



# Cranford CE Primary Newsletter

Date: 18th November 2022

Working together for all children to prosper, be full of hope and be excited about their future

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy fortnight here at Cranford with the children taking part in several significant national events. Last week, our collective worship focused around Remembrance Day culminating in a special assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and a very poignant silence. We were blown away by the children's thoughtful responses and it was comforting to see that our pupils have a clear understanding of the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces. The children produced some beautiful Art Work-which has created a wonderful display in the KS2 corridor



This week is National Anti-Bullying week. The campaign this year is entitled 'Reach out'. We spent time exploring this concept with the children emphasising the importance of talking to a trusted adult or friend. It is cliché but a problem shared is a problem halved! The children looked wonderful in their odd socks as well!



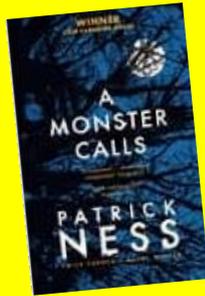
These events really demonstrated what amazingly reflective and caring children we have in our school!

Have a lovely weekend with your families and thank you again for your ongoing support!

**Mr Tyman**

## Reading at Cranford- Book Squad

As you will know, reading is incredibly important to Cranford Primary - it is our mission to develop a deep lifelong love of reading in our pupils. This week we elected our new Reading Ambassadors. These brilliant children will be working very hard to raise the profile of books across the school. Their jobs will include keeping the library and reading corners in tip-top condition; organising our new reading displays and reading with younger children in the reading cabin. Their first brilliant idea is to share some of their favourite books with you each week!



### A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

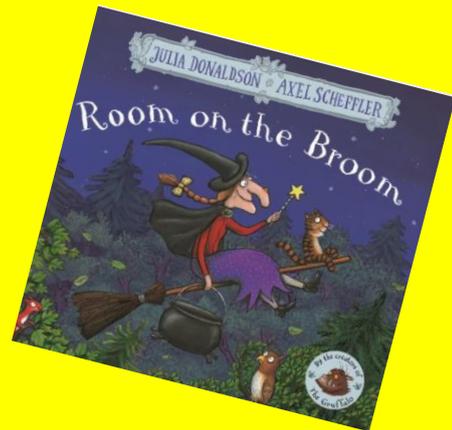
A lovely book I would recommend it to Year 5 and 6 children. It is about a boy called Connor. His mother is poorly and he is struggling at school. When he sleeps, a strange monster comes into his dreams. Warning: this book is very sad!

Tilly Culshaw

### Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

A really good book with great pictures! I think it would be perfect for children in Acorns class. I loved it when I was younger. A witch has a broom and a cat - she drops things from the broom and collects animals along the way.

Tilly Culshaw



It was "World Nursery Rhyme Week" so settings all over the world are getting involved! Acorns have been following the suggested rhyme of the day and engaging in lots of fantastic activities linked to the rhymes...

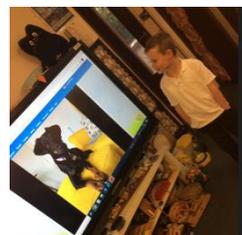
**Monday - The Big Ship Sails**

**Tuesday - 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive**

**Wednesday - Five Little Speckled Frogs**

**Thursday - B.I.N.G.O**

**Friday - Twinkle, Twinkle**



Research has shown that if a child knows 8 nursery rhymes, off by heart, by aged 4, they are usually amongst the best readers in their class by the time they are 8! Acorns are certainly well on their way towards this fantastic achievement! This has been a brilliant opportunity to truly immerse ourselves in well-known rhymes, alongside our usually weekly 'rhyme of the week'. Well done to all the children!

### Prayer

Dear God,

As the planet turns and the Earth signals  
a change.

Open me to the transitions I face in my  
own life.

Be with me in the letting go, the saying  
goodbye to habits,

And all that stands in my way of  
growing.

Deepen my trust that as I let go like the  
falling leaves,

I will always fall into your embrace.

Amen



## FOCS AGM

On Friday 11th November FoCS held their first AGM. With the support of parents, carers and school staff the FoCS constitution has been adopted and two formal committee members were voted in.

Lizzy Stirzaker (Oaks parent) has taken up the position of Chair, whilst Kim Elmer (Elms parent) is now the FoCS Treasurer and together with Alex, Charlie, Emma, Krishma, Laura, Lynda, Mel and Sian these parents alongside school staff form our Friends of Cranford School.

This is an exciting time to be able to open up new funding opportunities for the exciting plans the school and Friends have for this year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if anyone would like to be involved as a member of FoCS to help out as much or as little as you can please speak with a member of FoCS or email [focs-cranford@hotmail.com](mailto:focs-cranford@hotmail.com)

## Safeguarding Matters

Always be aware of what children are doing when they're on mobile devices (phones, tablets and laptops), computers and game consoles. Make sure they're only accessing age-appropriate content and games, whilst talking to them about the dangers of talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know.

If you are concerned about the well-being of any child or adult, please speak to either Mr Charteris or Mr Tyman (our safeguarding leads). For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on:

**0300 126 7000**

or out of hours: **01604 626 938.**

### **Upcoming dates:**

**Friday 25/11-** Kettering School Gymnastics Event- Year 3/4 am Year 5/6 pm- letters to follow.

**Friday 25/11-** Celebration Assembly

**Friday 25/11-** Chocolate Mufti Day

**Wednesday 30/11-** Chocolate Bingo 6pm

**Friday 02/12-** Celebration Assembly

**Wednesday 07/12-** Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

**Wednesday 07/12-** Carols in the Community

**Monday 12/12 –** EYFS/KS1 Nativity 6pm

**Tuesday 13/12 –** EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2pm

**Wednesday 14/12 –** KS2 Carols in Church 6pm