



*Newsletter #4  
4th October 2019*

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all have a good week despite the sudden drop in temperature (seems like winter has definitely set in). Nevertheless we've had a great week with the academy running at full pace with all the great things that happen daily. I visited Year 1 and all the children were keen to tell me about what they were learning and how I should keep my teeth healthy, which included no sweets, no sugary drinks, brushing and flossing daily. Simply beautiful.

We started the week with a lovely Harvest Assembly and had a special visitor, the Reverend Edwards from Holy Trinity Church who remembered and thanked all the farmers all over the world for all the food that they grow for us. He thanked the children for all the food that they so kindly brought in and told them about the work that Crawley Open House do. Thank you to all for the massive contribution in donations. Your kind gesture will go a long way to make someone smile.

Have a lovely weekend and see you Monday.

### **PICASSO CLASS - YEAR 5**

Picasso Class performed in their first class assembly last week. The children are learning about Rainforests as part of their topic. They showed us the brilliant work that they have been doing which included some fantastic writing, art work, music and explanations. They also showed the lovely book that they were reading 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom' by Louis Sachar. Well done Picasso as you were very brave to go first and you all did a great job. We look forward to the next class assembly next week.



SSC1 - In SSC1 we have been looking at the work of Matisse and his stained glass windows. The children then made their own windows and leaves to decorate our classroom window. This work was also linked to our Science topic work on using our senses; when we made telescopes with different coloured cellophane to see how light and colour affected our vision.



# Mr Stepney's Book Corner

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## Readers Make Writers

I love reading children's books. Could you guess? Obviously I think the best reason to get your children into reading is so that they can enjoy the many worlds that have been created by our planet's incredible authors. More often than not, when you ask a reader about a film they have seen, they will often say, "The book was better." This is because books allow you to fill in the details of the world that has been described for you, whereas a film does most of the work for you. A book can spend more time on details and intricacies than a film which needs to be over in less than 2 hours to meet the needs of the cinema-going public. (Don't get me wrong, I love films too!)

Another great reason to get your children into reading is to improve their writing. A good writer has an advantage in the workplace and someone who has read widely will have experienced many different styles of reading. Sure, we can teach the many different words for said, or when to change paragraphs, but someone who is a reader will unconsciously absorb these skills and be able to put them into their own writing. Are there any films that you think were better than the book?

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## Author Of The Week Michael Morpurgo (KS2)

I've chosen another absolute giant of children's literature this week. Michael Morpurgo's books have been studied in primary schools for years and there is a very good reason for that. These books are perfect for reading with children in Key Stage Two. Mainly through the use of his animal characters, Sir Michael really makes the reader feel like they are invested in the outcomes of the stories. I bought my Nan *War Horse* a few years back and she loved it so much she started buying all his other books! Like a devastating twist? Try *Private Peaceful* (Yr 5/6)

## Harvest Festival 2019

**Thank you so much for all the Harvest Festival donations that we received. The Open House have been to collect and were so grateful.**



## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

1. **Keep Personal information to your-self.**
2. **Keep your privacy settings on**
3. **Practice safe browsing**
4. **Make sure your internet Connection is secure.**
5. **Be careful what you download.**
6. **Choose strong passwords.**

### Solar Panels

Just a reminder that the Academy is having solar panels installed between 4th - 8th October and the installers will be using the goods driveway and yard for deliveries and access to the roof.

**The SSC entrance will be closed** during the works and the SSC children will be using the main entrance.

Please bear with us during the short period of these works and be extra vigilant when coming to and from the Academy.



Stars of the week!

### KS1

Van Gogh – Louie  
Cezanne – Alfie  
Mackintosh – Ellis  
Matisse – Alexia  
SSC1 – Max

### KS2

O’Keeffe – Joshua  
Turner – Lauren  
Miro – Daisy  
Monet – Imogen  
Picasso – Albie  
Dali – Gracie  
Hockney – Ilyas  
Escher – Evie  
SSC2 – Luis

## DON'T FORGET - FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING IS BACK!!!

**COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE, TEA, JUICE AND TOAST IN THE STUDIO EVERY FRIDAY 8.45-9.30**

### PTA

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA Meeting on Monday night.

We'll also be electing our 2019/20

Executives and committee at the AGM on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6.00 pm. Any queries, please email us on [Daapta@hotmail.com](mailto:Daapta@hotmail.com).

*Thank you!*

### Dates for your Diary

#### October/November 2019

Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Tours with the Principal Sept 2020 9.30 am
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 - Trip to Kew Gardens
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up from school (normal time)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day (School closed)
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	October Half Term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day



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