10th March 2023

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will have read last week, Mrs Fox, our wonderful Primary Headteacher will be remaining in post and leading the primary school until the end of this academic year following on from which I will be taking on the role of Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Headteacher (All-Through). I am proud to already be a part of the Cranbrook Education Campus community and really look forward to getting to know even more of our parents, carers and wider stakeholders.

This week in Primary, our KS2 students started their learning with focus on International Women's Day exploring the concept of Gender Equality and Equity through the lens of TV and Film. A number of our students were so engaged with the topic that we've since received their own film reviews and recommendations taking into account the number, depth and roles of female characters.

Ready, committed and willing to nurture a campus which celebrates diversity and inclusivity, our Primary and Secondary staff teams joined together this Tuesday to receive Rainbow Flag Award training. This was an exciting start to a year-long process of self-assessment and ongoing monitoring and feedback as we a take positive whole-school approach to LGBT+ inclusion.

I want to say a huge well done to those of our students who showcased their best manners and values to visitors from Farm Link who have been supporting learning opportunities. Being kind and safe in learning is always important and even more so when there are people new to our environment.

As many of you will know, next Wednesday and Thursday there will be further strikes and school closures. Please read the informational letter which has already been sent out regarding the altered arrangements for Primary on these days.

As always, thank you from the whole leadership and staff team for your continued communication and support. We wish you and your families a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing our pupils back to school on Monday.

Please click here for our weekly updates.

Krisha Gandhi Strategic Projects Lead

WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

Geography Visits - Dates for the Diary - MCAS Update - Road Safety - Year Updates

Awards Rewards - Community Noticeboard





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Primary Parents Forum

SEND focus

Tuesday 28th March at 6pm

Last Day of Term Friday 31st March

Back to School Monday 17th April



TAKE THE TWO-MINUTE SURVEY TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN

Have you experienced a near-miss pedestrian / traffic incident since 2021?

If so, please reply to the nearmiss survey to strengthen our campaign to make our roads safer for children and other road users.



bit.ly/cranbrook-near-mis



CRANBROOK ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Cranbrook Road Safety Campaign needs your help! We are currently campaigning for a reduced speed limit, traffic calming measures and a pedestrian crossing to help keep our children safe. Please support our efforts by following the link below to record any nearmiss incidents you (or your children) have experienced on Cranbrook roads.

https://forms.gle/m69Uq4ipAAh6v BzY7

For more information or to offer further assistance please email cranbrookroadsafety@gmail.com

GEOGRAPHY SCHOOL VISITS

This week we have welcomed Emma into school from Farm Link, Farm Link provide fun and learning through an informative "hands-on" approach to education. We were very excited in Pre-School to enjoy our first assembly in the 'big' primary hall! The children listened well to understand where their breakfast comes from and has lots of questions for our visitor. Emma then took a visit to Years 2 and 3 to share her knowledge of food miles. The children were tasked with finding out where

foods come from, not just where they are packaged and asked to recognise the journeys some of our shop bought items take. We are very excited to continue this connection with the team at Farm Link and look forward to sharing the brilliant experiences they have on offer for our children.



MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

We have now completed our roll out of parent access to MCAS and all parents will have received an email with the codes to access this new communication portal. In order to streamline our communications, Xpressions is no longer being used so please make sure you are able to access your MCAS account.

If you have experienced any issues logging in, please raise these with Reception@cranbrook.education urgently so that you do not miss any important communication

CAR PARK ACCESS

A reminder that our Car Park is not to be used during drop off or collection unless you have prior agreed access and it should never be used by pedestrians to access the school site.

You may have noticed that we have recently had new fencing installed and will shortly be activating the locked gates at the front of the site during school hours. This will mean that any visitors will need to call before being given access to the campus. Further information will follow regarding this.

A NIGHT AT THE WEST END

A video of the school production and promotional photos will be shared with parents next week. Thank you everyone who came along and supported such a wonderful experience

NURSERY

In Carle Class this week our rhyme of the week is 'Five Little Ducks' we have been encouraging the children to cut out pieces of tissue paper using the training scissors to stick on their ducks, they have all given it a really good try!

We have also been fishing for ducks in the bubbly water, counting how many ducks we can catch in our nets.
We have also been sending our sunflowers home that we have planted, we have already had a photo on

tapestry and they seem to be growing beautifully. Please put any photos on tapestry as there will be a prize for the biggest sunflower



and we would love to see them!

PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre-School we had a visit from a Farmer on Tuesday and Thursday teaching us about "Where our food comes from". Children listened well in the big hall with another class, we were so proud of how the children behaved and engaged! Our Independent Challenges this week were: Making dinosaur feet to support our roleplay of dinosaurs, making a Lego staircase by adding one more and colouring a dinosaur and writing their name. Our Makaton Sign of the Week was bus. Our Numberblocks episode was Just Add One. In Numberblocks we were counting to 10 and practising adding one to a number. In our Phonics we have been learning about words that start with h. We have been orally blending words like h-a-t, h-ea-d, h-air.







YEAR TWO

Year 2 have had a brilliant week! We have had a visit from FarmLink who came to speak to us about food miles and where different food is produced. We have also learnt more about healthy eating, creating food pyramids and eat well plates. In English, we have been creating our own instructions for making a salad and we are enjoying the challenge of editing these, to add in our own ideas!

YEAR THREE

This week in Year 3 we have been working on our instruction writing again. The children watched teachers talk through the steps of making a delicious salad which they then enjoyed for lunch!

We have been focusing to record specific steps using verbs and subordinating conjunctions to organise our work.



YEAR FOUR

In Maths, Year 4 have looked at converting improper fractions to mixed fractions. In Science this week, we compared the functions of our teeth and also made comparisons between the teeth of carnivores and herbivores. We have also studied our digestive system! In English, we have been familiarising ourselves with different types of recounts including diaries and we will be using these skills to write our own recounts in a couple of weeks'

YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have had a great week this week. We have loved inventing our own Cracking Contraption in writing and have some budding inventors within our classes. In our Topic work we have completed some research about animal adaptations, particularly focusing on the Tundra biome. Science has been practical this week, investigating air resistance and gravity.

HOUSE POINTS



82522 Total



82473 Total



82217 Total



72392 Total









ATTENDANCE







92.81%



93.52%



92.11%



AWARDS AND REWARDS

Another huge congratulations to our pupils who obtained their House Point Awards in the past week.



Henry Fryer
Theo Burrell-Squires
Arlie Griffiths
Charles Prykhodko
Finn Matthews
Zachary Tarr
Harrison Neal
Oliver Curtis
Felix Burrell-Squires
Lucas Simion
Ryan Back

+5 other students

Jackson Clarke



Dagny Siu
Christopher Partridge
Jacob Tomlinson
Daisy Langdon
Ruby Shapcott-Tooze
Aubrey Rickard
Hallie Rodrigues

SPARX OF THE WEEK

Week ending 10.03.23
Sharratt Alfie C
Dahl Isabella T
Murphy Ava A W
Pullman Julia B
Lewis Amelia P
Rowling Benjamin L
Rundell Savanah K
Rauf Oliver W
Blackman Teodora H
Evans Danny D
Wilson Mirza B and Max H
CLASSES OF THE WEEK

4 ROWLING, 5 BLACKMAN, 6 EVANS and 6 WILSON

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

If you attend a community group that you feel may benefit other parents, please email the details to reception@cranbrook.education



