

21st April 2023

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term. What a lovely week it has been! Great to see Year 5 back to swimming this week and good to hear that our Reception children had such a beautiful spring day for their visit to Paignton Zoo. The behaviour of pupils on both events was great, they were a credit to you and the school. Thank you to parents who volunteered to come along and support.

I'm pleased to be able to tell you of some grounds improvements that are on the way for the summer season. Firstly, the PTA have raised funds and next week we are having an activity trail installed along side the MUGA playground. This is the first part in a series of improvements we are making to playgrounds in consultation with the Pupil Parliament to encourage children to be active at playtime. Secondly, we have completed remedial and safety work on our Forest School area so this will soon be open again for use by pupils. Having been dormant for some time - who knows what wildlife we might find in there?! Thank you to the site team for their help on this one.

Finally we have had quite a few new families join us this week. It's been an absolute delight to see the welcome they've had from our current children and the new friendships that are forming all around the school - lots and lots of smiles and laughter all round. It's been a really good week.

Thank you for your continued support - have a great weekend.

Best wishes



Hazel Fox
Head of Primary

WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

PTA Disco - Dates for the Diary - Year Updates - Awards & Rewards

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Reminder to parents:

Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May are both Bank Holidays and Cranbrook Education Campus will be closed on these days.

School Closed - Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

PTA Meeting

Thursday 4th May 6pm

School Closed - Coronation Day

Monday 8th May

KS2 SATS Week

9th - 12th May

Last Day of Term

Friday 26th May

Primary Non-Pupil Day

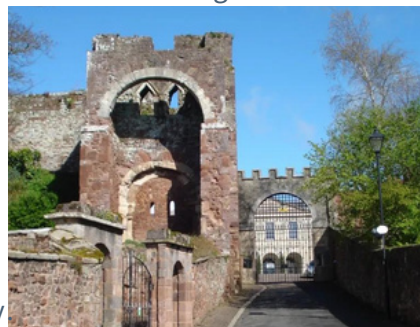
Monday 5th June

YEAR SIX

Year 6 have completed their last set of mock SATS papers this week and we are all so impressed with the hard work they have been putting in. Every student should be proud of their effort and focus.

In Science we have begun a new topic looking at Super Scientists: famous faces in the scientific world. This week, we discussed the different types of scientific study, scientific job roles, and the investigation methods they may use.

Our History focus this term will be a local study centered around Exeter. Students recalled key knowledge from our unit on the Romans and looked at some key historical areas in the city



YEAR FIVE

Year five have had a great start back after the holiday.

We have plunged into our Science unit on the human body, dived into the origins of Exeter and made a splash with our learning on Harry Potter.

Oh and we also started our swimming at the LED in Exmouth. Children were fantastic and look forward to starting properly in their next session.

HOUSE POINTS



91306 Total



92578 Total



91459 Total



79639 Total



ATTENDANCE



91.03%



93.36%



93.56%



92.37%

CLUBS

Clubs have now been allocated and school led clubs are available to pay for on SchoolMoney. Please make sure to have signed your child up for any external clubs directly with the club in question.

YEAR FOUR

Year 4 this week have started reading 2 new books. In English, we are reading Arthur and the Golden Rope and in Guided Reading we are exploring the book How to Train Your Dragon. By the end of our English unit we hope to write a quest story. In Science, we started our new topic on electricity and in the next few lessons, the children will be able to make their own circuits! In Spanish, we focused on our infinitives and how to recognise them in a sentence. Our new topic for History is the Vikings which leads straight on from last term's topic on the Anglo-Saxons.

AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



SILVER

Nyla Rattenberry
Isabelle Green
Reggie Clarke
Cleo Ashelford
Archie Downham
Leah Kendall

+5 other students



Eddie Latcham
Issac Burrell-Squires
Alice Fowler
Jake Skinner
Alfie Clarke
Henry Anderson
William Rogers
Hugo Humphries
Emma Cox
Joshua Saji
Isobelle Maddaford
Freya Ficken
Seren Hall
Elora Lister
Catewyn Tellem
Benjamin Williams
Alex Miskiewicz
Amelia Parsons
Finlay Smith

+8 other students

SUMMER DISCO

Our fabulous PTA are now planning the Summer Disco for children in Reception through to Year 6. Tickets are only available to purchase on the SchoolMoney Shop for £2.50
For any questions, please email PTA@cranbrook.education



PLATINUM

Aimee Bailey
Casper Ng
Ethan Griffiths

+1 other student



NURSERY

The children have all settled back into nursery really well after the Easter break. This week our rhyme of the week is 'Round and round the garden', we have created our very own teddy bears using glue, tissue paper and drawing on our own faces. We have been enjoying lots of free flow out in our lovely garden in the sunshine and the children have really enjoyed being outside lots! We are still getting lots of amazing pictures of everyone's sunflowers growing at home the tallest so far at 22 inches. Please measure these when you send in your photos, the winner will be announced the last week of term!



PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre-School children have enjoyed spending time in the garden, children have found a birds nest with eggs in. Children have known not to touch it and just look at how the nest develops and are wondering what will happen next to the eggs. They have also been trying to encourage more wildlife into our garden by helping make a Minibeast Hotel which they put 2 snails in that they found.



Our new topic is all about vehicles so based on the children's ideas we created a car wash, train station and a garage. We have been kindly lent some real items from a train station by one of our families (Thank you so much) including, tickets, train dispatch baton, uniform, and more! The children have adored using these as they roleplay being passengers and train conductors. Our independent challenges were: make a hot air balloon, write their name and draw what they'd take in their suitcase on holiday, finally, make 9 using unifix and 3 rows of 3. In our Phonics we have been learning the v sound. Children have been working hard blending the sounds together such as v-e-t, vet and saying the initial sounds in words. In our Numberblocks we have been learning about combining and partitioning with 9, learning that $3+3+3=9$ and $9=3+3+3$.

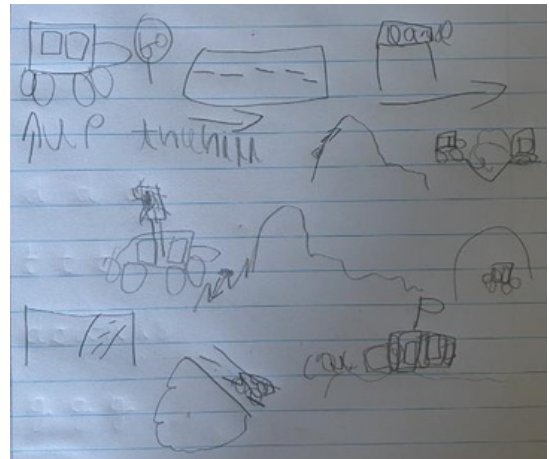
Our Makaton sign of the week is rabbit. Our Nursery Rhyme of the week is The Wheels on the Bus.

RECEPTION

We have had a very exciting first week back this week including our amazing school trip to Paignton Zoo. The children had an amazing time and it really extended last terms learning. Thank you once again to all our fabulous adults who came with us and made the trip a possibility. In school this week we have began our new topic Ready, Steady, Grow and we have hit the ground running but exploring what plants need to survive. We have also planted runner beans and written some basic instructions of how we planted them. We are hoping for some beanstalks to begin sprouting soon as we are moving on to our Jack and the Beanstalk story within our Literacy next week. In Maths this week we have been focusing on creating repeated patterns with colours and shapes.

YEAR ONE

This week Year 1 have started to learn about halves in maths focussing on the importance of each part being equal. In English we have started a new book called *On The Road*, the pictures are very colourful and we have started to learn about prepositions to help describe a journey. Take a look at our story maps! Science has been exciting this week, we have observed unlit and lit candles. we watched the way the flame flickers when the air around it moves. In History we have taken a look at the difference between the modern Olympics and the Ancient Olympics in our new topic 'Significant Sports Stars'. Did you know girls were not allowed to even watch at the Ancient Olympics! Well done Year 1 for coming back to school with such enthusiasm for your learning!



YEAR TWO & THREE

In Year 2 and 3 this week we have really enjoyed our first session of Kickboxing. The children listened well to their coach and learnt about the structure and discipline involved within martial arts. They learnt how to guard themselves, whilst jabbing and crossing with their partner. We have begun focusing on a new text in English called *Lord of the Forest*. A key focus for this unit includes using direct speech between characters and the children have used forest animals to think about how they might talk to one another. We also kick started our Science learning by creating our very own Master chef hats and thinking about hygiene within the kitchen, we have some lovely recipes to work our way through this half term!