17th March 2023

## THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week got off to a flying start this week with our whole school Science Exhibition aiming to share great work and for the children to inspire each other through the displays. Thank you to Mrs. Stephens for all the hard work she put into this. The children came out buzzing and full of enthusiasm!

Many thanks to the support staff that have been working during the strike days this week. As well as supporting the children we have had in school, we've had a complete sort out of all storage in school and got really organised making homes for all the new resources that have come into school recently, particularly for Music, Science and PE. Further orders are due in to supplement playtime equipment and for other subject areas. School, as you will know, doesn't have lots of money currently but we are being as careful and mindful as possible to make the money we do have stretch and ensure the children have everything they need. We are really lucky as an 'all through' school we often can borrow specialist equipment and space from the Secondary side of the Campus too.

On improvements up and coming, the PTFA have raised funds and we're at the point of ordering a 'trim trail' for the playground. They have additionally very kindly agreed to subsidise the costs of swimming lessons coming up for certain year groups - more detail to follow, but great that money raised with fun from parents is going back to help with costs for parents.

Finally it was as always lovely to see Year 1 return from their trip to the zoo this week with big smiles on their faces (and staff too!) The children I spoke to were full of tales of the adventures they'd had. Thank you for your support of these trips they couldn't happen without your contributions. Much appreciated!

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

**Hazel Fox** 

**Head of Primary** 

### WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

Year One Trip - Dates for the Diary - MCAS Update - Road Safety - Year Updates

Awards & Rewards - Community Noticeboard



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# DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 1/2 Easter Performance Monday 27th March 2.30pm

Primary Parents Forum SEND focus

Tuesday 28th March at 6pm

Last Day of Term Friday 31st March

**Back to School** Monday 17th Apri

#### **SILVER STREAM OF SUPPORT**

This is the last call for silver coins to be brought in and given to class teachers so that we can create a silver stream of support and donate this money to the DEC following the tragic earthquake that took place in Turkey and Syria last month.

## SPARX OF THE WEEK

Week ending 17.03.23

Sharratt - Martha E

Dahl - Oliver A

Murphy - Paul A

Pullman - Noel J

Lewis - Isaac W

Rowling - Elijah A

Rundell - Maisie

Rauf - Milly W

Blackman - Abby C

Evans - Saskia P

Wilson - Charlie W

#### **CLASSES OF THE WEEK**

6 EVANS and 6 WILSON 100%

#### 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.

#### YEAR ONE TRIP

What a fantastic school trip! The children behaved beautifully and showed our campus manners throughout. The children saw a range of animals from giraffes, rhinos and tigers, even the new lions that just arrived in Paignton Zoo this week. They listened carefully in their African safari workshop and learnt all about the savannah, desert and rainforest habitats. They had the opportunity to explore skeletons and touch various different furs and skins. A huge thank you to all the parent helpers that joined us on our trip!









#### PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre-School we have been learning about Mothering Sunday and celebrating people who are special in our lives; whether it was Aunties, Daddies, Mummies, Nannies! On Monday children went to the Science Fair to learn about all the resources we have in our school to use to learn about science. In our Numberblocks this week we have been learning about counting forwards and backwards between 0 to 10. We have been learning the effect of subtracting one. Our rhyme of the week is 10 Green Bottles. Our Makaton sign of the week is pie. Our independent challenges were: making special cards, singing 10 Green Bottles and exploring the gloopy dinosaur swamp! In our Phonics we have been learning the b sound and objects that all start with b. We have been sounding out words with b in such as; b-a-t, b-oo-k, and b-a-g.

#### **RECEPTION**

This week in Reception we have began to explore our new story of Handa's Surprise. The children have been exploring all things fruity. They have been sketching fruit, weighing and comparing fruit as well as describing it in our writing. We are getting very excited about our school trip to Paignton Zoo and hopefully you have now received a letter and payment link for this, if you haven't or have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to exploring our book further and even tasting some exotic fruits!

#### **YEAR TWO**

This week in Year 2, we have been busy finishing off our instruction writing and preparing ourselves for our Easter assembly later this half term. We have also created our helmets for our science experiments and are looking forward to testing out their durability!

#### YEAR THREE

Over the last couple of weeks the children have been enjoying gymnastics in P.E whilst performing to their class using shape, balance and travelling between apparatus with take off and landing. The children have enjoyed sharing their own skills from classes outside of school whilst learning new balance techniques such as straddle, pike and back bend.

Pullman class even got to enjoy jumping onto the crash mat as a special treat at the end of last weeks lesson! We are incredibly proud of the children for working so hard during the assessment week and have been delighted to see progress made by many children. Please continue to encourage reading, spellings and SPARX at home.



#### YEAR FIVE

In Year 5 this week the children have been working really hard to complete their assessments. We have been really impressed by their attitude and effort during these. WELL DONE ALL.

In English, the children have been publishing their own 'Cracking Contraptions'. where the children have designed and written about their own inventions.

In Geography, the children are continuing to learn more about the Earth's biomes with a focus on the Tundra and Taiga.

We all enjoyed the STEM fair on Monday and the children are looking forward to being able to use some of the new science

#### **YEAR SIX**

This week, Year 6 children have started their new unit in maths which involves calculating the area and volume of different shapes.

Applying times tables skills is especially useful in this area of maths. In Geography we have been learning about the different types of erosion and the role of rivers in our ecosystem. Children have enjoyed planning their designs for a light in DT. We will be working with the recyclable materials next week to build a prototype. In English, children have been planning, drafting and publishing their advertisements for Weslandia. Their creativity and ideas have been fortestic to read ideas to read ideas to read its read in the read ideas have been fortestic to read its read in the read ideas to read its read in the read ideas have been fortestic to read its read in the read ideas in the read in the read

## HOUSE POINTS



### **ATTENDANCE**









92.17%

90.82% 92.82% 93.46% Overall 92.2% Reception Year 1 95.2% 94.9% Year 2 Year 3 96.1% Year 4 94.5% Year 5 94.9%

### **AWARDS AND REWARDS**

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



Year 6

SILVER
Ethan Nicholls
Rain Rowe
Archie Perryman
Roman Sikora
Jack Fort
Parker Andrews

Lucas Hernon
Logan Peckett
Amelia Thorne-Sibley
Bakary Berete
Harley Robertson
Jude Cuthbertson
Skyler-Blue Gray
Ashton Obee
Molly Chapman
Summer Gray

+8 other students



94.4%

Tegan Ashley
Sam Yorke
Alfred Tomlinson
Oliver Partridge
Brooke Taylor
Zach Thatcher
+ 2 other students





## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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