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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

Parent Consultations and Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who came to school on Tuesday and Wednesday for their Parents Evening Appointments. It was wonderful to welcome you all and share your child's progress with you. If you missed your appointment or could not attend for whatever reason, please get in touch.

Thank you to the parents who completed the questionnaires. These will be collated and analysed with governors and results will be shared with parents after the Easter break.

Gateshead Schools Dance Festival

It was the turn of Year 3 and 4 to perform at the Sage in Gateshead on Wednesday. Crookhill pupils were the first to take to the stage at 10am, and the audience were clearly very impressed by the dramatic music and well-practised choreography. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and although lots were nervous at performing in front of such a huge crowd, they were absolutely brilliant! A huge well done to Mrs Bainbridge and Mrs Fahy for the well put together routine and a massive round of applause to Year 3 and 4.

Creativity Week

This week was Creativity Week, and our focus has been inspirational people past and present.

As part of the curriculum, we aim to introduce the children to people who have inspired us.

It is important children learn about and are inspired by hearing stories and learning about the lives of people throughout history who have had a significant impact on the world.

Mix Up Afternoon

Yesterday was Mix Up Afternoon and children from all year groups got together to explore the various topics covered during our Creativity Week. Some of the children looked at the work of María Merián – a naturalist and scientific illustrator whose artwork of butterflies changed science. Another group looked at the incredible career of David Attenborough, watched a piece of The Blue Planet and worked on some whale art together. The focus of another group of children was Mary Seacole, a Jamaican born nurse who became famous for her contribution to nursing during the Crimean war, caring for the wounded. There were some wonderful portraits

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of these inspirational people, as well as lots more fun activities, please check out the fantastic pictures of our week on our Facebook page.

Easter Egg competition

Today was the judging of the famous Crookhill Primary Easter egg competition! Entries for this event are always fantastic and the children's, (and adults) imaginations never fail to amaze. Selecting the winners takes a very long time and is taken very seriously indeed. Taking inspiration from the wonderful people they have studied during Creativity Week, we had more entries than ever before this year, and amongst them were the Newcastle United team, Frida Kahlo, David Attenborough, Cpt Edward Smith of the Titanic and many more. It was eggstremely tricky to choose our winners but the prizes were awarded to

Class	1st	2 nd
Reception	Joseph Wilkinson	Arthur McGray
Year 1	Arnie McGray	Jessica Jacobson
Year 2	Hugo Sankey	Lincoln Christie
Year 3	Daniel Burns	Millie Rose Harrison
Year 4	Alfie Brannan	Bobby Henderson
Year 5	Daisy Hadfield	Matthew Murray
Year 6	Jack Mather	Jayden Clark

Overall Winners were:-

from Key Stage One, William Spalding & from Key Stage Two Keara Heslop.

Well done to everyone who took part, the standard was incredibly high and lots of time and work had gone into each entry. The Easter bunny called into school this afternoon, she arrived with a basket full of treats and read stories to the children in Reception.

School Lunch Price Increase

From April the price of a school meal will increase to £3 per day, £15 per week. Key Stage 1 children, that is all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive government funded free school meals. A school meal still represents good value for money, with a varied menu prepared on site by our experienced kitchen staff with fresh local sourced produce.

Free Tennis Coaching in Ryton

As part of the Brighten the Day Easter programme there are still spaces available on Park Tennis Coaching Days in Ferndene Park, Ryton.

The coaching days are for children from 8 to 13 years and completely free of charge and include lunch. They are taking place on:

- Wednesday 5th April – 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Wednesday 12th April – 10.00am – 2.00pm

The link to bookings can be found here [GO Gateshead activities for Easter 2023 - Gateshead Council](#)

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Super 7

Last night saw our 7-a-side team in action for the third and final round of fixtures in the league. Going into the final round-robin, we were sitting in third place on 15 points still with everything to play for. This league has become renowned for the tight defensive displays and last night was no different with nine of the fixtures ending in a 0-0 stalemate - including our opener against Stella. However, Reo B was back to full fitness and took his chances well to seal victories against Greenside and Emmaville. Going into our final game it couldn't have been tighter. With second place secured, a draw or a win would see Crookhill come out on top. The game against Ryton is always a tight one as they have one of the meanest defences in the league and a shaky start saw us go 1-0 down early on. With games only 7 minutes long we knew it would take something special to turn it around and that's exactly what we got. Lewis D picked up the ball in his own half and carried it forward, cutting the Ryton defence in half before smashing it into the back of the net - a worldie - to equalise. This would have been enough to take the top spot on goal difference, but Reo B wanted to make sure and finished off a great night with a late winner (assist from Josh B) to secure our top of the league position in style. A fantastic night all round with solid performances front to back. Crookhill will now progress through to the 'Champions' Final' after Easter, when we will take on the winners and runners up of the other two leagues. Still plenty to play for. Shout out also to Miss Brown for her work with the team this season.

After the Easter break we are saying goodbye to Miss Simpson, who will be embarking on an exciting new career in events and sales after 10 years at Crookhill Primary. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing Miss Simpson the very best of luck for the future.

Enjoy the Easter holiday, stay safe, and we'll see you all on Monday 17th April.

Yours sincerely,
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Head Teacher

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