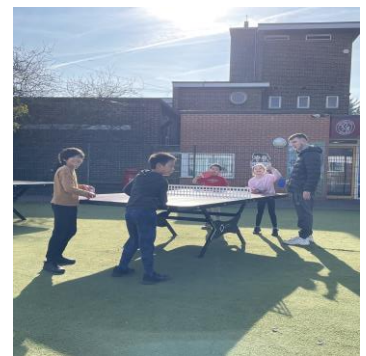
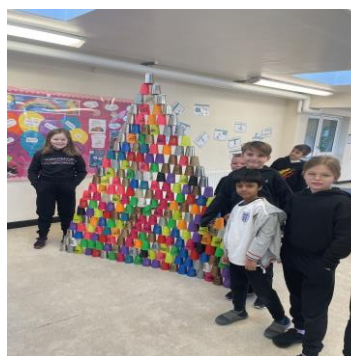




Crook Log hosted the first 'Inspire Camp' during February Half Term. During the camp the children tried out a wide range of different indoor and outdoor sports and activities. It was a very popular club and every child that attended expressed how much fun they had had there.

Dodge ball, stacking cups, table tennis, archery and football were definitely some of the favourite activities. The staff commented on how lovely the children were and that they were all well behaved which is fantastic to hear. A big thank you must go to Dave, Leesa, George, Jay and Robbie for making the camp fun and engaging for every age group.

The Inspire Camp will be running again over the Easter break and will be popular so please look out for the ParentMail and sign up quickly if you are interested in your child attending.



I loved playing in the sunshine with my friends.

Anya R2

We did lots of fun sports and the staff were really nice.

Lawrence 4D

Dodgeball was my favourite game. It was really fun!

Aarav 1M

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Hall place to take part in a plant workshop. They were so lucky with the weather, the sun was shining all day. The day started with the children being seed detectives and investigating a range of different seeds. Annie then explained what plants need to grow and how a seed germinates. The children got to look at a spider plant and identify the parts of a plant before having a tour around the Hall Place garden and learning about all the different plants and trees. The day finished with the children having some free time to play in the fresh air. A wonderful day was had by all and all the children behaved beautifully.



The Dragonfly children had an inflatable and soft play day. The children had a brilliant time bouncing on the bouncy castles and playing with their Dragonfly friends. Thank you to Mrs Rayner for organising the day.

On Superhero day, year one had a fun packed day based on their superhero themed book, Traction Man. The year one children came into school dressed as their favourite superheroes. They all looked super strong when they arrived in school ready to start their superhero training. The day started with the children discussing what makes a good superhero and designing their own superhero characters. They then trained for a secret mission with Ian from KIC theatre. Their training was successful and they all became fully qualified superheroes. A fun, tiring day was had by everyone.



THANK YOU!

We are now at the end of another very short and busy term. Thank you to you all for your ongoing support with donations for our food bank and pre-loved uniform. We have helped out a number of our families. This will continue next term, please donate if you can.

We would like to wish everyone a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all back for the summer term.

Mrs Barratt and Mrs Hollidge

Happy Easter!



Diary Dates

22nd April- Children back to school

2nd May- VE Day (wear red, white and blue)

21st May- Class photographs

26th May -Half Term

2nd June- Children back to school

3rd June- Year 3 trip to the Science Museum

23rd June- Art/ DT Week

1st July- Year 4 trip to Creekside

5th July- Summer Fair

11th July- Year 6 trip to

Chessington World of Adventures.

11th July- Children's University Graduation

14th July- Year 6 production

15th July - Year 6 production

15th July- Rocksteady concert

16th July- Year 2 trip to Minnis Bay

17th July- Year 6 Leavers Disco

19th July- End of term.