

# Weekly Newsletter

*'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'*

## Another chapter ticked off – Spring 1 = done!

I feel like these half terms are flying by quicker each time! This half term has been full of lots of brilliant learning and highlights and through all of this our children continue to flourish and make us all proud.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all (children, parents, staff) have a wonderful break next week and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February for our next chapter 'Spring 2'.

## Digital Well-being and Online Safety



This week was Safer Internet Day, which is a global event that encourages us all to join together to make the internet a safer and better place, especially for children.



Although we appreciate that our children at Crown Street are still young, we understand and appreciate that they are and will be exposed to technology in various forms. We appreciate the benefits technology can offer, but we also appreciate the difficulties and potential risks that technology and the online-world can bring.

To support our school community, we have lots of information on our Safeguarding website page for Online Safety, which can be accessed [here](#). On this page the UK Safer Internet Centre website is linked, this page provides guides and resources for parents/carers about the different types of technology (phones, laptops etc.) and well as social media.

Alongside this newsletter, we are also re-sharing a guide for 'Online Safety for 0–5-year olds' from [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org)

## Parent/Carer Online Workshop – Digital Safety

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7-8pm, Zoom Online Session

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Manchester Local Authority and schools are committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of all their pupils.

As part of this, they are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents of pupils understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help. The workshop will be delivered by Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at **Smoothwall**. This workshop is aimed at Primary School aged pupils, so although some content may not be as relevant for our younger children, it is important to understand the importance of digital safety, Please click [here to register for this online session](#).

## Invite to Parents/Carers ...

### British Science Week – Science based professions

Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating British Science Week. To enhance the learning we already have planned, we want to invite any parents/carers who have a science-based profession (which would be appropriate for 4/5-year-old, maybe a doctor or dentist) to come and talk to our children about their profession.

## HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please find some links below that may be useful in finding different things that are happening across the city over half term:

- [70 things to do in Manchester](#)
- [RHS Garden Bridgewater](#)
- [Z-arts](#)
- [Manchester Library](#)
- [Science and Industry Museum](#)
- [Loads to Do - Manchester](#)

## PLAY & PICK-UP!

Thank you to all who were able to join us for the Play & Pick-up sessions we hosted this week. We hope you enjoyed coming into school, getting a glimpse into your child's school day and most importantly we hope you enjoyed having fun and playing with your child.

If you were not able to join us this time, we will look to host the sessions again in our Summer 1 term.

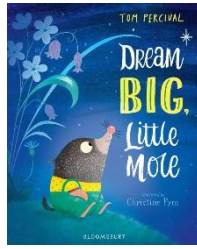
### Eid-al-Fitr

With Eid-al-Fitr approaching at the end of March, we would like to invite parents/carers into school to talk about the celebration and potentially share pictures/objects relating to the celebration.

For either of the above, please let the School Office know via email or in person if this is something you may be interested in.

## Assembly this week

In this week's assembly I read the book 'Dream Big, Little Mole' by Tom Percival (the author of the Big Bright Feelings series). This is a beautiful book about a little creature trying to achieve great things, but who never seems to get it right! We used this to discuss the need for resilience when trying new things (or even things we have tried before) and to not lose sight of all the good things when it might get tricky. We also talked about how our actions impact others and how we should treat others as we wish to be treated. We linked all this to the character traits of **integrity** and **kindness**.



## Character Award!

The recipients of our Character Award this week are...

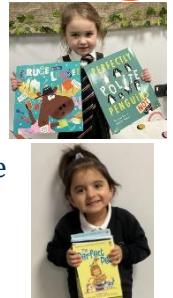


These were awarded for **Curiosity** for learning lots of new things and for **Kindness** for being a kind friend to others. Well done both of you!



## Birthday Books!

More birthdays and lots more books! We really appreciate these donations and think it is a great way to celebrate birthdays and our love of books! Happy Birthday!



## Mystery Readers

We had the pleasure of welcoming in two more mystery readers this week. We absolutely LOVE mystery reader which is becoming one of our favourite times of the week. A huge thank you to the two parents that came in this week, and to all parents who have come in so far to read to our children.



As we love it so much, we are looking to continue again next half term. So, if you are interested in becoming one of our 'Mystery Readers' please complete our **Mystery Readers Form** by **9am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** and select the sessions you are available.

## Staff Bookshelves

This week we asked Miss Hopkins for her favourites ...



### My Favourite Books – Miss Hopkins



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Last day of Spring term 1

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School reopens (Spring 2)

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day  
(with dressing up!)

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> & Weds 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evenings\*

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Spring Sing Performance,  
9.30am start\*

\*Details about booking Parents' Evening will be sent out after half term

\*Any Pre-School children who do not attend on a Thursday will be invited in for our Spring Sing



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