# **BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH PRIMARY**

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**



11th February 2022

#### **Mental Health week - EYFS**

This week the children have been taking part in activities to promote their mental health. The focus has been on helping them to understand that we have different emotions and sometimes we all feel sad or worried. We talked about what we should do if we experience these feelings, with a special emphasis on the importance of talking. During our daily mile session, we asked the children to choose someone they would like to talk to and share their daily mile with. The children very happily chatted the whole time. It was lovely to hear them sharing their thoughts and feelings. In class we asked the children to think about all the people who helped them and made them feel safe and supported. They used the hot air balloon to demonstrate how all those who help them are their support network and how that network is connected through them. The idea of the hot air balloon is to show how that network supports them and lifts them up. They have really enjoyed these activities and it has helped them to understand how much they are cared for and are never alone.













## <u>Holi Festival – Year 3</u>

Here are some pictures of Rangoli patterns that the children made from coloured sand for Diwali and some action shots of our Holi festival.

Mrs Goodbrand









#### **Super Sports Hall Athletics!**

After qualifying as runners-up we had to wait until after Christmas to attend the rescheduled Sports Hall Athletics final, held at William De Ferrers.

Our Year 6 athletes competed in a range of both field and track events, alongside 7 other schools. There were some seriously talented athletes on display, but our highlights included the boys relay and the girl's obstacle relay.

Although we did not qualify for the county final our children were a credit to the school and certainly enjoyed themselves!









#### Swimming at the Olympic Pool, Stratford!

We were super excited to make a long overdue return to the Olympic pool in Stratford. The fantastic charity Panathlon invited our school to participate in a swimming gala.

We travelled to London by minibus and soon arrived at the epic London Aquatics Centre.

We were based in the diving pool area and competed in a range of individual and team events. These included 25m races, relay races and teamwork based events.

Competing alongside 5 other schools, we successfully came runners up! Certainly our best result at this event over the last few years. As ever, our children were a credit to our school and will always remember competing at such an iconic venue. It was just a shame that Tom Daley didn't happen to be training on the same day!

#### Mr Proudfoot









### Year 1 activities

In Year 1, we have completed our Design and Technology unit on 'Cooking and Nutrition – Sensational Salads'.

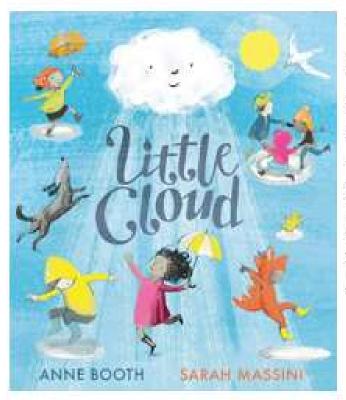
Look at our careful food prep and super salad faces.



We have also had a visit from a lamb today! We have recently completed our Science topic of "Animals including humans" and were delighted to meet a mammal! We learned lots of facts about lambs and could tell the farmer why a lamb is a mammal.



#### Year 1



We have shared the story of 'Little Cloud'. We talked about the different emotions that Little Cloud felt and sorted these emotions into good feelings and less good feelings.













We created a class collage using the story for inspiration!



#### **New books!**

The commission from Horizon Photographic for the September school photos is an amazing £858.78, which together with money kindly being donated by the PTA is going to be used to purchase much needed new reading books across the school. Thank you to all our families for helping to raise such an incredible amount.

#### **PTA News**

Don't forget that our Challenge 2022 sponsored event is running until the end of February. We can't wait to see what exciting ways your children have chosen to raise £20.22! We would like all sponsor forms and monies to be handed in by 28th February please. There are prizes for the most imaginative fundraising idea and for the class that raises the most money. Good luck!

We are very excited to announce the date of our Summer Fayre - the first one since 2019! It will take place on Saturday 11th June so please save the date. If anyone would be interested in having a stall or performing at the fayre then please contact us for details. We are also looking for volunteers to help us with the setting up and running the stalls on the day, so if you are free and would like to help us out then get in touch! We honestly appreciate any help we are offered - an extra pair of hands for just one hour can be a great help.

The Burnham-on-Crouch Carnival procession is also going ahead this September for the first time since 2019. The PTA entered a Mad Science float that year and it won in a couple of categories. We are already planning ahead to this year's procession and will need willing helpers to plan, decorate and take part on the night. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in then please do get in touch.

Our monthly meetings have finally returned to the pub. These are advertised on the parents' Facebook page and are open to anyone with children in the school to attend. We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and offers of help and we are currently a very small team who would love to welcome new members!

Our email address is PTA@burnham-on-crouch.essex.sch.uk

We hope you all enjoy the half term break and thank you for your continued support.

#### **School Parking**

Parking outside the school is once again becoming an issue and a number of residents are expressing their concerns about dangerous and illegal parking.

If you are unsure where to park, if it says "No Parking" or blocks one of our neighbours' driveways, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK THERE!** If a member of staff politely asks you to move, please be respectful.

We are trying to keep your children safe.

Please do not park on the zig zags!













# Join us this February Half Jerm

# February 14th - 18th 2022

Eligible children and young people are invited to join our FREE fun-filled school holiday clubs! Brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Basildon Council, in partnership with a network of locally trusted organisations.

# Who is eligible?

Clubs are free for school aged young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, or from low income working families / other eligible groups. Please visit the Active Essex website for more information.

# Where are clubs running?

Clubs are on offer across all 12 Essex County Council Districts

## What do clubs offer?

Each organisation provides their own unique variety of physical and enrichment activities, as well as a tasty, nutritious meal for every child. In addition to inclusive mainstream clubs, we also run dedicated SEND clubs and Mental Wellbeing hubs. To find out more about each of these offers, please visit activeessex.org/childrenyoung-people/essex-activate/











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