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THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Families,

As you will have seen reading the year group summaries on this newsletter the campus has had a really successful real summer term week with children being active and having lots of fun learning in all sorts of ways.

School trips and events are in full summer time mode, Year 5 had a super time yesterday at Haven Banks with lots of fun on the water at Exeter Quay. Year 3 tonight have their 'Late night at School Event' tonight and the excitement is building about being here 'after hours'! These events are all part of us trying to develop children's confidence and resilience to try out new things and strengthen friends.

Looking forward to Sports days next week - communication regarding what, where, when for your children's year group has gone out and currently the weather forecast is looking a little mixed - but we will try to ahead if at all possible and we'll keep up with the communication . We look forward to seeing you there.

Does your child suffer from Hay fever?

We've had quite a few children needing to have time off school for hay fever this week . If your child does suffer during these high pollen days of June /July we just wanted to let you know we are happy to provide a fun/ games approach within an indoor space which is cool but does not have the windows open for playtimes and lunchtime. Children would be able to choose a friend to come along with them. This just may help children manage severe symptoms at this time of year. Please just let us know if you think this might benefit your child.

Look out for the letter going out soon on Personal Sexual and Health Education. It describes what the national curriculum requires us to cover in each year group. We do feel strongly this is an aspect of the curriculum that it is particular important that we work in partnership with you . If you have any questions at all don't hesitate to contact us.

The school's normal cycle of assessments are still taking place, Year 1 are having their phonic screening with their teachers next week, Year 4 have their multiplication tables check too and Year 6 are still working hard on their writing portfolios. We intend all of these 'assessments' to be a natural part of a school day. If you are ever feel that your child is getting overly worried about any of the assessments please do let us know and we will work hard to reassure them.

We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Knuckey (previously Miss Manwaring) as she begins her Maternity leave next week and welcome Mr Barnaby Possett as the fulltime teacher of Jeffers Class. He has really enjoyed the handover time he has spent with the children this week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Hazel Fox and Krisha Gandhi





DATES FOR THE DIARY

PTA Summer Fayre Friday 14th July

Year 6 Transition Thursday 13th & Fri 14th July

Last day of the Summer Term
Friday 21st July
Primary finish at 12pm
Nursery & Pre-school finish
3.15pm

(No after school club on this day)

DID YOU KNOW?

The majority of the events that are happening over the next term can be found on our Cranbrook Education Campus website. This includes campus trips, exams and even which week timetables are following in secondary! From the main page, you can scroll to the bottom for a timeline of upcoming events or click on News & Events in the top right hand corner for a calendar view.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday 26th May, we welcomed schools from across Exeter for our first netball tournament. Cranbrook had 1 team who played 6 matches, winning 1 and drawing 1. For many of the team it was their first experience of competitive netball and they really grew into the tournament. We want to offer all of the children who took part a huge well done for representing their schools so well and a big thanks to all staff members and secondary children who helped out.



PUPIL PARLIAMENT

This week our pupil parliament representatives from across the whole Campus met with our board of Governors, who were very impressed with their level of engagement.



GETTING TO KNOW MS GANDHI

Over the course of this half term, following on from our newsletter introduction, I will be sharing insights into who I am and the experiences I've had for families and community members to get to know me a little more before I take on the Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Head of Campus role in September.

As someone who has lived and worked in multiple cities and countries around the world, my leadership traits stem from the same characteristics that I have developed over my varying travels - connecting with others, sharing our commonalities and celebrating our differences. These traits include being kind, inclusive and ambitious. I often think to myself, I would love to connect and communicate with as many people as possible. This is because I truly believe we all have something to teach each other and learn from each other. As a life-long learner, I do this through trying to learn languages. This includes Spanish, Mandarin and Russian as

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well as a few more regional languages. The picture I've included this week is of 7 year old Krisha smiling after learning to say 'please' and 'thank you' in Turkish to the captain of the boat - one of the first times I remember wanting to learn more.

In the school setting and within my leadership capacity, this ambition influences how I grow opportunities for cultural capital. Cultural capital can provide pupils with a foundation of knowledge, skills, and experiences that enable them to navigate and thrive in the diverse and complex world around them. I have seen first hand that when we share different art, literature, music, history, and traditions with our pupils', their cultural capital expands. This often fosters critical thinking, cultivates empathy and understanding for different perspectives, and can impact their horizons in the most wonderful ways.

One of the brilliant aspects about already working at CEC is how our plans for next year and future years can already include relentlessly positive collaboration with team members and myself about how we continue to grow and develop. I can proudly share with you that this week, these conversations included exploring ways in which we, as a campus, can build in more opportunities for exposure to music, artwork, poetry, monologues and speeches from history alongside an already wonderful literacy canon and diverse set of assemblies. I really look forward to seeing how our ambitions for building more cultural capital at CEC can support our children and young people in having meaningful conversations, making informed decisions, and actively participating in society - ultimately empowering them to pursue their aspirations and lead fulfilling lives.

I'd love to hear back from you as I continue to get to know our #crantastic community so please do reach out with any thoughts, questions or experiences you have that you'd equally like to share with me. I'd love to discuss these with you, be it over a conversation in school, via email or even in a walk through the country park!

NURSERY

We have had a lovely week in Carle Class settling back in after our lovely break. Our rhyme of the week is 'Five Speckled Frogs', we have been creating our very own frogs using sponges and painting their faces on. We have also been exploring blue gloop, finding the hidden numbered frogs and talking about the numbers they have on them.

Please can you make sure that your child has a named sunhat and a drinks bottle on the days they are in, we like to go outside and enjoy the sunshine everyday.

PRESCHOOL

We've had a lovely first week back! To introduce our new topic Animal Rescuers we received a special letter explaining that we had to go on an adventure around the school to find some cheeky cuddly toys that had escaped! Children followed the clues and had a look around the school, whilst looking around school, we discovered the school

whilst looking around school, we discovered the school hamster. We are going to write a letter to Mr Hobbs our deputy, to see if we can have a visit with the school hamster. In our Numberblocks we have been recapping numbers 1-5. Our Makaton sign of the week is same. Our Nursery Rhyme of the week is Old Macdonald's Vet Song. In our phonics we were learning the sound ck. We were learning about words that had ck at the end like sock, duck and neck.





Please could you send to Tapestry some photos of your pets, or animals your family has or animals you've spotted out and about, so that your child can do show and tell.

RECEPTION

Reception have settled back in well after our lovely sunny break and we have been able to make the most of our outside learning area. We have been exploring the allotment and helping Miss Leach with some new planting. We were also excited to see the carrots, roses, strawberries and pumpkins that are beginning to grow. In literacy this week we have been continuing to work on our sentence writing and we began looking at our new story of The Gingerbread Man. In Maths this week we have been subtracting to solve number problems. In our writing we are working really hard to form sentences independently. With fingers spacing, full stops and our phonics to think about our handwriting is sometimes getting forgotten by lots of us. If you are able to practice forming each letter correctly at home, this would be of massive benefit to the children and would help work alongside our handwriting practice in school. We are so excited for you to join us for our Sports Activities next Thursday morning. Please check emails or speak to the teachers if you are unsure of timings etc.

YEAR ONE

This week in Year 1, the children have completed various phonics activities in preparation for the phonic screening check next Monday (12th June). The children should be extremely proud of their perseverance and hard work! In Maths, we have started a new topic all about time. We have looked at the days of the week and the months of the year. In P.E, the children thoroughly enjoyed their first lesson experiencing kickboxing. In food technology, the children had a look at different foods and decided whether they were from an animal or a plant.

YEAR TWO

Year 2 have settled back into school really well after the May half-term holiday! We have started our new Geography topic, Villages, Towns and Cities, the children were shocked to find out the total number of humans living on Earth! In English we have started a new book, Grendel a cautionary tale about chocolate and the children are looking forward to writing their own wishing stories. We have also started our new Science topic, Young Gardeners and the children are excited to plant their own seeds next week!

YEAR THREE

In Year 3 this half term in Geography we are focussing on Villages towns and cities. The children have been tasked with research tasks such as discovering how many cities make up the UK, understanding more about their local area and the produce farm shops offer whilst also creating their very own models/designs of local settlements. We have had some lovely home learning examples shared including Hugo's creation of a town including our school! Please keep sharing your home learning via email or

bringing this in for teachers to see. We are very much looking forward to sports day next week which is taking place on Wednesday morning. Children in both Pullman and Lewis class will still have PE on Tuesday so shall require PE kits both days. Please also can we give a gentle reminder to remember, sunhats, sun cream and water bottl

YEAR FOUR

Year 4 have worked extremely hard this week! In English, we have started our new topic all about persuasive writing and focused this week on the different persuasive features. In Maths, we have started looking at statistics which involves reading and interpreting bar charts, tables and pictograms. In our new Geography topic, we are focusing on natural resources and renewable energy. Year 4 have also been practicing for their end of year multiplication check. We have been doing a lot of SPARX, practice tests and other activities in preparation. The final end of year multiplication check will be happening at the beginning of next week!

YEAR FIVE

In Year 5 we have had an amazing week cumulating in a trip to Haven Banks where the children took part in Canoeing and Raft Building. They were fantastically behaved and the instructors were impressed with how the children were able to take part in the activities. Today the children completed a little writing task about the trip.





YEAR SIX

This week in year 6 children have continued working on solving complex problems in maths involving all four operations. They have shown excellent partner work applying known strategies to solve and explain their work. In English, they have begun writing usual formal tone in the form of a complaint letter. Excitingly, we have also had our first rehearsal for our end of year show and scripts will be handed out today. As we move into June, we have spent time discussing and celebrating Pride Month and children have designed celebration posters. Children have also also been recording their hopes and dreams for the future for a special display in our growing minds room. A special thank you to Miss Thomas and Miss Dover for making this space so inviting and reflective.



The Dreams

and Goals of

Year 6

AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



+9 students



Isaac Every Charlotte Rogers

+2 other students



Kia Nimroozi
Felix Burrell-Squires
Jake Boden-Hammond
Iyla Lovering
Henry Fryer
Zachary Cooper
Harley Edmonds-Brown
Maybel Stenka
Thomas David
Teddy Taylor
Gracie Adams
Sonny Tigwell
Jade Southern

+ 10 other students



Freddie Wilson
Oliver Partridge
Seth Watts
Alfred Tomlinson
Joshua Saji
Zach Thatcher
Charlotte Frood
Oliver Conibere
Maisie Rayner
Jake Skinner
Albert Creese
Eddie Latcham

+6 other student

HOUSE **POINTS**



ATTENDANCE



91.24%



93.33%



93.43%



92.38%

Overall

