

# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the transitioning of leadership Miss Gandhi and I are working increasingly in partnership before she takes up the reins of Primary School leadership in September as I step aside. In this spirit we will be jointly writing this weekly news slot.

We have been working together throughout this year and term to ensure CEC continues to grow from strength to strength, and that has been so visible this week with our Year 6 students and the attitude they have shown to their SATS papers. We have asked them to do their best and be proud and they have certainly accomplished this with 100% attendance all week. It's been a delight to see how they have encouraged each other and how other pupils have respectfully crept quietly around the corridors so that they didn't 'disturb year 6', even our youngest pupils have been brilliant!

We also wanted to take a moment to update you on important transitions that will soon be taking place within our teaching community. We have several teachers who will be taking maternity leave in the coming weeks and months, and we wanted to assure you that we have taken a thorough approach to ensure a seamless transition for your children. One of our top priorities has been to select Maternity Cover teachers who not only possess the necessary qualifications and skills but also share our core values of being Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind, and Safe. We have carefully chosen individuals who will provide continued support and guidance to your children, ensuring they receive the same level of care and attention they have come to expect and receive from their current teachers. Furthermore, we will be giving our new teachers ample opportunities to build positive relationships with the classes they will be supporting, enabling them to establish a strong connection with your children from the start. This includes transition days where the both current and new teachers will be in the classroom together.

We would also like to update you on our recruitment process for next year's teaching staff which is well underway. We have implemented a robust selection process that involves various stages to ensure we choose the best candidates for our school community and for your children. This process includes opportunities for teaching, being coached, re-teaching to show improvements made, as well as interviews and tasks focused on inclusion and diversity. Once the full team of teachers is in place, we will make sure to share comprehensive biographies about each new member of the teaching team. We understand the importance of familiarising your children with their new teachers, and we will provide plenty of opportunities for them to get to know the individuals who will be guiding them throughout the upcoming year.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support and trust in our school community and are confident that these transitions will be handled with utmost care and professionalism as we remain dedicated to providing ambitious and inclusive education and to supporting your children

Best Wishes



Mrs Fox and Miss Gandhi





## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Last Day of Term**  
Friday 26th May

**Primary Non-Pupil Day**  
Monday 5th June

### 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](mailto:PTA@cranbrook.education)



### YEAR 6 HOODIES

Thank you to all of you who have paid for the Year 6 Hoodies and completed the online form. We are now in the process of ordering these and we will hand these out to the children once they are delivered.

### YELLOW LINE CONSULTATION

The much anticipated 'yellow lines trial' has been published by Devon County Council. Vince in Cranbrook has summarised the proposals and added maps to help visualise the proposals [here](#). Please spend 2 mins supporting the proposal to make the roads outside the Campus safer by selecting [ENV6030-139e Tillhouse Road here](#)

### #MENTALHEALTHAWARENESSWEEK

Next week is #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek from Monday 15 to Sunday 21 May and this year the focus is on anxiety. Anxiety can impact us all, so it's important to find simple steps that you can take to help you cope, feel more positive and able to get the most out of life. Here are a couple of links which can help:

[What can we do to cope with feelings of anxiety? |](#)

[Mental Health Foundation](#)

[5 Ways to Wellbeing.](#) | [Mind - Mind](#)

### SUMMER SUNSHINE

#### PICNIC MENU

18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023



HAM SANDWICH PICNIC  
SANDWICH/CARROT & CUCUMBER/ SAUSAGE  
ROLL/WEDGES

CHEESE SANDWICH PICNIC  
SANDWICH/CARROT & CUCUMBER/VEGGIE  
SAUSAGE/WEDGES

TUNA SANDWICH PICNIC  
SANDWICH/CARROT & CUCUMBER/SAUSAGE  
ROLL/WEDGES

JELLY AND ICE CREAM

### SUMMER SUNSHINE PICNIC MENU

Aspens are having a Summer Sunshine Picnic menu on Thursday 18th May 2023. Please ensure you have completed your order on Select.

Please remember to order for June after the half term holidays. Menus are now available for the rest of the summer term.

### YEAR SIX

We would like to congratulate our Year 6 students for completing their SATS papers this week. They have shown focus, hard work, resilience and respect throughout each day and should be extremely proud of themselves! It was lovely to welcome them in for breakfast each morning and settle any pre-exam nerves. We think they will especially miss the croissants next week! Y6 staff and children would also like to thank all of the additional adults who supported us through the tests too, we couldn't have done it without the team. We have lots to look forward to across the final weeks of the school year including our residential visit and performance.

## **NURSERY**

In Carle Class we have been creating lots of lovely colours on our apple pictures for our rhyme of the week 'Five Little Apples' using shaving foam, glue and paint. The children have enjoyed exploring the textures and how they look on their pictures by using paint brushes.

Please can we have all measurements of your sunflowers that you have grown by Friday 19th May please so we are able to give out the prize for the tallest sunflower by the last week of term, we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all your amazing photos of them growing. Good luck everyone!



## **PRESCHOOL**

This week in Pre-School children have been completing their independent challenges, practising writing capital letters from their names, singing 10 Little Aliens, and painting with pipettes.

Children have been testing their boats to see if they will float or sink. We have been

Our Nursery Rhyme this week was Zoom Zoom Zoom.

Our Makaton sign of the week is tea.

In our Phonics we have been learning the z sound and blending words such as z-i-p and z-oo.

## **RECEPTION**

This week in Reception we have been exploring life cycles and looking at the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been very excited to see how it changes throughout its life. In Literacy we have been writing letters from Jack to the Giant to apologise for taking his chicken and golden eggs. The children are working so hard to remember finger spaces in their work, as well as full stops and capital letters. PE has seen us exploring ball skills and we have now used rolling, kicking, bouncing and throwing. Just a reminder to please ensure all books (library and reading) are sent back on a Friday with your child, we are already missing quite a few of our brand new phonics reading books.

## **YEAR ONE**

This week, Year 1 wrote their own journey to the trim trail in English. We are so proud of their neat handwriting and perseverance. In Maths, the children have worked hard on understanding position and direction, especially left and right. We have also explored shadows in Science. The children have used various pieces of material and sorted these into opaque, translucent and transparent. The children have also showed a great interest in the Paralympic games. In History, we focused on Ellie Simmonds and her fantastic achievements at such a young age. If she can do it, so can our Year 1 pupils



## YEAR TWO

Year 2, have been working extremely hard in English writing up their own version of the 'Lord of the Forest' children have been writing about animals from the Arctic. In maths, we have been refreshing our memories of place value, fractions and the four operations.

As part of our science topic 'Little MasterChef' we used our knowledge of eating well and the importance of being hygienic when we were making our healthy pizzas.

We worked well as a team, we remembered to ensure the worktops were cleaned, our hands were clean before we started as we know how important it is to be hygienic to avoid spreading germs and listened to instructions.

We worked in teams to put the tomato paste on the pizza, then we carefully put the vegetables on top and remembered to ensure that it looked attractive as presentation of food is important to a chef! We all enjoyed trying our healthy pizzas.



## YEAR THREE

This week in Year 3 we have been enjoying completing lots of wonderful Prehistoric Britain homework. We have made oat cakes, built hillforts and created Stone Age jewellery. We have also enjoyed creating cave art in class ahead of our assembly on the 22nd. We have worked hard in English this week, focusing on our independent writes using, adjectives, verbs and direct speech. Next week we move into looking at the book 'How to invent' where the children shall learn all about the Rubik's cube and Louis Braille. With this information the children shall be tasked with making a time line for these inventions.



## YEAR FOUR

This week, Year 4 wrote their very own quest story! The children have worked really hard on these and they are all looking amazing! The children focused on using fronted adverbials, direct speech and creating multi-clause sentences by using conjunctions. In Science, Year 4 experimented with electrical circuits and recorded what happened when more bulbs or wires were added to a circuit. In Maths, we have now finished decimals and have moved onto to our new unit on money.

## YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have had yet another productive week. We have deepened our understanding of the effects on the body of getting old. We've looked at the life-expectancy at different points in history and why there is a difference between males and females. In maths, have spent more time on decimals and even have introduced working in thousandths. In writing, we have started to look at a new text and can't wait to read more and write about Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the race against time.

# AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



SILVER

Elliott Jarman  
Milo Carlton  
Phoebe Tomlinson  
Dylan Gander



GOLD

Maisie Rayner  
Freyja Mobbs  
Adam Mussani  
Samuel-James Shaddick  
Nancy Smith  
Riley Spry  
Scott Godfrey  
Finley Maddaford

Saskia Prowse  
Nikolai Roper  
Kada Farley  
Finley Perryman  
Mia Stringer-Owens  
Harry Cullen  
Kathryn Partridge

+9 other students



PLATINUM

Shelby Cox  
Julia Krezelok  
Patrycja Drewczynska

+1 other student

## HOUSE POINTS



98339 Total



99617 Total



98547 Total



85466 Total



## ATTENDANCE



91.14%



93.46%



93.63%



92.55%

