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## Croft Newsletter - March 2023

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Croft Church of England  
Primary School

# Welcome Message

Good afternoon everyone,

It has been another busy few weeks at Croft as I am sure you will have seen from the posts on Class Dojo. Despite the very mixed weather we have had recently, it does feel like we are leaving Winter behind and leaping forward into Spring. We hope that the weather gets a little drier after Easter and look forward to being able to make use of the school field as the weather begins to improve. 😊

It has been a fast and very packed 12 weeks and we have really enjoyed getting to know the staff, children and families at Croft. We cannot even begin to list all the different activities that have taken place this term, some of the highlights include Science week, World Book Day and World Down Syndrome Day with the wonderful array of odd socks and signing on show.

Next term has lots to look forward to! We are celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5th May (more information to follow after Easter), we have school trips to look forward to, sports days and lots more besides. Keep a look out for information regarding all of this on Class Dojo and in future newsletters.

A huge thank you to you for all your support this term. We wish you all a very restful and enjoyable break and a very Happy Easter!

Miss Clarke and Mrs Thompson 😊



## Friend of Croft PTA – Volunteers Needed

The PTA raise funds in many different ways, Raffles, Mother's/Father's day gift sales, Coin trails and Refreshments and Tombola at school events. In order to keep doing these things and more, we need some new volunteers to help with these fundraisers and bring new ideas.

The funds we have raised in the last couple of years have meant that we have been able to support the school with lots of new purchases,

- The trim trail on the playground,
- New wood to rebuild the outdoor stage
- New topic books for each class
- Colourful Rugs for 2 Classrooms
- And a Defibrillator

We have also donated 100 crème eggs for the class easter egg hunts that have taken place this week.

A big thank you to Adsa who also very kindly donated extra eggs and Sanjay and the Co-op for their generous donations to the Easter Egg Hamper Raffle.

If you are interested in getting involved, in anyway at all, please message the school office. We are aiming to have an informal meeting soon after we return from the Easter break to discuss future fundraising ideas.

# Little Sparkles

Our learning this week...



The pre-schoolers have had so much fun this week engaging in Easter activities.

The icing on the cake (no pun intended) was the fun Easter baking activity with Mrs Wooton.

Our learning this week...

# Ruby



This week we have been learning and retelling the Easter story, modelling and painting our own eggs and crafting a natural nest for them. We went on an egg hunt in our woodland garden and explored wax resist making Easter cards.

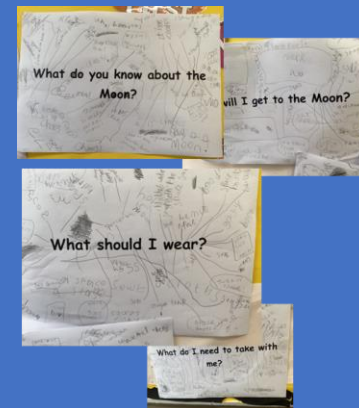


**Happy Easter**



Our learning this week...

# Emerald



This week we have been learning about the moon and the first moon landing

The children have created some beautiful silhouette Great Fire of London art work



In RE the children have been learning all about what happened to Jesus during Holy Week

# Diamond

Our learning this week...

In English we had a visit from Itchy Iguana, he needed our help with instructions on How To Wash An Itchy Iguana. The children wrote detailed instructions to Itchy Iguana and we are awaiting his response!

In Maths, we have been using manipulatives to help our understanding of unit and non-unit fractions. The children were excited to explore equivalent fractions using the manipulatives.

In Geography we looked at the Eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. We explored the causes and effects of this eruption as well as the findings from The excavation. Did you know that in 79 C.E. the explosion destroyed and buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum?

In Art, we have looked into the genre of figure drawing. The children studied figure drawings and urban landscapes of the artist LS Lowry and created artwork in his style to show scenes from our school.

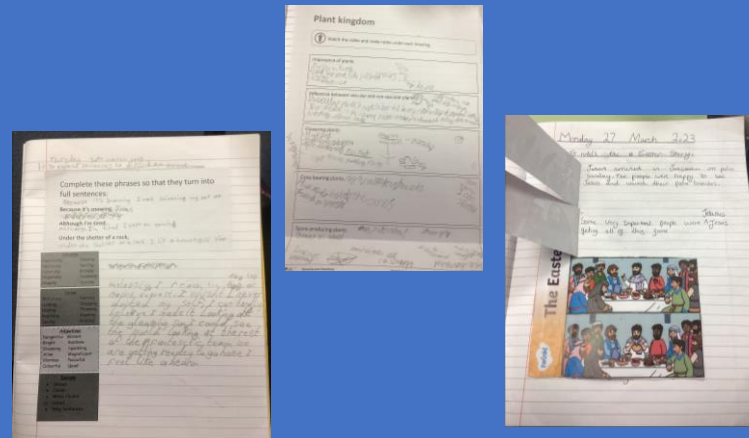
In Science, we created compasses to help with our understanding of magnetic fields. We found out that our planet's magnetic field forms an invisible shield that protects us from the solar wind. Sometimes the solar wind gets stronger and generates the aurora borealis.

# Our learning this week... Topaz

In English, we have imagining what it would be like to have climbed the summit of Mount Everest, we used emotive language to create complex sentences.

In RE, we have been revising the story of Holy Week and Jesus' journey into the Heaven.

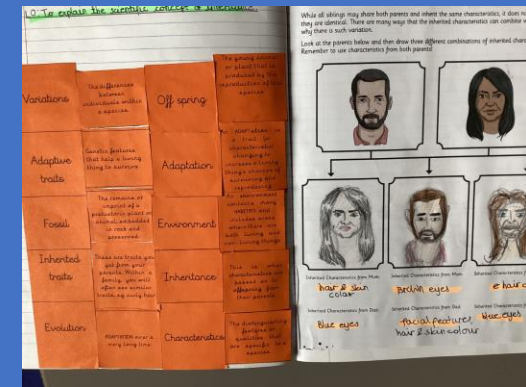
In Science, we have been classifying plants and looking at vascular and non-vascular plants.



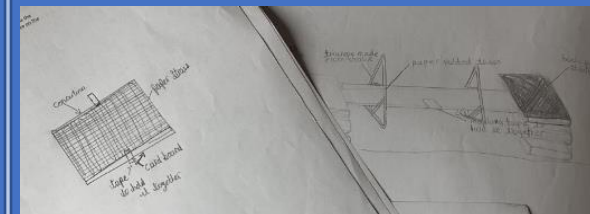
# Our learning this week... Amethyst



Literacy – Titanic Newspaper Reports



Science – Evolution



DT – bridge design



# Diary Dates

## **April**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - Easter Holidays
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 swimming starts
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 and Year 5 Water Treatment Plant visit

## **May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday (school and pre-school closed)
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday (school and pre-school closed)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Ruby class trip
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Emerald and Diamond class trip
- 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term



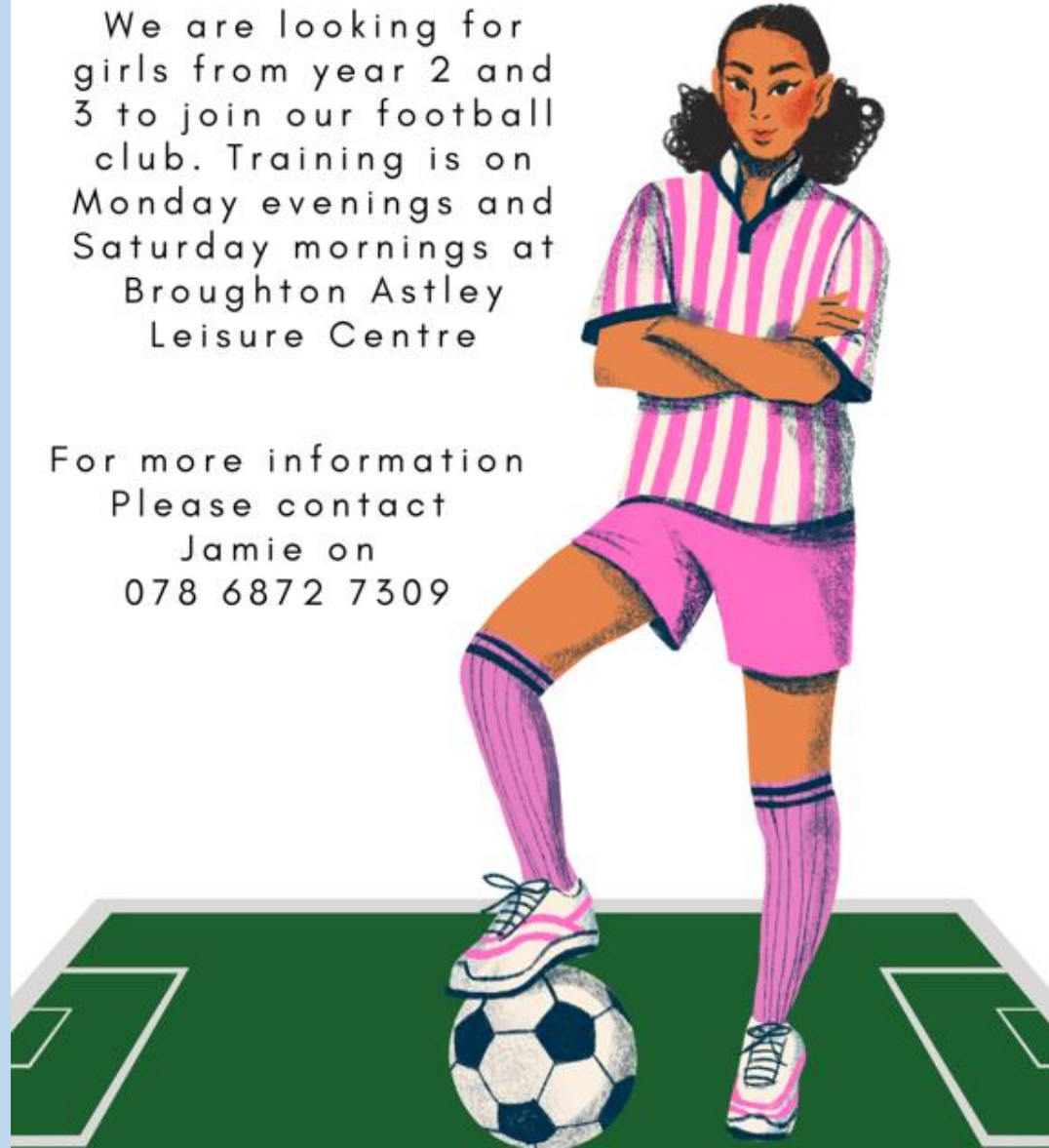
# St Michael and All Angels

- **Saturday lunches-** are on the first Saturday of the month starting on Feb 4th, 12 - 1.30pm, everyone is welcome. There is a different menu each month, IE, soup, jacket potatoes, shepherds pie, quiche, plus a drink and dessert.
- **Church services-** 1st Sunday in the month joint service 10am, see church gate / website for details, 2nd, 3rd , 4th Sunday 11.15 am at Croft church. (5th Sunday joint service).

# CROFT JUNIORS

We are looking for girls from year 2 and 3 to join our football club. Training is on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings at Broughton Astley Leisure Centre

For more information  
Please contact  
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## Easter Egg Collection

For The children's wards at the LRI

After the success of last year's Easter Egg collection, we have decided to run it again this year. Unfortunately many children find themselves in hospital over the Easter period and receiving a gift of an egg or some chocolate may help bring a smile to their faces at a difficult time. We are also aware that times are difficult for everyone, so we would gratefully receive any donation of Easter Eggs/chocolate/sweets.

Please bring any donation to your Child's class teacher or to 5DT in the Wedge by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Thank you for your support!





# Warning ZONE... LIFE SKILLS CENTRE



Scan me!

Help teach children to learn how to keep  
themselves safe!

## VOLUNTEER WITH US

### WE NEED YOU!

NEED EXPERIENCE IN A WORK ENVIRONMENT?



WANT TO ENHANCE YOUR C.V.?



GOT SOME SPARE TIME?




We need volunteers of all ages (16+) and experience  
to join our team

Warning Zone teaches valuable life skills to children to support them to make better choices, spot dangers,  
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