16th lune 2023

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Families,

Phew what a scorcher of a week! The children have done really well to maintain focus as well as they have this week in the heat. We did of course adapt the timetables and curriculum due to the heat in the afternoons as well as ensuring the children and staff had lots of water breaks.

Thank you for the lovely feedback we've had on the sports days, we will as always make a list of things we'd like to improve for next year but generally it was lovely to see so many children shine, whether winning or being really good 'sports'. Particular thanks go to some of the Yr5 and 6 Sports Leaders who were so good at helping with the younger year groups.

We thought in this newsletter we'd give you a heads up for some of the transition arrangements for September:

- We are just making the final adjustments and awaiting paperwork before letting you know your children classes for next year. Shouldn't be too long now!
- We are not looking to do any big mix up of classes but if any parent would especially like their child to move class for September we're ready to listen and we will try. Nearly every class in school is now full so moving may require someone from the other class wanting to move. Likewise, if we feel it might benefit a child to move class we will contact you.
- There will in the coming weeks be time for children to spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom and play on the new playgrounds. Where this is not possible there will be video links for the teacher to meet the children and vice versa.
- There will be meet the new teacher events held in the first few weeks back for parents to attend however if any parent would especially like an appointment with their child's new class teacher for September before the summer they are welcome to contact us to do so.

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)

PARENTS EVENING REBRANDING

Following pupil and staff voice, we would like to rebrand Parents' Evening. This is because, as well as not taking into account that these events are attended by carers or extended family members, the emphasis is on 'parents' rather than the pupils.

We would like to hear from you about which of the following choices - as suggested by our pupils - you think would be best for these evenings by completing the one question form attached.

https://forms.office.com/e/faF Z7wYc38

PUPIL REPORTS

Primary reports will be sent home in July via our new My Child at School (MCAS) communication system. Please make sure you can access MCAS and contact reception@cranbrook.education. If you havent activated your account, please send an email and include your childs full name and class.

ANTI BULLYING AMBASSADORS

This week in our KS2 assembly, children were informed about an exciting opportunity to become an anti-bullying ambassador. This training will be provided by the Princess Diana Award scheme. We have already received some thoughtful applications and look forward to receiving more. Children have access to paper copies in school and can hand these

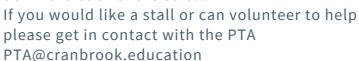
in before Friday 30th July.

PTA SUMMER FAIR

We are excited to announce our PTA Summer Fair is on after school on July 14th. Please do come and celebrate with us! We have something new this year,

DUNK THE TEACHER.

Mr Ansell (representing Primary) and Mr Russell (representing Secondary) have offered to get dunked! The one with the most money in their bucket (located in main reception) will get dunked in some ice cold water!! Please do see what change you can find down the back of the sofa...



BIKES AND SCOOTERS

We have now had several incidents involving students falling off bikes and scooters while on their way to or from school. Please can you encourage your child to wear a helmet as these are proven to save lives!

Please remember that bikes and scooters are left at the owners risk and we strongly advise that you use locks. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden once you pass through the campus gates and access to the campus only on the delivery road, not on the central footpath please.



GETTING TO KNOW MS GANDHI

This week, it was a pleasure to see the success of our EYFS Sports Morning and our Primary Sports Days. As well as showcasing the wonderful skills children have developed in PE this year, our Sports Days also bring an opportunity for our pupils to communicate, cooperate, and collaborate with their peers and fellow House Members as they work towards a common goal.



From a young age, sport has played a major role in my life. At 5 years old, I won my first 100 metre sprint which came with the unforgettable reward of meeting the iconic Mr Motivator! By 13 years old, football had become my world - I genuinely thought the film 'Bend it like Beckham' had been written about me! Muay Thai boxing became my favourite hobby in my early twenties and by my late twenties I found myself learning to surf and ski. Throughout all these experiences, it's been key to see that within sports and athletics, we are able to work not only on the specific skill set of the sport itself, like perfecting the position of a surfing stance, but also our wider skills - from teamwork and collaboration to resilience and perseverance.

My favourite of these, which has been consistent throughout my sporting experiences and was evident this week at our Sports Days, is seeing how children and young people develop sportsmanship and a strong sense of integrity. This week, I saw our pupils getting involved fairly, taking it in turns, looking out

for each other, and cheering peers on. In doing so, all of our pupils participating in Sports Day embodied our campus values and showed themselves to be fantastic young leaders. As a team, we are so proud of them all - and I am personally so excited to be leading in a school which truly celebrates and encourages sporting opportunities.

As always, this piece is as much about me getting to know our Cranbrook community as it is about you getting to know me. With that in mind, if you have any thoughts, suggestions or questions about how we could further enhance our PE offer - including



extra-curricular activities - please do get in touch. I'd love to hear from you!

NURSERY

In Carle Class we have been taking small groups out for their mini sports day, all the children have had lots of fun taking part in throwing bean bags, a jumping race and a running race! All the children that have taken part all their photos will be on tapestry. They were all absolutely amazing and some even asked to do more! In class we have been exploring blue gloop and finding the numbered frogs that are hidden and talking about the numbers we can find. We have also been having a cool down in our paddling pool in the shade when it's been getting very hot, the children have really enjoyed this.



PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre-School children have been so brave, having their first ever Sports Day! We couldn't be prouder of how hard they worked, how beautifully they behaved and how much they cheered each other on. Thank you to everyone who came to support on such a hot day! We have been making special cards for family members this week and children worked hard to write their names in them.

In Phonics children have been learning the x sound and all words that have x at the end, like s-i-x and b-o-x. Children have been sounding the out the words and blending them together.



In our Numberblocks we have been learning about Blockzilla, who compared numbers, and would say 5>3, 5 is greater than 3. Children found this episode very funny.

Our Makaton sign of the week is Birthday. Our Nursery Rhyme of the week is Animal

Mrs Allison would also like to thank all of her families and children for a wonderful goodbye, kind words, presents and homemade pictures. She wishes the children all the best on the rest of the year in Pre-school and know they will have the best time with Mr Rains and the lovely team.

RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have been very busy enjoying our Gingerbread Man story. We even baked our own gingerbread men. We were able to roll out the dough and cut it into a person shape. In Maths we have been working on subtraction problems and the children have been practicing drawing the problem and crossing out the pictures as they are taken away. Thank you so much to everyone that attended to support our Sports Day. The children had a fabulous time and we are so proud of how well they did, especially given the heat. We are looking forward to role playing the story next week and using props to really get into character.

YEAR ONE

What a busy week for Year 1! Throughout the week children have completed their phonics assessment, all their hard work has really paid off! We are incredibly proud of the progress everyone has made. The children also showed great perseverance in sports day and they thoroughly enjoyed watching the parents race. In English, we have started our new class story, 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. The children talked about their likes and dislikes and any questions they had. In Food Technology, the children tasted different fruits and used adjectives to describe their textures. In Geography, the children showed a great interest in the different ways we could measure the speed of the wind and had a go at creating their own wind catcher.





YEAR TWO

We have had a busy week in Year 2 this week. We had a great morning competing in Sports Day on Tuesday,

well done to everyone who took part! In English we have been continuing with our story 'Grendel a cautionary tale about chocolate', we have created our own version of the story as a class and have enjoyed thinking up our own characters and events. In Maths this week, we have finished our fractions topic, it has been very tricky, but the children have enjoyed the challenge! In Science, we have been looking at germination, we are carrying out an experiment to see whether seeds need oxygen, water AND warmth to germinate!

YEAR THREE

Year 3 had a lovely time on Friday at their 'sleepover'. The children stayed after school for rounders, fish and chips and a movie with their friends. We were all so proud of how the children represented our school for our visitors Lewis and Freddie who organised the rounders games complete with music! It was lovely to see children really enjoy and appreciate the school facilities outside of the school day. Can you see just how many bags of fish and chips we collected!? Poor Mr Hobbs' car smelt of fish and chips for a few days! Next week we prepare for another assessment

week for the children and would like to remind the children that all were asking is that they do their best and try their hardest. Please can we continue to be mindful of the weather and send children in with appropriate clothing.







YEAR FOUR

Well done to all of Year 4 for successfully completing their official Multiplication Check! You have all worked so incredibly hard and should be very proud of yourselves and all the progress you have made this year! In Maths we have begun our new topic on Statistics where we have been focusing on reading line graphs and bar charts. In Science, Year 4 conducted an experiment where they investigated which concentration of washing up liquid would make the best bubble! The results were amazing and everyone got a chance to test and blow the bubbles themselves! Another big well done to everyone who competed in Sports Day on Wednesday!

YEAR FIVE

We have had a great week this week in Year 5. The children have been working hard in English learning about subordinate and main clauses along with contrasting conjunctions. In Maths, we have finished our topic on decimals moving on to geometry with a focus on angles and using a protractor to measure angles. In science we have been learning all about some famous scientist looking at when they were born and putting them into a timeline.

The children took part in sports day and we are really proud of the children's effort and impressed with how engaged they were.

YEAR SIX

This week in year 6, children have been writing a diary entry based on the book Floodland. They have also looked at other famous exmples of diary entries including Anne Frank. It has been a great chance to use emotive language and informal tone. Our play leaders have also been helping out with sports days across school so a big well done to them - we have had excellent feedback from adults and parents! The kickboxing sessions are now in full swing and children have shown respect and discipline whilst learning this new skill. If you haven't yet sent across photographs for our leavers assembly, it is not too late. Please send them to year6@cranbrook.education

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



Zohair Rishan Thiago Gomez Iselda Shpataj Thiago Alvarado +2 students



Jack Bourne **Charlie Roberts** Santiago Webber Serrano Teddy Tarr Isaac Moore

+3 students



Oliver Curtis Laveen Kay Ashton Obee Clara Hewitt Finn Matthews Theo Skinner Zachary Tarr

Charles Prykhodko Fletcher Robertson William Yorke Charles Cox Leo Demczuk Alfie Willcox Harriet Arthur

+ 9 students



Ava-Grace Baylis

Benjamin Williams Freya Ficken

Emma Cox

Dylan Payne

Oliver Ashley Jaxon Spry

Oscar Andrews

Bernie Matthews

Sienna Byrne-Sylvester Charlie Boden-Hammond

Riley Spry Finlay Smith

Isobelle Maddaford Antoni Dudkowiak

Nancy Smith

Bella Cartlidge Finley Nicholson Issac Burrell-Squires Alice Fowler

Isla Stoneman

Benjamin Papaj

Alex Miszkiewicz

Daisy Fort

Evelyn Smith

Freya Bain Evie Way

Freddie Eustice

Ava Berry

Ada Cuthbertson

Ellis Powell

Tia Jury **Bobby Tregale**

+10 student

SPARX OF THE **WEEK**

Week ending 16.06.23

Sharratt Anais I

Dahl Patrycja D

Murphy Ava B

Pullman Noel J

Lewis Laetitia R

Rowling Noah F

Rundell Maisie K Rauf Rigles V

Blackman Oliver D

Evans Mia B

Wilson Jack M

Class of the week: Murphy 96%

HOUSE **POINTS**











ATTENDANCE









91.24%

93.31%

93.48%

92.33%

