

High Crags News

Last week

Last week was a very busy week in school starting with the Reception children visiting the woods on Monday. Children from Key Stage 2 took part in the J Rock dance challenge on Thursday. Year 5 took part in the schools linking project on Friday by either visiting or hosting visitors from Barkerend Primary School. By Friday I think we were all thankful that it was a long weekend so we could recharge our batteries!

This week

Year 1 are kick starting this week off by taking part in their outdoor learning on Tuesday this week. Having seen all of the other classes already take part in this and watching the activities and adventures they enjoyed, I am sure that all of the children in Year 1 will have a fantastic day. The children in Year 6 have one more week before they take part in their National Curriculum tests and we have seen a massive improvement in their work throughout the year so we know that they will all try their very best and we wish them luck.



Attendance for last week:

Reception: 94.5%

Yr 1: 95.6%

Yr 2: 93.4%

Yr 3: 93.2%

Yr 4: 96.4%

Yr 5: 86.4%

Yr 6: 93%

Total: 93.2%

Children with 100% attendance this year:

Reception: 5

Yr 1: 3

Yr 2: 10

Yr 3: 4

Yr 4: 6

Yr 5: 4

Yr 6: 5

Total: 37

Well done to all of you who have achieved this.

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Paired Reading

On Wednesday 27th April we retested the children that were part of the paired reading target group in each class. All of the children have been taking part in the scheme for 3 months now and we are therefore looking for more than 3 months progress with them. We have given you all an overview of the results below and as you can see they are really fantastic with some children making nearly 2 years progress in that short space of time. The children have not only made progress on their standardised test, they are now more confident and see themselves as readers too which again is a really positive step forward. In light of these results we will be continuing with this initiative in school and holding more parent workshops to share the process with you so that all parents can support with this approach at home.



Year Group	Progress	Number of children
Key Stage 1	Less than 3 months	6
	3—6 months	4
	6—12 months	6
	1 to 2 years	5
	More than 2 years	5
Key Stage 2	Less than 3 months	4
	3—6 months	6
	6—12 months	12
	1 to 2 years	6

One World, Many Stories



National Curriculum Tests

Each year the children in Year 6 take National Curriculum tests and this year they will be sitting them during the week starting Monday 9th May. Whilst these are important tests for the children and the school we endeavour to make the whole week as relaxed as possible for the children to enable them to do their very best. Please help us with this by supporting your children with their homework this term, making sure they arrive in school on time and having eaten their breakfast. All of the tests are taken during the morning so the afternoons will be spent doing sports and other creative activities. As a school we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of the children the very best. They have been a dedicated and enthusiastic Year 6 and we know that whatever the results they have all worked hard and to the best of their abilities and we thank them for this.

Good luck!



Dates For Your Diary



May

Tuesday 3rd—Year 1 outdoor learning
Monday 9th—Year 6 National curriculum tests week
Monday 16th—Year 6HM visit sewers
Friday 27th—school finishes for half term.

June

Wednesday 8th—INSET day—school closed for children
Thursday 9th—School starts back
Monday 13th—Year 6 residential week
Monday 20th—Year 6 girls visit to waterworks
Wednesday 29 June—Y6 transition day at new schools

July

Friday 15th—Reports out to parents
Monday 18th—Children spend time in new class with next years teacher
Tuesday 19th—Children spend time in new class with next years teacher
Tuesday 19th—Parents' open afternoon—meet your child's new teacher
Thursday 21st—Last day of school term



Sporting Achievements

We would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the children who took part in J Rock last week. It was a very late night and they were all exhausted by the end of the evening but this did not dampen their spirits. All of their parents and the members of staff were so proud of them. When they were on stage they appeared so confident and their dancing was the best that I have ever seen. Our thanks also go to all of the parents and staff who supported them throughout the day and the evening Performance, especially Mrs Goodey who was so determined not to have her baby early so she could be there for the children! She can now enjoy a well earned rest as her maternity leave has started.

Star of the Week

The following children were selected by their teacher to receive a certificate this week:



Reception— Ben Tate, Leah Bower, Lucas Milner, Julia Kozyra, Emilia Day, Fyfe Courcier
Year 1— Courtney Dixon, Juliet Battensby, Kaylum Dunn, Charlie Hodgson, Mia Hughes, Jasmine Pereira

Year 2— Lilly-Mai Henderson, Bradley Arthur, Lilly Pereira, Ashton Lacey, Daniel Baxter, Philip Siewruk, Tahani Mohtasem, Poppy Su Broadley Jagger, Evie Ram

Year 3— Abbie Blackburn, Jayden Stevenson, Joseph Hanslip, Ernest Kassama, Grace Lount, Esme Haskins

Year 4— Eleanor Jowett, Joshua Wood, Tyler Ram, Cameron Ward, Matthew Lisle

Year 5— Rebecca Neal, Poppy Courcier, Tia Renwick, Maverick Walsh, David Ondic

Year 6— Lucy Hosker, Jessie Hirst, George Lownds, Iqra Hussain, Elvis Ndossimao

PE— Finley Craig (KS1)/Petra Parciova (KS2)

The children who won awards for attendance last week were-

Ahmed Habib—KS1

Tia Holdsworth—KS2

