

# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Families,

As I begin my journey as the Head of Primary of this wonderful campus, I find myself overflowing with pride and appreciation for the incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive community that make Cranbrook truly special.

Our students have made me immensely **proud** by embracing our values and demonstrating positive learning habits. So many are determined to be the best they can be. Even within just a few days, I have seen so much growth in the attitudes our learners are demonstrating.

In our first week, the staff team here at Cranbrook have been truly remarkable. From the kitchen team to cleaners, site team to support staff, teachers to leaders, it's clear to see we all share a mutual aim of transforming lives. Everyone has been so **ready** and willing to learn any new updates and changes.

Being **engaged** is part of what we do here and members of our Devon community have shown an unparalleled level of engagement in CEC. I'm proud to announce that artist, Clare Brown, has contributed a number of prints to the campus which have been framed and are waiting to be visited by our students. Clare's landscape inspired pieces are vibrant, colourful and calming too!

On Thursday, we had the Ted Wragg Trust Leader for Raising Standards in Primary spend the day on campus. When I asked him what he thinks we should celebrate, he commented on the **kind** actions shown by pupils to peers as they support each other's learning. This was so wonderful to hear and I'm certain this kindness will continue to spread throughout the year.

Our commitment to following a **safe** school extends to our playtime routines. This week, we introduced new ways to support pupils on the playground to ensure the choices they make are respectful of others and the environment around them.

I can't help but celebrate the relationships that have been built here this week. From the bonds between students, who inspire and uplift one another, to the strong connections among colleagues and families, our sense of community is growing stronger by the day. In the coming days, weeks and months, I look forward to getting to know and work with you more so that, together, we further our mission of transforming lives and strengthening our communities to make the world a better place.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

**Krishna Gandhi**

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



## CRANNAFORD PLAY AREA

Crannaford Play Area will be closed from 8am on Tuesday 12th September to 3pm on Thursday 14th September to carry out resurfacing of the footpath.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Primary clubs start

Monday 11th September

### Year 6 Mock SATS

Monday 11th September -  
Thursday 14th September

### 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

## SECONDARY OPEN EVENING 26TH SEPTEMBER



## INVITATION FOR RECEPTION 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.

Krishna Gandhi

Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Head

## 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>

## NURSERY

We have had a great start in Carle Class this week. We have met many new families and new children this week. We have enjoyed meeting you all and all the settle visits have gone smoothly and wonderfully. Many children not wanting to leave which is a great start! We are very much looking forward to your children joining us properly next week. We have also welcomed back the children already in nursery after the summer break and they have settled back in so well. We will keep you informed with our rhyme of the week and term on our walk and talk board on Monday so keep your eyes open!

## PRESCHOOL

We have had a fabulous first week back in preschool this week. We have been so proud of how many of our routines and learning behaviours have been retained by our older learners. They have been able to set a fantastic example for our very youngest learners who have come in on settle visits throughout this week. We have been exploring our new classrooms and garden, and we were even lucky enough to see a newt and frog amongst our new herb garden. Our rhyme of the week is currently Heads, shoulders, knees and toes and we are getting to grips with finding our correct body parts. Thank you for being patient at drop off and pick up times as we get to grips with the new lunch system, as well as getting to know all of your new faces. Have a lovely restful weekend and we will look forward to more #crantastic learning next week!

## RECEPTION

What a #Crantastic first week for Reception! The children have settled in beautifully and have enjoyed exploring their new learning environment. This week we have learnt about our class name and read a book by the author. All children have experienced their first P.E lesson and it was a huge success! They took part in various team building games and we were very proud of their listening skills. All children have practised writing their name and impressed us with their counting ability. Thank you parents/carers for all your support and patience this week and we are looking forward to the upcoming year!

## 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.





## **YEAR ONE**

We have had a great start to the year in Year 1. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces and the children ready to learn each morning. This week we've been focusing on the PERKS of being #Crantastic and how we display these during learning time, playtime and around the school. We are all very excited to start our topic dinosaurs this half term and it has been amazing to see all the children so enthusiastic! Thank you for all your support this week and we are looking forward to a fantastic year.

## **YEAR TWO**

Well done to all of Year 2 for a fantastic start to the year! The children have started with a very positive attitude to their learning. This week, we have been focusing on the PERKS of being #Crantastic and how we can show our PERKS in our learning and in our behaviour. In English, we began writing about the journeys we have experienced and the children were very excited to share these with the class. You will have also received your child's SPARX letter this week with their login so they can access their Maths learning from home. Let us know if you need any support with accessing SPARX. Thank you again for a brilliant start to the year.

## **YEAR THREE & FOUR**

What a #CRANTASTIC start we have had in Year 4!! The children have come back to school ready to learn and listen! We have completed an author study, written our own story based on a picture and started learning about place value to 4 digits. We have been so proud of the children and their efforts in practising new consistencies in school and they have been engaged with adults and each other. We are looking forward to next week and starting more learning in various subjects. Keep it up Year 4!!

## **YEAR FIVE**

Year 5 have had a brilliant start to the year! This week we have spent time getting to know our new classrooms and new routines. We have been focusing on our PERKS this week and we are very proud of how well the children have settled into the new school year! Over the first few days, we have spent some time learning about our class names and researching our authors. We have been learning about place value in maths and in English we have started our book 'Cogheart'. Well done for a fantastic start to the year, have a relaxing weekend!

## **YEAR SIX**

We have been so impressed this week with how well Year 6 have settled in. They should be so proud of their positive attitudes. This week we have been focusing on getting used to Year 6 routines and practicing our campus consistencies. Each class has created their own class charter where we have all signed, agreeing to uphold high expectations. Children have enjoyed classroom decorations and getting to know each other. We are looking forward to a fabulous year full of exciting opportunities. Well done Year 6!