



Croft Academy Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021



Message from Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week with so much learning taking place. I thoroughly enjoy walking around the school and spending time with all our wonderful children. I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all members of staff at Croft Academy for their hard work, passion and dedication and for creating magical experiences for our exceptional children.

Black History Month:

The month of October marks Black History Month; this is the annual, monthly celebration of the achievements of Black communities and the remembrance of Black history across the world. We hope to raise awareness within our school community of Black history, traditions and contributions throughout the curriculum.

Covid routines:

Despite the relaxing of restrictions outside of school, some of our COVID routines are still very much in place and it is important that students continue to follow them to keep everyone safe and well.

Consent Form:

We recently sent all parents and carers a form to complete to confirm you give permission for your child's photo to be shared on our social media. We will need this completed asap. Thank you to the parents that have done this. If not then please can you fill this out via the link [Google Form](#)

If you don't fully understand this please call a member of staff in the Main office and they can assist you.

Have a good weekend.

Miss G Down
Principal



Half Term: Monday 25th Oct - Fri 29th



Nursery AM	Raaniya	For matching the numicon numbers
Nursery PM	Muhammad	For matching the numicon numbers
Reception	Inaaya	For amazing letting sound formation
Year 1	Akbar	For developing his confidence and talking more to his peer and adults
Year 2	Musa	For excellent work
Year 3	Hasnain	For an improved attitude towards his learning this week
Year 4	Hira	For always working incredibly hard in English
Year 5	Guilherne	For making a brilliant improvement in his writing
Year 6	Amelie	Brilliant understanding of long division.

CONGRATULATIONS!



WALSALL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Walsall Council will be running a Christmas Holiday Scheme, If you feel you would benefit from this programme and are entitled to free school meals, please speak to Mrs Hussain for further information. Or alternatively you can sign up online.

For more information about the programme visit; https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup

If any parent or carer has a child or children that would be eligible for the scheme they can sign up for news at the following link: <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/forms/Sign-up-for-Christmas-news>

Forthcoming Trips



Tuesday 19th October 2021 Year 2

Trip to the Walsall Leather Museum.

All parents/carers to pay £1.00 contribution for the children to make a toy during their visit. Please can you pay this as soon as possible via parent pay or ask for a letter with a barcode to make the payment at a local paypoint.



Tuesday 2nd November 2021 Year 3

Trip to the Royal Air Force Museum.

All parents/carers to pay £7.00 contribution for the children to make a toy during their visit. Please can you pay this as soon as possible via parent pay or ask for a letter with a barcode to make the payment at a local paypoint.

Dear Parents/Carers,

From time to time we hear of online scares/ dares that children may be watching or talking about that aren't suitable for them and can be very dangerous. Please read the poster that gives advice to parents and some further links.

If you are concerned then please speak to a member of staff at school.

SCARY CHALLENGES ONLINE

What parents and schools need to know to keep children safe from the latest dares, scares, threats & challenges

There are always stories going round about nasty things online and you may be asked to share warnings about them. The ones with clever names and funny pictures are usually fakes and hoaxes, but of course bad things happen online too and we all want to keep young people safe from them.

Whether a scare is real or not, we would advise against sharing warnings about specific challenges or even 'bad apps', sites or games. Read on to find out why...and what to do instead.

Insert scary picture here. Is that a good idea?



NO NEED TO SHOW SCARY THINGS

Why shouldn't we share specific warnings?

Scare-shares can cause:

1. A false sense of security
2. Free publicity
3. Unproductive panic

What can we do instead?

1. Talk about **GENERAL** risks and what can go wrong online wherever you are
2. Use **NON-SCARY EXAMPLES** to talk about how to respond to dares, challenges, scares and threats
3. Make sure children and young people know who to talk to and where to get **HELP** from different sources
4. Focus on the **POSITIVES** - after all, if we say it's all bad, they won't listen to us

Top tips



Still not sure? Have a look at what the experts at CEOP say about online scares or how the Samaritans advise us to talk about challenges.

NOT A GOOD IDEA



THE DAILY PANIC



BEWARE OF THE ORANGE ZEBRA CHALLENGE!

It's scary for children, so let's show it to them, tell them others are scared so they should be scared too, and then tell them the name so they know what to search for.

LGfL

DigiSafe
Keeping children safe

Find out more at scare.lgfl.net

& @LGfLDigiSafe



Active Sustainable Travel and Road Safety

Be Bright Be Seen

Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are lots of ways to be seen and stay safer.

1. **Brightly** colored or **fluorescent** clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
2. If you're out and about when it's dark, wear **reflective** gear to make sure you can be seen by drivers headlights. **Reflective** vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, **fluorescent** clothing doesn't work after dark!
3. Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
4. If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
5. Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.



Walsall Council

Water Bottles

Just a gentle reminder that children are allowed to bring in their own water bottles. Please do not send your child with Juice or any other diluted drinks. They are only allowed water.

Thankyou

Nasal Flu Vaccinations consent forms

Thank you to all parents that have completed the consent forms. If you have not returned this form please can you complete this and return by 21st October 2021.
Thankyou

Dates for your diary:

Half Term: 25/10/21 - 30/10/21

Parents Evening Week - 08/11/21

Children in Need - Fri 19th Nov

Christmas Jumper Day - 10/12/2021

Christmas Activities - 13/12/2021

Christmas Fayre - 17/12.2021

Assembly Days:

KS1 Friday's (9am - 9:15am)

KS2 Thursday's (2:45pm - 3:00pm)

PE Days As you are aware we will be continuing to ask pupils to wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE lessons. The PE days are listed below:

Monday - Year 1 & 2

Tuesday - Year 3 & 4

Wednesday - Year 6

Thursday - Year 5

Friday - Year 6

Football Club's

Girls football Club

Thursdays (3:15pm -
4:15pm)

Boys football Club

Tuesdays (3:15pm -
4:15pm)



After School Club

Monday: Year 1 & 2

Multi Skills (3:15pm - 4:15pm)

Tuesday: Year 4 & 5

Multi Skills (3:15pm - 4:15pm)

Croft Academy Term Dates 2021/22

2021/22 academic year

Autumn term 2021

Term starts: Thursday 2 September 2021

Half term holiday: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

Term ends: Friday 17 December 2021

Spring term 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Half term holiday: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022

Term ends: Friday 8 April 2022

Summer term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April 2022

Half term holiday: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Term ends: Friday 22 July 2022

INSET Days 21/22

Tuesday 4th January 2022

27th May 2022

Croft - Attendance for week commencing 11th October 2021

Year	Attendance %
Nursery	93%
Reception	95%
1	94%
2	98%
3	98%
4	95%
5	96%
6	97%
Total for whole School	94%

Well Done to years 2 & 3 for achieving the highest attendance this week!

