

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Families,

As you will see from the logo tomorrow is National Armed Forces Day across the UK. We do in school have many families where one or more members within the family serves with one of our forces. We do recognise that it can be uniquely tough for some service family children especially potentially when Mum or Dad has to go on deployment.



Children of service families across the campus will be having a special brunch this morning , an opportunity for them to meet each other and be in a place of mutual support. We will also use the opportunity to talk to them all about what they would like next year to further support them in school. The lead for Service family children next year in Primary will be Miss Hannah Wickens, currently a Year 6 teacher.

If your children are keen to find out more about our Services here are some links

History of the Royal Navy, including a sailor's food rations and uniform.
<https://www.nmrn.org.uk/learning/schools-and-teachers/resources>

Learn about key events, like The Battle of Britain and WW2.
<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/group-visits.aspx>

Read stories from the past.
<https://www.rafstories.org/>

Sports Day celebration assemblies were held for different ages on Monday morning and medals were distributed. We're especially pleased however with the great sporting behaviour we also observed from children who were supporting their friends and from the Sporting leaders who helped out with the younger classes on the day. They were all a credit to you.

We waved Mrs Allison fond farewell yesterday as she began her maternity leave this week , we wish her all the best . Mr Sam Rains is filling in to teach the Preschool Class. He's already been getting to know the class and parents and really enjoying the welcome he has had from everyone. Mrs Allison's leadership of Early Years and Foundation Stage will be shared between Mrs Bond and Mr Hobbs for next year.

A further new member of staff is Mr Oliver Gromski, a new teaching assistant in Year 5 as we work hard with them preparing them for Year 6 in September. We do have further adverts out currently for two more Teaching Assistants so check out the [campus website](https://www.cranbrook.education) if it's something you might be interested in. (<https://www.cranbrook.education>).

Wishing you all a very enjoyable summer 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)

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.

PUPIL REPORTS

Primary reports will be sent home via our new My Child at School (MCAS) communication system.

If you are unable to activate your account, please send an email and include your child's full name and class so that you can receive reports on the day.

Please contact reception@cranbrook.education.

INTRODUCING DOLCE

We are excited to announce that Dolce Schools Catering will be joining us with effect from



1st September 2023, taking over from Aspens.

Dolce uses suppliers who support British producers, tailoring their fresh produce to best utilise British crops. Menus will change each term to take best advantage of seasonal produce.

The change in catering provider does mean that our primary phase we will be moving to School Grid, a new on-line ordering system. The system is very similar to the current system, enabling orders to be placed from home up to 9:30am on any given day or as far in advance as a whole term. We are also exploring with Dolce the option for primary students to be able to place their own order in class at the beginning of the day. Further details of the system and accessing it will be sent out prior to the end of term.

If you are interested in accessing further information about Dolce, please visit their website <https://www.dolce.co.uk/about-us/>

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/faFZ7wYc38>

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...

If you would like a stall or can volunteer to help please get in contact with the PTA
PTA@cranbrook.education

GETTING TO KNOW MS GANDHI

Over the past month, I've had the pleasure - alongside Ben Hobbs, our Deputy Head of Primary - and Kimberley Allison, our Head of EYFS, to visit several homes of Preschool students who will be transitioning up to Reception or joining the campus for the first time. These meetings, which are in the child's environment, and the opportunities that come with sitting down with family members in their own home, are among the highlights of my year. This is because I believe that education is not just about imparting knowledge, but also about nurturing relationships.

Throughout my career, I have had the pleasure of seeing first-hand how the bond between staff and family members can lay the foundation for a school's culture - and has the power to shape the future of our pupils. Perhaps best put by Dr. James Comer,

"While education opens doors, it is the relationships we cultivate within the educational community that truly transform lives."

Just like the tree in our campus logo, which stands tall and strong, firmly rooted by its surroundings, we too thrive when we are interconnected and supported by the bonds we forge. So, as we prepare for the summer and get ready to embark on this journey together, I want to reiterate how much we, as a team, are looking forward to getting to know you more and truly creating a sense of belonging for our pupils within and across our community.



NURSERY

In Carle Class this week we have been having lots of fun creating our very own monkey and crocodile mask for our rhyme of the week 'Five Little Monkeys'. The children have enjoyed using various materials and textures to stick onto their mask. We have also been searching for the numbered monkeys in the water tray and talking about the different numbered monkeys we can find.

PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre-School we have been completing our independent challenges: completing our names in our make-read-write activity, partitioning 5 into different ways using a part-part-whole model, and creating a role play on how to stay safe in the sun. On Monday and Friday we had our fun PE sessions where we were pretending to be dung beetles, rolling the tennis balls on the floor! The children have really enjoyed this activity and have had a great start to our new Ball Skills topic for PE. In our Numberblocks, children have been learning about partitioning 5 into different ways using a part-part-whole model where they have enjoyed learning their number bonds to 5 as a class. In Phonics, we have been learning the -sh sound and blending words that have -sh such as: shell, fish and shirt. Our Nursery Rhyme of the week was 'Down in the Jungle' which is a firm favourite. We have also written a letter to Mr Hobbs asking if we can see the school hamster. The children were very excited to take part and have drawn lots of lovely pictures of hamsters and how to look after them.

RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have been busy enjoying our outdoor area in the sunshine and sometimes with some giant puddles! We are very excited that our allotment now has lots of yummy strawberries which we have been able to pick and eat as a snack. Thank you to Miss Leach as well as Mama and Papa Leach for taking the time to look after and maintain our thriving allotment area. In Literacy we have enjoyed retelling our story of the Gingerbread man, using puppets and props to help us. We have really enjoyed joining in with the story when he says "run, run as fast as you can you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man!" In Maths this week we have been using images to help us solve addition problems. Thank you to those of you who have been able to practice the number and letter formations with your child, this is something that is really beneficial to your children and come be done virtually anywhere if you are ever at a loss for how you can support them. Quick reminder about reading and Library books. Please ensure that all reading and Library books are sent back to school every Friday, we are seeing dwindling numbers in both sets of books and we cannot change books if they are not returned. Have a lovely weekend. Naomi Goode



YEAR ONE

In Year 1 this week it has been very exciting! In DT, we have been learning about our '5-a-day' and what changes we can make to our meals to make them healthier. This week, we focused on preparing food. We knew that we needed to wash our hands before preparing it, we watched our teachers who showed us how to cut the fruit safely and talked us through the bits we can and cannot eat. Once we had made them, we did the best bit and ate them! In Maths we have been learning about time, particularly focusing on how long things take. In English we have started to change our new class story 'The Disgusting Sandwich' and we have come up with some new settings, characters, and food. We have also been using more conjunctions such as because and but to help extend our sentences.



YEAR TWO

We have had a great week in Year 2 this week! We have been busy practicing for our year group assembly and the children are really excited to show you what we have learnt so far this half term. In science we have been patiently waiting for our radishes to grow, they're beginning to get very tall now and it has been great to see the children so excited about them! In Maths, we have been learning about position and direction, the children have enjoyed the challenge of using mathematical language such as clockwise, anticlockwise and a quarter turn. In English, we have been creating our own stories based on the book, 'Grendel a cautionary tale about chocolate'. The children have worked really hard to include everything we have learnt over the last year in their stories, including expanded noun phrases, verbs and inverted commas.

YEAR THREE

This week in year 3 we have been doing some assessments to see how far all the children have come with their learning in year 3. We have been so proud of how they have conducted themselves through these and how hard they have all worked. In Geography we have been looking at towns and villages and comparing them both. The children used their knowledge of Cranbrook to complete the town section - they were Cranbrook experts! In science we have been looking at our plant experiments that we started last week and observing if the plants are starting to grow in the different environments. We have seen that a few shoots have begun to spring which the children are very excited about - we will update you on the progress of these plants in a few weeks time. Again well done Year 3 for all your hard work this week, we are very proud of you.



YEAR FOUR

Well done to all of Year 4 for completing their assessments this week! In Science, we did another experiment on bubbles. This time we investigated how long bubbles last when you add different concentration of glycerine. In Maths, we have started looking at geometry and the different angles of triangles. In Guided Reading, we finished our book *How To Train Your Dragon*. We have all very much enjoyed reading this book and the story of Hiccup and his adventures! In English, we have continued looking at persuasive writing where we are working towards writing a persuasive letter about an issue that we feel passionate about. We will be focusing on using rhetorical questions, emotive language and conjunctions in our writing.

YEAR FIVE

Throughout the week we have opportunities to show how off all of our hard work within our end of term assessments. We have displayed our resilience, perseverance and effort to not give up and display what we know. Everyone one of us has tried their best, which is all we can ask for. In our Geography, we have learned all about sustainable energy and designed our own cities with all of those energy sources included. We have some budding engineers and designers in Y5. We have started to plan and write our end of unit assessment for the amazing picture book *The Flood*. We can't wait to read how the children have applied their knowledge of punctuating speech, including personification and relative clauses into their work. Next week we can get back into our normal routine as we move into week four.

YEAR SIX

This week in Year 6, students have been choosing a super scientist to research. We are then using this research to write biographies. Students have chosen to write about Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin and more! In Maths lessons we have been continuing our work on problem solving, using our knowledge of shapes to calculate missing angles. We were lucky enough to have a special science lesson this week from our brilliant secondary languages teacher Mr Russel. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to get a taste of the secondary experience. On Friday afternoon, we were also visited by CEC Year 7 pupils who answered our questions about next year. We are really excited to be attending our residential next week and want to take this chance to remind everyone to check their kit list thoroughly to make sure you are prepared. We are advising children not to pack valuable items or expensive clothing as we are expected to get very wet and very muddy.

AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

Andres David Pedroza Cabrera
Viktoriia Yatsiv

+3 other students



SILVER

Jake Lawrence
Archie Carrier

+3 other students



GOLD

Willow Rathbone
Ryan Back
Izaak Moore
Olivia Osborne
Archie Downham
Jude Cuthbertson
Oscar Hernon
Jack Fort
Abigail Parsons
Bethany Dowds
Riley Nutt
Evangeline Thatcher

Edward Cox
Amelia Thorne-Sibley
Eliana Roper
Leah Johnston
Maisie Kenshole
Talia Obee
Joshua Mills
Sonny Taylor
Oliver Martin

+ 6 other students



PLATINUM

Freyja Mobbs
Taylor Lovering
Michael Drake
Kada Farley
Kara Needs
Sienna Morgan
Penny Smith
Mia Bourne
Elora Lister
Summer Smith

Annabel Davies
Evie-Rose King
Charlie Corrick
Dexter Corrick
Saskia Prowse
Jake Boden-Hammond
Adam Mussani
Jaxon Hanley
+7 other students

SPARX OF THE WEEK

Week ending 23.06.23

Sharratt - Samuel M

Dahl - Daisy L

Murphy - Penny S

Pullman - Nevaeh-Skye G

Lewis - Dylan P

Rowling - Natalia D

Rundell - Maisie K and Fletcher R

Rauf - Taylor L

Blackman - Sam Y

Evans - Freddie N

Wilson - Alex Y

**Class of the week: 2 MURPHY AND
6 WILSON 100%**

HOUSE POINTS



117951 Total



120483 Total



117648 Total



103158 Total



ATTENDANCE



91.05%



93.10%



93.39%



92.06%

