

15th September 2023

# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Families,

As we come to the end of our second week of the school year, I am thrilled to share the latest news and events from our vibrant campus community.

As we continue to uphold our core values of being Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind, and Safe, I am immensely proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm and commitment to these principles. Our classrooms are buzzing with activity, as pupils and teachers alike embrace the joy of learning.

On Monday, we were excited to welcome Ted Wragg Trust Deputy CEO, Tim Rutherford, to the campus, who managed to say hello to many of our pupils as they entered the campus for their day's learning. Collaboration with our Ted Wragg Trust team didn't stop there, as three members of our KS2 singing community joined other schools in their first-ever joint choir practice this week.

We also began our journey into the pilot of our Cultural Capital Canon. This initiative allows our children to immerse themselves in the world of art, music, and poetry. Each week, Nursery to Year 6 will explore different stimuli in these creative fields - fostering creativity and a deeper understanding of global cultural heritage, as well as an appreciation of the best that has been thought and said. It was a joy to hear children on the playground yesterday ready and raring to hear next week's music discussing what it could be!

A huge thanks also goes to all our internal staff and external partners this week for a fun-filled start to enrichment opportunities. Our campus has felt abuzz with opportunities for our pupils to thrive. From Mini-Duke of Ed to Coding, Gardening to Debate, our CEC offer for primary extracurricular activities showcases our team's commitment to providing a well-rounded education that empowers our pupils to excel both academically and personally.

Today, Friday 15th September, marks the International Day of Democracy, a day to celebrate the principles of democracy, respect, and freedom. Many of our classes have actively engaged in the British Value 'democracy' by selecting their MPs for the Pupil Parliament. I'm ever so eager to see our young leaders shaping our campus's future and look forward to sharing our full list of MPs with you next week.

As we look forward to next week, I encourage you to attend our Meet the Teachers event this coming Tuesday, which will provide an excellent opportunity for you to get to know your child's teachers and gain insights into their class's plans for the year ahead.

As always, we value your feedback and strive to make our campus community the best it can be. With that in mind, please keep an eye out for our Family Survey, set to be released next Monday. Your input is invaluable in helping us continually improve our campus offer and the experiences of the children and young people who learn and grow with us.

As we continue to journey through this school year together, I'm grateful for the kind spirit of our special Cranbrook community and appreciate all the warmth, support, and involvement our families have shown. Thank you for helping us to nurture an enriching start of the year!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Krishna Gandhi**  
**Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Head of Campus**



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 19th September  
3.30pm and 4.30pm

## Just One Tree Day

Friday 13th October

## Docherty Class Assembly

9.30am Wednesday 18th  
October

## Donaldson Class Assembly

2.30pm Wednesday 18th  
October

## PTA Disco NEW DATE!

Friday 10th November

## Reception Open Events

Tuesday 14th November  
10am & 4pm

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is open every day with Miss Dover from 8.00-8.20am in the atrium. All pupils are welcome to enjoy some cereals, toast, juice, yoghurts and fruit.

## SECONDARY OPEN EVENING 26TH SEPTEMBER



## PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 6 FAMILIES

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming "Meet the Teachers" event where you'll have the opportunity to get better acquainted with the educators who play a vital role in your child's educational journey. This event will take place on Tuesday 19th September, 2023, and we have scheduled two sessions to accommodate different schedules:

Session 1: 15:30 - 16:00

Session 2: 16:30 - 17:00

Each session will consist of a 15-minute presentation including key information about our curriculum and the year ahead followed by a 15-minute Questions and Answers (Q&A) session. We encourage you to participate actively during the Q&A as the questions you have may help other families too.

Our teachers are dedicated to fostering an ambitious and engaging learning environment for your children, and these sessions are a wonderful opportunity to connect with them, ask questions, and build a supportive partnership between home and school.

Please mark your calendars for September 19th, and choose the session that best fits your schedule. We really look forward to seeing and meeting you there.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to our school reception team.

## SECONDARY OPEN EVENING

On Tuesday 26th September at 3.30pm and 5pm we have an ideal opportunity for any Year 6 families looking to join the campus in September 2024 or for younger students to come and see what will be on offer for them.

Click the link below for more information

<https://www.cranbrook.education/openevening>

## CRANBROOK TOWN CENTRE - CONSULTATION - SOUNDING BOARD

The purpose of the Sounding Board is to work with Ash Futures on designing and delivering the community engagement process on Cranbrook Town Centre. We are looking for local people who reflect different interests and needs in the community.

It will involve a small number of meetings (maximum 4 in total) in October and November to discuss ideas for the consultation. We already know in general terms what we will do, but would like the group to help plan the events and communication methods, and bring in local knowledge and ideas. In addition to meeting, we will establish some form of online group (eg WhatsApp) for the duration of consultation, to allow group discussion outside the meetings.

The Sounding Board is about creating and running the best engagement process. Everyone in this group can also have their say once this process is in place. If you would like to find out more, feel free to contact me by email- [gerardcouper@gmail.com](mailto:gerardcouper@gmail.com) or phone on 07866 361111

### LATEST VACANCIES

#### SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT - SECONDARY PHASE

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

#### EAL / REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR

#### FUSION CLEANING STAFF (2 VACANCIES)

For more information or to make an application, please visit [cranbrook.education/vacancies](https://cranbrook.education/vacancies)

If you are interested in working for us, but there are no suitable vacancies for you at this time, we would still love to hear from you. Please drop your CV in to our talent bank so that we have your details. [cranbrook.education/vacancies](https://cranbrook.education/vacancies)

### PE DAYS

Classes will have PE on the following days with Year 1 to Year 6 coming into school wearing their correct PE kit.

#### Monday

P Ahlberg, 5 Reynolds

#### Tuesday

1 Docherty, 3 Fletcher,  
5 Sufiya, 6 Yousafszai,  
6 Walker

#### Wednesday

2 Engle, 2 Ellis, 4 Love,  
4 Montgomery

#### Thursday

R Daywalt, R Bryon,  
1 Donaldson, 3/4 Ibtihaj

#### Friday

N Carle, 3 Favilli

### LOST PROPERTY

We already have a lot of unnamed property being handed into Pupil Services daily. Please make sure your child's name is on all belongings brought into school.

If you have lost something, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance, or email [reception@cranbrook.education](mailto:reception@cranbrook.education) including your child's name and a full description of the item and we will try to reunite you.





## **WE ARE ANTI-BULLYING**

As a Campus, we are consistently looking to improve both the prevention, and way in which we deal with, bullying incidents. Last year our Primary pupils trained up anti-bullying ambassadors through the Diana Award and this term we will be doing the same with Secondary pupils. We will also be working towards the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark (ABQM) which is a nationally recognised award for schools who have an effectively implemented anti-bullying process. This year we are going to be opening consultation on the way we deal with bullying for all stakeholders, and would like your involvement. We are looking for parents to join our steering group which currently involves Senior Leaders, teaching and non-teaching staff, pupils and governors. This small steering group will help to navigate how we work towards improving the way in which we identify, report and deal with bullying incidents. It will also look at the preventative measures we put in place as a Campus. As part of this, we will draft an anti-bullying policy which will replace our current anti-bullying statement: If you are interested in becoming part of the steering group, please fill out the google forms by Friday 22nd September. We are looking for one parent per key stage so if we have a lot of interest we can't guarantee a place. Please note if you would like to be involved in this steering group you may need to be available during the school day.

## **CAR PARK ACCESS**

We would like to remind our families that our car park not available for use. There is no pedestrian access or walkways through the car park. Blue Badge holders can have access to the limited spaces available but please bring your Blue Badge to the main reception to be registered. Please remember that the car park is closed to moving traffic at key times of the day. A 5mph speed limit that applies to all users.

A copy of the guidelines can be found by clicking the link below

<https://www.cranbrook.education/carparking>

## NURSERY

We have welcomed all our new children this week in Carle Class this week. The children have all settled so well and we have enjoyed getting to know them all and their little personalities.

For our rhyme of the term 'Incy Wincy Spider' we have been creating spiders using black play dough and pipe cleaners, we have also been making spiders using paper plates, paint and pipe cleaners. The children have enjoyed exploring their new surroundings and getting use to their new routine.

## PRESCHOOL

What a wonderful week we have had in Preschool this week! We have done lots of exploring around our classrooms and have been practising our school routines when lining up and sitting for carpet time. We have also started learning all about the number one in Numberblocks! Our new starters have done amazingly well in their first week of Preschool and have shown good engagement with their learning. We have had lots of fun in the garden again where we have been making cakes in the mud kitchen, using the leaves and sticks for decoration. We have also been making our sandcastles and playing in the water tray, practicing our pouring and filling skills. Our rhyme of the week is 5 Little Ducks where we have been practising our counting and remembering our numbers 1-5. Thank you for being patient at drop off and pick up times as we continue to get to grips with the new lunch system, as well as getting to know all of your new faces. For next week, please could you bring in a family photo so that we can make our family 'all about me' bunting. Have a lovely weekend and we can't wait to do more #crantastic learning next week!

## RECEPTION

Reception have had a fantastic second week! In English we have begun to read the text 'A Hug for Humphrey' and the children were very engaged when discussing events and making predictions. In Maths this week we have been focusing on our counting skills and the children have enjoyed helping Leo the Lion and Mr Croc order the numbers correctly! It has been lovely getting to know the children better and hearing all about who lives in their house and who is special to them. Miss Sims and Miss Nursey have been very impressed with how both classes have settled in and are following the rules and routines. Well done Daywalt and Bryon Class!

## RECEPTION OPEN EVENING

On 14th November we will be welcoming families looking to join the campus in September 2024. More information will follow shortly.



### CRANBROOK EDUCATION CAMPUS RECEPTION NEW STARTER EVENTS

#### OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 14th November  
10am-11am

#### OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 14th November  
4pm-5pm

#### BOOK NOW

For an opportunity for all preschool families looking to join the campus in Reception for September 2024 to come and see what will be on offer, click the link below

<https://www.cranbrook.education/openevening>



## YEAR ONE

Year one have had a very positive second week in school. We are routinely modelling the PERK of being kind to each other and are becoming ever more settled and adapted to our routines. There of course has been lots of exciting learning taking place. For example, we have enjoyed finding out all about the story: The Dragon Machine – which is going to inspire some fantastic writing next week. We have also been excited to investigate the polar regions as part of our learning in science. We now look forward to continuing our great start to the year and to maximising all the exiting opportunities for learning which lie ahead of us.



## **YEAR TWO**

Year 2 have had another excellent week. This week we have been rehearsing actions for our story 'The Train Ride' and beginning to make changes to the story as a class. In Maths, we have been focusing place value and part-whole models. In History, we began out new topic about the Victorians and the children are very pleased to be in school now rather than during the Victorian Age! Well done to everyone who has been able to log on to SPARX from home, keep going with your hard work Year 2!



## **YEAR THREE & FOUR**

We have been working hard in Years 3 and 4 this week, getting to know more about our teachers and making new friends across the school. During afternoon appreciation time many children have shared that they are grateful for their new friends, this links to one of our PERKS of being kind. We have really enjoyed learning about the Romans this week and linking this to our learning in Art. We have been looking at the patterns and materials used to create sculptures and understand what stylised means. Did you know? Stylised is to represent or design according to a style or stylistic pattern rather than according to nature or tradition. We look forward to welcoming parents to our meet the teacher sessions on Tuesday, we hope to share all of the wonderful ideas and learning we have coming up this year! If you are able to support any of this with experiences you might've had and wish to share this with the children, please do contact us and we would love to welcome you in for a talk!

## **YEAR FIVE**

We have had a fantastic week in Year 5! We have been learning about The Benin Kingdom in History and the Solar System in Science. In English we have been writing diary entries, focusing on the character Lily from our book. In maths we have continued to learn about place value, focusing on numbers up to 100,000! We have also enjoyed learning about our poem of the week - Fairy rings by Shakespeare, our song of the week - You're my best friend by Queen and our art of the week - Viva La Vida by Frida Kahlo.

## **YEAR SIX**

Students in Year 6 have been working hard this week completing their first ever set of mock SATS. They should all be so proud of their hard work. It was great to see everyone giving 100%. In our English lessons this week, students have been creating exciting expanded noun phrases to describe dragons. For example, "the terrifying, murderous beast". This was a great chance to stretch our imaginations and focus on engaging descriptions. Our history topic this half term is The Industrial Revolution. We have been learning all about how technological advancement changed the lives of people living in Victorian England. The topic is linked closely with our Art focus - the artist L.S. Lowry. Students explored a selection of Lowry's work this week and will progress towards creating their own city landscapes. Good job Year 6!

## HOUSE POINTS



4627 Total



4674 Total



4579 Total



4409 Total



## ATTENDANCE



95.43%



96.29%



96.47%



96.37%

