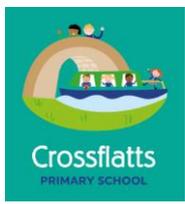


Our Vision and Values



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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 18th May 2023

Hi Everyone,

Wow! What a swift half term! The weeks have whizzed by! I know all the children and staff have worked incredibly hard to squeeze lots in to the last four weeks and we are very much looking forward to a well-earned rest when we break up tomorrow and hopefully some much needed sunshine and warmth!

Our Year 2 children have had their end of Key Stage 1 SAT tests this week, whilst we work hard to make this a relaxed and low key event, these tests have been very challenging in the content and expectations of a Year 2 child. I am so proud of all of our Year 2 children who concentrated very hard and gave the tests their best efforts. But remember SAT's most definitely don't paint a picture of who they really are. These tests don't tell anyone that they have brilliant manners, that they hold a door open for people with a big smile or that they are a great artist, gymnast or footballer. Whatever the tests say, we know how special, amazing and unique our year 2 really are!

We had a Bradford Authority review visit last week, where the authority visited every classroom, talked to our children and looked at our children's learning. The visit was a very positive visit and I thought it would be good to share some of the key comments from the report...

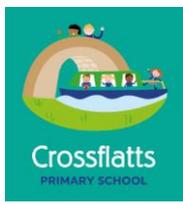
'This is a truly an inclusive school where the school values and ethos are clearly part of the fabric of school life.'

'Safeguarding is highly effective and woven into the culture of the school. Children feel safe and all staff know how to protect all of the pupil's safety and wellbeing. The system for dropping off pupils in the mornings ensure that Senior Leaders are visible and help to set the tone for the day. Pupils are greeted by a member of the SLT and they can quickly deal with any issues and concerns before the school day commences.'

'The school environment is immaculate, well cared for and utilised to support learning both in and out of the classroom, there are many examples of how opportunities to promote reading, oracy and wider literacy e.g. Pupils encourage to discuss their work with each other, the use of key words in the outside areas, the displays in classrooms etc. The school 'motto' 'All day everyday the Crossflatts way' is well understand and underpins everything that the staff and pupils do.'

'During the learning walk I observed pupils who were fully engaged, enjoying their learning and are making good progress. Pupils were attentive, co-operative and there were excellent relationships observed between pupils and staff and with their peers. The school works really hard to promote positive behaviour, respect for others and the environment.'

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As we end this half term and make preparations for the last half term of the academic year, we are in the process of finalising class lists for next year. As always, these will be shared during the next half term in preparations for our transition events throughout the next half term. We will of course communicate these to you once the arrangements have been finalised.

We have a very busy term coming up so I thought it may be useful to share some key dates ahead of time for your diaries:

Thursday 13th of July- Rose Day

Wednesday 19th of July- Meet the Teacher event.

Safeguarding

Helping young children in difficult situations to seek support can be challenging. Their minds are often not developed enough to understand bad situations. They are also unable to comprehend what they need to do to get out of them. More often than not their limited vocabulary will also reduce their ability to talk to adults effectively. ChildNet has released a downloadable story over on their site, aimed at children aged three and up. Their objective is to make them aware of how to seek help. By following the link below you can also find simplified resources around the story, as well as the story itself.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/hanni-and-the-magic-window/>

Attendance

Here are the last week of last week's figures:

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	97%	93.1%	95.0%	95.2%	95.6%	92.9%	98.5%	99.8%

Whole School: 95.7%

I hope everyone has a wonderful rest over the holidays with hopefully sometime in the outdoors, keep safe and we'll see you on Monday 5th June.

Happy holidays!

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

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