

Newsletter #1 10th September 2021

Hello parents and carers

I would like to welcome all families back to a brand-new school year. A special welcome to all our new families who have just joined us. Thank you for choosing Desmond Anderson and we hope you have a lovely stay with us.

We got off to a brilliant start this week! The children came bouncing back to school. They look rested and have grown so much in 6 weeks too. They settled in well and got right back into their learning. We are so proud of all them.

This year we hope to get back to some sort of normality. We made a start by removing bubbles and having more children mix and play together. We are really looking forward to starting our school trips, clubs, sports fixtures and inviting visitors back to school again. You will be informed of all this when it happens.

You would have noticed our new multi-use games area (MUGA) on the field (see below). What is visible is just stage 1 which is the surface. Next week it will be marked so that the children can play football, netball, basketball and even tennis. We will then need to raise more money to fence it. It took us lots of hard work, sweat and tears to get this far and we are really excited about the whole project. The important thing is that all the children enjoy their sports and benefit from the various activities. If there is anyone who can help or knows of someone or a company that can help with much needed funds to complete this project, please come and talk to me. We are also very proud of our new Information Technology suite with 30 new computers that we opened this week. Together with the class laptops and iPads we have the new suite to further boost our children's IT skills.

As you can see there are lots of exciting new things happening at school. We wish to continue to provide our children with the best possible education and experiences they all deserve.

I hope we all have an uninterrupted school year. Hence take care of yourself and your families. Also remember that the coronavirus is still around and we need to be careful. Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday

Mrs. M. Powys



← Work in progress

Mrs Powys cutting the ribbon to officially open the MUGA →



The children started their first games on our new surface



On the 24th August Bonnie from Escher decided she wanted to donate her hair to The Princess Trust - the trust makes wigs for young people 24 years and under who have lost their hair due to cancer or other illnesses. The wigs are free of charge. Bonnie has also managed to raise a staggering £685 to date! Well done Bonnie, we are so proud of you! If you want to read more about it, please see the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bonnies-hair-donation?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=bonnies-hair-donation&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=ed137b4e835f4fc288a587898ff1c807



Our all-new ICT suite was completed over the holidays and the classes got to use it for the first time this week. We are starting with how to use and access the computer expertly, followed by activities involving word processing and advanced Internet searching. Here you can see Wiltshire Class learning about keyboard shortcuts and Year 5 trying some Desktop Publishing!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

KS1

Van Gogh -	Logan
Cezanne -	George
Mackintosh -	Darcie
Matisse -	Scarlett
Gardner -	Oliver

KS2

O'Keeffe -	Samuel
Turner -	Alden
Monet -	Ruschel
Miro -	Ezza
Picasso -	Isabella
Dali -	Zara
Hockney -	Rahma
Escher -	Leo
Wiltshire -	Kaj

Special award: Lyla completed a summer Reading Challenge and read six books

In year 2 we are observing the life cycle of a caterpillar! So far we are watching them eat lots and lots (the brown stuff at the bottom of the pot) and growing in front of our eyes! Pictures are only 3 days apart! I wonder what will happen next?



Gardner Class

The children in Gardner class have been working hard in their Communication lessons using Colourful Semantics to form sentences. We have played a range of drama games including dressing up in funny hats and glasses. It has been really lovely to see the new children in our class settling in so well as they start at their new school. It is great to have new pupils in our class and we welcome you all!



Please help us by supporting your children at home with the following:

**Listen to them read and/or read to them
Remind them to learn their spellings and times tables
Ensure that they all get to bed early so that they feel refreshed and ready to learn.**



GIRLS

Play Rugby Too!

Try something new

Learn how to 'TRY'
Develop into a Warrior

Crawley RFC are recruiting new players
Girls from 7-18 years old welcome
No experience necessary

If you are interested, connect with us on social media,
call, or email recruitment@CrawleyRFC.com



So, what's stopping you?

Rugby Club of the Year, Guinness National Rugby Club Awards 2019

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With school sports back up and running across Crawley again, our Year 6 girls are off to Southgate on Monday for the first tag rugby festival of the year! Good luck Year 6! There are lots more sports competitions and festivals coming up this term!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021/22 (Subject to change)

Term 1
(7 weeks)

September 2021
Monday 6th September

Term 1 Starts (Autumn Term) - Back to School

Oct 2021
Thursday 14th October
Thursday 21st October
Friday 22nd October
Mon 25th October
29th October

Individual/sibling photos
Break up from school (normal time)
Trust Inset Day (school is closed)
October Half Term

Term 2
(7 weeks)

November 2021
Monday 1st November
Friday 26th November

Term 2 starts (Autumn Term) - Back to School
Personal Development Day (School is closed)

Dec 2021
Friday 17th December

20th Dec – 3rd January 2022

Break up from school at **1.30 pm** Christmas
Holidays
Christmas Holidays

Year 6 science

In science this week, the Year 6 children have been looking at what is needed to make a complete circuit as they begin their learning about electricity!



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