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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

### Parent Consultations

It is our Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** for Years Reception to Year 5. We will be using School Cloud for booking parent consultations. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Appointments can be made from today and will close on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 4.00 pm. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://crookhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. I would like to thank you in advance for your attendance at this important evening, which provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year and plays a key role in helping to ensure that we work in partnership with you to support your child's education.

If you have any difficulties booking an appointment, please contact the school office and we will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

### Science Week

This week we have been taking part in Science Week, with the theme this year being 'Connections'. The children have been taking part in various activities across the week to promote Science to all pupils across school. Year 2 completed 2 investigations based on the theme of connections. Their first investigation was to explore magnetism, making their own rockets and exploring how to make them fly. Their second investigation was about finding the best biscuit to dunk in a cup of tea. They explored 3 different types of biscuits to see which biscuits could be dunked the most before dissolving into the liquid.

In Year 4 they looked at connections made by electricity, looking at electrons in wires and also having a go at seeing if they could use fruit and vegetables as alternative battery power.

The children in Year 5 have been looking at different reversible and irreversible changes and the connections made between the materials to create the changes. They had an afternoon of mixing vinegar and milk to make plastic, bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to make carbon dioxide (and a bit of a mess!), yeast, sugar and water to also make carbon dioxide as well as oil and water - they were shocked to see this was a reversible change. They made their own cornflour slime to see how it could be both a solid and a liquid.

They also completed their work on dissolving and investigated their own variables to see if they could speed up dissolving.

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In Year 3 they were looking at how fossils are made and how they help us to understand how we are connected to the past. They researched the life of Mary Anning, 'The Greatest fossil hunter of all time!' Then they made their own 'fossils' using salt dough.

Year 1 concentrated on making rockets – a very exciting project and Reception Class looked at the work of Marie Curie.

### **Management Information Systems**

As you know we now use Arbor for our information and payment systems and now also our text message service. The new number to text is 07520 660476 and you can message us via the parent portal. You can also call us on 4334066.

Thank you to everyone who now pays their lunch money online, when you login you can check your numbers and various details and amend if necessary. If you have mislaid your login invite and would like details of how to do this, please let Mrs Willoughby know.

### **Crookhill Cobras**

Our Year 5 basketball team competed in the Grand Finals of the Gateshead Schools Hoops 4 Health Championship at the Newcastle Eagles Arena last Friday. Finlay, Isla, Reo, Joe, Lacey, Lexie and James played incredibly well, beating Corpus Christie a fantastic 6 nil to make it through to the final match. Crookhill were by far the better team throughout this game against Glynwood, their sportsmanship and brilliant teamwork a shining example to their peers. The Crookhill Cobras were extremely unlucky not to take the match with the final score 2 nil to Glynwood. Although they were very disappointed, they should hold their heads high as each and every one of them played so well and we're so incredibly proud of them!

### **Gateshead Schools Dance Festival**

A last reminder that Year 3 and Year 4 are taking part in this years Gateshead Schools Dance Festival. They're performing at the Sage in Gateshead on the morning of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March between 10am and 12 noon. For parents wishing to purchase tickets, these can be bought online at:

[#INSPIRE Gateshead School Dance Festival 2023 | Sage Gateshead](#)

### **Creativity Week**

The last week of term is Creativity Week, and our focus is inspirational people. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March we will hold our legendary Easter Egg Competition, and the theme will be Inspirational People to link in with our week. We're looking forward to seeing all of your cracking entries!

### **National Skipping Day**

Next Friday is National Skipping Day and we would like all children to attend school in their PE kits please. Everyone will be taking part in games and events throughout the day.

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## Comic Relief

It was Comic Relief Day today and with your help we have raised £145 for this wonderful charity. Thank you to all who donated.

Please remember next week is the last week for after school clubs for this term. There will be a new selection of activities on offer for the summer months

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack

Head Teacher

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