



CROOK LOG NEWS



Believe in a brighter future



This term, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Egyptian Day led by John from Portals to the Past. The day began with an introduction to the first pharaoh, followed by a carousel of engaging activities. Pupils used quiz boards to explore daily life in Ancient Egypt, learned about hieroglyphs by translating secret messages and took part in the traditional game of Hounds and Jackals. They also discovered fascinating facts about Cleopatra. In the afternoon, the children learned more about pharaohs and how they lived, before exploring the mummification process. The day concluded with a fun throwing game. The children were exceptionally well-behaved throughout and had a wonderful time!



After unfortunately having to postpone our Easter Egg Hunt before the Easter break, we were delighted to hold the event on Thursday 16th April. Thankfully, the weather stayed dry, with even a brief appearance from the sun. The field was soon filled with happy children running around in search of the numbered eggs, while families enjoyed the tasty barbecue, bar, and snacks. The children were especially excited to choose their chocolate egg after completing their charts. A big thank you to Mrs Green and FOCLS for organising such a wonderful event.



The children who attend uniformed organisations were invited to wear their uniforms to school to mark St George's Day. They all looked very smart. It was fantastic to see all the badges that they had achieved on their uniforms.

Year 2 had a wonderful day exploring royalty as part of their new Monarch topic. They learned about the role of the Monarch and discovered information about past Monarchs. The children then enjoyed getting creative by making their own crowns, before bringing their learning to life by acting out a coronation ceremony in class.

Queen Elizabeth II
has arrived.



A group of children from Year 5 have been taking part in sailing lessons at Danson Lake. They have had a fantastic time learning new skills, including how to steer the boat and how to dodge the boom to avoid bumping their heads. The children also enjoyed taking part in fun relay races and other friendly competitions, making the experience both exciting and memorable for everyone involved.



PLAY ON THE PITCH DAY AT CHARLTON ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB



Our Year 5 and 6 football team were given the fantastic opportunity to play in a football tournament against other local schools on the pitch of Charlton Athletic Football Club. The event was designed to be fun, inclusive, and memorable, giving pupils the opportunity to play football in an iconic stadium setting. Our children had a wonderful day and all enjoyed the experience. Every child that participated received a medal. Thank you to Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Pickard for taking them.

The year 6 May Fair was a huge success, thanks to good weather and the hard work and creativity of our Year 6 children! The annual event was organised to raise money towards the costs of their end of year production, and they certainly rose to the challenge. The field was buzzing with excitement as the children visited a variety of fun stalls run by Year 6 children, including nail painting, "Guess the pop it," "Guess the number of sweets in the jar" and "Beat the Goalie." It was a brilliant day filled with laughter, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit. A big well done to Year 6 for putting on such a fantastic event—and thank you to everyone who supported them! The children raised an amazing **£769**.

A big shout out to Year 2 who decorated biscuits and had a biscuit sale after school. They raised an amazing **£115.70** to put towards the cost of the coach for their trip to the beach. Well done Year 2!



The Reception children had great fun taking part in some ribbon dancing which was kindly taught by Kayjay's mum. A big thank you to her for making the dancing so much fun and for giving up her time to come into school.

The ducklings arrived in Reception. Our youngest children have been so excited, watching the eggs hatch and getting to welcome the ducklings into their class. They have enjoyed learning how to care for the ducklings, to handle them correctly and of course teaching the ducklings to swim. We will all miss them when they go to their new homes.

On one of the hottest days of the year so far, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting trip to Deptford Creek. During their visit, they studied artefacts found in the river and learned about the industries that once operated along its banks.



The children had the opportunity to wade in the river and had great fun racing ducks while observing the flow of the water. They also took part in pond dipping, where they discovered some of the creatures that live in the river. In addition, they completed sketches of the creek and used maps to locate the river and the factories that were once part of the local area.

All of the children were exceptionally well behaved throughout the trip, and their excellent conduct was complimented by members of the public. Well done, Year 4!

SPORTS DAY

To mark Mrs Barratt's final Sports Day at Crook Log, the staff surprised both the children and parents by taking part in the teachers' race dressed in inflatable costumes. The race was a hilarious spectacle and provided plenty of laughter for everyone watching. It was a memorable and fitting way to celebrate Mrs Barratt's last Sports Day at the school and introduce Mrs Slack to our Crook Log Sports Day.

Well done to all the children for taking part in Sports Day and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, determination and team spirit throughout the event. It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best effort, supporting one another and celebrating each other's achievements. You should all be very proud of yourselves!



Year 5 had a fabulous week at Manor Adventure on the Isle of Wight for their school journey. They took part in a wide range of exciting and adventurous activities, including fencing, raft building, the G-Swing, climbing, abseiling, zip wiring, Night Line, archery, and many more.

Throughout the week, the children developed their teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills while challenging themselves and supporting one another. They especially enjoyed spending time on the beach and toasting marshmallows around the campfire.

The children returned thoroughly exhausted but full of wonderful memories from a fantastic week away, not to mention a wealth of new silly songs!

A huge thank you to Miss Higgins for organising the trip and to all the staff who accompanied and supported the children throughout the week.



Luckily, the rain held off and the sun even made a brief appearance for our Teddy Bears' Picnic on the field. The School Council arranged the picnic to raise funds to buy new reading books for the classrooms from Mr Bergamo's Reading Challenge list. We raised an amazing **£257.76**, which will go towards purchasing the new books. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make the event such a success.

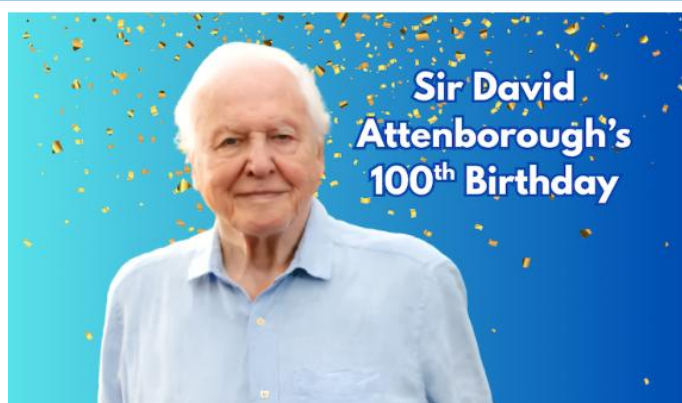


On a beautiful sunny day, the year one children visited Kent Life. The children were all super excited as this was their first ever school trip. They had a fabulous day interacting with the animals. They also wandered through the orchards and green spaces following the nature trail. The children were able to explore the historic houses and learn about the differences between homes in the past and present. The highlight of the trip was taking a tractor ride around the farm, before visiting the play area and coming home. Thank you to Mrs Bignell and Mr Bergamo for organising the trip. It was a brilliant day.



We had a wonderful day celebrating the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. To mark this special occasion, Mrs Barratt kindly allowed us to bring our pets into school for the day, which was incredibly exciting for everyone.

We welcomed a wide variety of animals, including lizards, rabbits, guinea pigs, tortoises, mice and hamsters. One of the highlights of the day was a spectacular dog show held on the school field, which brought lots of smiles and laughter to all involved. We had lots of categories including waggiest tail, longest tongue, golden oldie, best sit, best trick and many more. All dogs received a rosette for taking part. Thank you to Mrs Turner and Mrs Specht for acting as judges. It was such a fabulous morning. Congratulations to Sofia's dog, Nala that won best in the competition, followed by Louie and Ruby's dog Dougie who came second overall.



On Wednesday 24th June, the year 2 children had their annual trip to Minnis Bay. Luckily, the sun did shine and everyone enjoyed building sandcastles and digging in the sand. For some children it was their very first time visiting a beach. The children were lucky to be able to paddle in the sea, look at the colourful beach huts, hunt for shells and to look for sea creatures in the rock pools. They all had a brilliant day. Thank you to Mrs Straker, Miss Cornell and to all the staff that accompanied them to the beach.

Year 6 took part in a virtual digital skills workshop being held by the BT Group where they learnt about pathways into digital and technological roles in real life careers. It was a very interesting workshop



We had an amazing, money-inspired Financial Literacy Maths Week. The week started with a special assembly to introduce Maths Week and all of the exciting activities ahead.

Every class took part in interactive maths workshops delivered by HSBC. These sessions helped the children develop their understanding of money systems, spending, saving and budgeting. We were also lucky to welcome Mr Watson, who spoke to each class about his job and how maths is used in the real world.

Throughout the week, the children enjoyed taking part in a variety of maths problems and challenges. The week ended with the annual Year 6 May Fair, which we all absolutely love attending. Every child was able to bring in some change to spend on the different stalls at the fair.



The Year 6 children put on a fabulous show based on a twisted version of Grimm fairy tales, where villains always triumph and beloved characters like Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel face bleak endings, as the Grimm brothers insist on keeping their stories dark. Determined to change their fate, a group of characters—including loyal servants, enchanted birds, and other victims—join forces to confront the authors. With the help of the Grimms' assistant, Frank, and a magical quill, they begin rewriting the stories: saving Hansel and Gretel, reuniting Millie with her baby, outsmarting Rumpelstiltskin, and ensuring Cinderella finds her happy ending, while Red Riding Hood is rescued from the wolf. In the end, the Grimm brothers have a change of heart, transforming their tales so that goodness, hope, and bravery prevail, and even the villains are given a chance to change. Everyone absolutely loved the show. There was fabulous acting, singing and dancing from all the year 6 children. A big thankyou to Mrs Hall, Mrs Parkes and all the staff that have helped in anyway to put this show together.





Crook Log marked Bastille Day on 14th July by coming to school dressed in red, white, and blue. Bastille Day is often compared to the American Fourth of July celebrations. It is a national holiday in France, commemorating the storming of the Bastille in 1789, a pivotal event in the French Revolution. Every 14th July, people across France celebrate Bastille Day with military parades, fireworks, picnics, and parties. At Crook Log, the children visited a French market to practise their French, tasted a variety of French foods, listened to French music, and took part in a range of classroom activities. A huge thank you to Ros from Bexley Language Stars for all of her hard work, and to the students from Bexley Grammar School who helped to run the French market. We all had a brilliant day!



Congratulations to everyone that took part in the first Crook Log 'Grow your own' competition. There were some amazing entries. Thank you to Mrs Gibbs for organising it.



Our wonderful year 6 children came first in their swimming gala against Brampton Primary school and Fosters Primary school. It was a very close gala with only two points between the top two teams. Congratulations to year 6!



We are incredibly proud of our Children's University students who have taken part in the scheme this year. By dedicating their time to extracurricular activities, visiting learning destinations across the country, and completing online challenges, they have built up an impressive number of learning hours.

53 children graduated and were invited to a special ceremony at the Civic Offices in Bexleyheath. Dressed in gowns and mortar boards, they received well-deserved recognition for their achievements.

Well done to all our graduates – you have made us very proud and we look forward to more children from year 3 joining us next year.

Year 2 had a brilliant Pirate Day to celebrate the end of their Seaside topic. They began the day by coming into school dressed as swashbuckling pirates. They took part in a range of fun pirate activities throughout the day; such as solving riddles to hunt for treasure, making pirate flags, designing maps and drawing pirate ships.



The school football team reached the finals of the Bexley Schools Football Tournament. They gave an excellent performance in the round robin tournament at Goals in Bexleyheath on Friday 8th May. Although they sadly did not win overall, the team played brilliantly throughout the competition, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination, sportsmanship and skill. We are all very proud of their achievement and the way they represented the school.



FAREWELL TO ALL

We have sadly had to say goodbye to a number of long-serving staff members who are either retiring or moving on to new opportunities. Mrs Wotton, who has been part of Crook Log for 25 years, has led our Early Years team with dedication, giving countless children the very best start to their education. Mrs Thorpe, after 24 years of teaching across the school, has supported so many pupils, particularly through her work in maths and literacy. We are also saying farewell to three valued teaching assistants: Mrs Zimmerman (13 years), Mrs Perry (15 years), and Mrs Joseph (4 years), all of whom have made a meaningful contribution to our school community.

It is with especially heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our wonderful headteacher, Mrs Barratt, who has devoted 28 years to Crook Log, including the last 5 as headteacher. She will be remembered for her kindness above all, as well as her sense of fun and competitive spirit. We wish her every happiness in her retirement and as she begins an exciting new chapter in Cornwall. She will be deeply missed, but her positive impact on the lives of so many children and families will be felt for years to come. Thank you to all the staff and parents that contributed to Mrs Barratt's retirement gifts. She was overwhelmed by everyone's kind words, wishes and gifts.

We also say a fond farewell to our Year 6 children as they begin the next exciting chapter of their education. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Over the years, we have watched them grow, learn and develop into the remarkable young people they are today. We have no doubt that they are ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that secondary school will bring. We wish them lots of luck and look forward to hearing about their successes in the future.



We will miss you



Language Stars Bexley

The summer fair was a fantastic day of fun for all the family, bursting with energy and excitement from start to finish. Children ran around with beaming smiles, exploring the different stalls, jumping endlessly on the bouncy castles, and eagerly lining up for the sizzling barbecue, pizzas and delicious ice cream. The atmosphere was alive with laughter and chatter as families soaked up the bursts of sunshine and community spirit. One of the biggest attractions was the chance to get a close-up look at the police vehicles, with curious children climbing inside and chatting with the friendly officers who were more than happy to answer questions and pose for photos. A big thank you must go to Mrs Green and Cecilia for organising the fair and to all of the parents from FOCLS that give up their time to volunteer to help set up and to run the stalls. We have raised an amazing **£4547.81**.

The children that attend our KS1 and KS2 French club put on an end of year assembly to their parents and school to demonstrate some of the things that they have been learning in French club over the last year. The children spoke beautifully in French and performed some lovely French songs. Thank you to Ros for putting on a wonderful assembly with the children.



A range of children from across the school were selected to take part in cricket tournaments throughout the summer term. They all played extremely well and showed good sportsmanship. Our youngest children- the year 2 team won every match that they played except one which ended in a draw. Well done everyone!



THANK YOU



Thank you for all your ongoing support this year and for helping to make Crook Log Primary School such a wonderful place to be.

A big thank you to all the parents that support FOCLS to put on such fun events for our children to attend and to raise lots of money for our school. We really do appreciate it. FOCLS have raised over a whopping **£25, 313.43** this year which is absolutely fantastic!

We wish everyone a wonderful summer break. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September where we will be welcoming our new Head Teacher, Mrs Slack.

Diary Dates

1st Sept- **INSET DAY** (no children in school)

2nd Sept- **INSET DAY** and 11 Plus Day for year 6 only.

3rd Sept- Children return to school

8th Sept- Year 1 parents meeting 9.05am

9th Sept- Reception children in full time

10th Sept- Year 2 parents meeting 9.05am

11th Sept- Year 6 parents meeting 9.05am

15th Sept- Year 3 parents meeting 9.05am

17th Sept- Year 4 parents meeting 9.05am

22nd Sept- KS2 Cinema night

25th Sept- FOCLS Coffee morning

1st Oct- Prospective parents visiting

5th October- Harvest Assembly