

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Families,

What jam-packed Week 3 it has been! On Monday, Upper Key Stage 2 embarked on an safe-focussed learning journey by kicking the week off with informative talks from Ant and Dec along with the NSPCC Team who enlightened pupils about Childline—the service that empowers children and young people to have a voice. This assembly served as a crucial introduction, getting students ready for the NSPCC-led 'Speak out, Stay safe' workshops right here on campus next week. I encourage you to ask your Year 5 or 6 child if they remember the childline number actions for 0800 11 11.

Tuesday made me so proud as I witnessed numerous families visiting our campus to meet our wonderful teachers. Alongside learning about the diverse range of educational opportunities awaiting our pupils this year, families who attended also had the chance to pose questions, which have been answered within the newsletter today. FAQs from the evening included:

- Question 1: Which homework should we prioritise?**
- Question 2: What is the school's approach to anti-bullying?**
- Question 3: Will any pupils attend swimming lessons this year?**
- Question 4: Do Year 3 students have a sleepover at CEC?**

As the week unfolded, our Pupil Parliament met for the first time as a new community of pupil leaders - a brilliant milestone for this year's Pupil Voice. I also overheard numerous kind exchanges as students greeted each other in the mornings with warm smiles to start their days. The buzz of Jazz music filled the air as part of our Cultural Capital Canon, and our daily post-lunch reading sessions truly made me smile. As we approach the weekend, I extend heartfelt congratulations to our students who earned 'Star of the Week,' to the classes that achieved the highest attendance in their respective phases, and to those students who have already reached Bronze in their House Points!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Krishna Gandhi
Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Head of Campus





ALLERGY & MEDICAL POLICY

We very much hope that all primary families have been able to access SchoolGrid. You will see on the SchoolGrid system that you are able to indicate if your child has an allergy / intolerance to certain types of foods. It is important that you please keep this information up to date. If your child has a specific medical condition that relates to food and is supported by medical evidence, please read the Dolce Allergy & Medical policy which provides information on how allergies are managed and supported.

If you would like to register your child, please contact Amber Cook, Area Manager by emailing

amber.cook@dolce.co.uk

If you have any questions concerning the use of SchoolGrid, please email reception



CEC FAMILIES SURVEY

We are excited to launch our annual families survey and would be grateful to hear your feedback on what is going well at the Campus and what we can do to help us improve. The survey is anonymous, should take no longer than 15 minutes and must be completed in one sitting.

The survey will remain open until Tuesday 3rd October 2023. For your chance to win £50 vouchers, take the [survey here](https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/MvJ2Z9): or scan the QR code below with the camera on your smartphone.

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PUPIL PARLIAMENT

Congratulations to our first primary Pupil Parliament members elected last week. Each class held a democratic voting process and candidates presented their ideas about how they could improve our school. Class teachers and fellow pupils were impressed with how the candidates showed our campus PERKS in their speeches and how much passion was shown for our school. We look forward to future updates from our pupil parliament in the coming weeks.

Yr 1 Donaldson - Harry Hayden

Yr 1 Docherty - Nikolai Roper

Yr 2 Engle - Preston McWilliams

Yr 2 Ellis - Oliver Conibere

Yr 3 Fletcher - Peggy Chapman

Yr 3 Favilli - Ayda Groves

Yr 3/4 Ibithaj - Patrycja Drewczynska

Yr 4 Montgomery - Sophie Green

Yr 4 Love - Amelia Pospiech

Yr 5 Reynolds - Charlie Roberts

Yr 5 Sufiya - Leah Kendall

Yr 6 Yousafzai - Ian Prada Gomez

Yr 6 Walker - Annabel Davies

CONGRATULATIONS

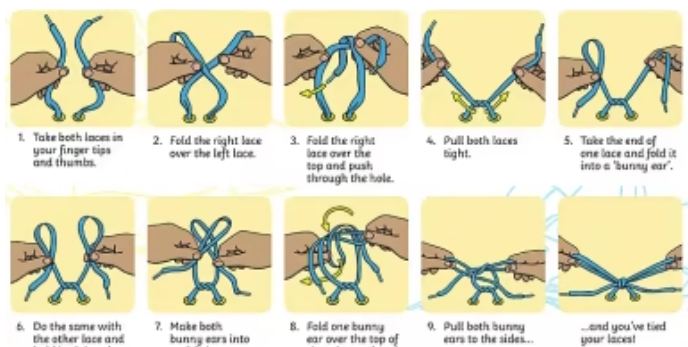
During the summer break, Jackson from Favilli played 50 hours of football to raise money for FORCE cancer charity.

He hit his target of £500 and has just been given a certificate and thank you letter from FORCE!

CLOTHING

Now the colder weather is making a return, please remind your children to bring coats to school. Please make sure that along with all belongings, coats are named so that they can be reunited if lost.

We have a lot of children attempting to tie their own laces on their new school shoes. Please encourage them to practise at home to give them the confidence to do it by themselves. Here is a handy guide for anyone to use.



FIRE EVACUATION DRILL

On Wednesday 27th September 2023, we will be holding our first fire evacuation drill. We practice evacuating the building safely once per term so that pupils from all phases (Nursery, Primary and Secondary) are clear on what they need to do if there is ever the need to evacuate the building. We expect all pupils, staff and visitors to leave the building calmly and in silence when evacuating the building. Please do discuss this evacuation with your children so they are aware it is happening as it is the first drill of the academic year and lots of pupils will not have experienced our fire alarm and process before. During the Spring term, we will not inform you or pupils, however, we will inform staff so we can prepare for our most vulnerable pupils and adults.

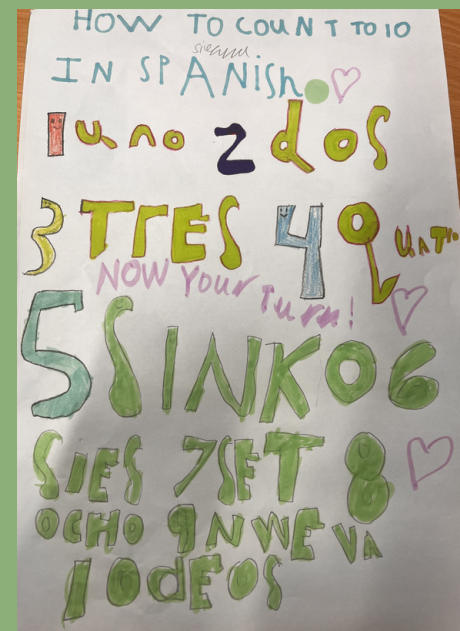
In Nursery and Primary, pupils, staff and visitors leave via the nearest fire exit and then line up in the Primary multi use games areas (MUGA) at the front of the building for roll call.

In Secondary, pupils, staff and visitors leave via the nearest fire exit and then line up on the 3G pitch for roll call.

Once all pupils, staff and visitors are accounted for, pupils will be escorted by their teacher back to their classrooms.

LANGUAGE CLUB

In Language Club this week we decided that we are going to teach both Spanish and French across the next term. As an introduction we welcomed the children in Spanish and tasked them with making a poster illustrating their understanding of counting 1-10. Lovely Sienna in Year 4 created this fantastic poster for us and we cannot wait to share other successes from our club.



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.

NITS

We've have a couple cases of headlice recently. Please help stop them returning/spreading by checking your childrens hair regularly and treating when required



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>

IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES REGARDING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Over the coming year, CEC is taking part in a research project called 'BITUP'. BITUP is a programme which aims to improve communications between schools and families regarding school attendance. It involves sending families regular updates about their children's recent attendance if it falls below 95%. The EEF and YEF are funding an evaluation of the programme to assess whether BITUP improves pupils' school attendance. For more information, please see the [Research Project Information Sheet](#).

THE BIG AMBITION – HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition is open to children and young people in England aged 0-18 years old.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

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 or phone on 07866 361111



PARENTS QUESTIONS

Tuesday made me so proud as I witnessed numerous families visiting our campus to meet our wonderful teachers. Alongside learning about the diverse range of educational opportunities awaiting our pupils this year, families who attended also had the chance to pose questions. FAQs from the evening included:

Question 1: Which homework should we prioritise?

Answer: All children should engage in daily reading, either independently or with a family member or trusted adult, and document their daily home reading on Boom Reader. Sparx homework should also be completed, with additional opportunities available for children to do so at school. Homework Grids are provided for those who are curious and eager to explore various subjects as part of their home learning. Any completed Homework Grids brought into school will be celebrated and rewarded with house points.

Question 2: What is the school's approach to anti-bullying?

Answer: Bullying is defined as deliberate, hurtful behaviour that is repeated over time and makes it difficult for those being targeted to defend themselves. The four primary types of bullying include physical, verbal, indirect, and cyberbullying. We strongly encourage all children to report any issues they may encounter at school or at home, whether it pertains to bullying, cyberbullying, home-related concerns, or worries about fellow pupils. Students can report these issues in person or via email at safespace@cranbrook.education.

This year, CEC is collaborating with the University of Exeter to monitor our students' confidence in anti-bullying strategies and approaches. Additionally, we've established an Anti-Bullying Ambassadors group to empower students to take a leading role in addressing this issue. Furthermore, we are actively working towards obtaining an Anti-Bullying Quality Mark, which includes engaging with our families, listening to your ideas, suggestions, and concerns, and working collaboratively to provide support. Senior Leaders look forward to reporting more on this throughout the year.

Question 3: Will any pupils attend swimming lessons this year?

Answer: Swimming lessons will commence for Year 5 pupils in Term 2, starting this January, and the Swimming Pool location will be shifting to Honiton, our nearest and preferred option. Stay tuned for more details regarding Year 5 swimming in Half Term 2.

Question 4: Do Year 3 students have a sleepover at CEC?

Answer: The Year 3 Sleepover is more of a late-night event with a sleepover atmosphere. It offers students a fun opportunity to experience school life late into the night, featuring movie watching and enjoyable company, though pickup will be before bedtime! I recommend all families to review our key dates section for more details on events and opportunities throughout the year.

NURSERY

In Carle class this week we have been exploring paint using cotton buds to create our beautiful pictures. We have also been exploring playdough and making spiders using pipe cleaners for our rhyme of the term 'Incy Wincy Spider', the children have made some really interesting spiders. Now the weather is starting to cool down a little please can you make sure your child comes with a coat please, as we like to go out in all weathers! Thank you!

PRESCHOOL

We have had a great week in Pre-school as all our children start to settle in more! We have continued to explore the different play areas such as the mud kitchen making cakes and playing with the trains in the small world area. We are getting much better with our routines and lining up; we are so proud of how well our children sit during our assemblies as well as walking to and from the hall. We have had lots of fun in the garden when playing with our new train set and drawing pictures with the chalk. We would like to thank everyone who came to the Meet the Teacher sessions. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you have a clearer idea of what the children learn throughout the year. Our rhyme of the week is Tommy Thumb where the children have loved finding the correct finger and wiggling it about when singing. We can see that lots of families have already posted their family pictures on Tapestry so thank you! Just a little reminder that if you do want to send in a family photo, please could it be done ready for Monday so that we can start making our bunting. Have a great weekend and we can't wait for more #crantastic learning next week!

RECEPTION

What a wonderful week in Reception! This week in English the children have demonstrated excellent recall of our key text 'A Hug for Humphrey' and were able to identify various characters within the story. They were all very excited to talk about their favourite toy and it has been great to see the children's confidence grow when talking in front of the class. Our focus during Maths this week has been counting and we had a very interesting class discussion about whether size or colour affect how many you have. Both classes have impressed their teachers with their quiet and sensible walking when travelling around the school and have received gems inside their jars! The children have enjoyed continuing to explore the classroom and outdoor provision, and have demonstrated fantastic team work, kindness and very creative imaginations!

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

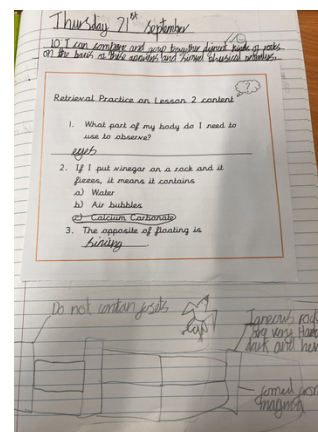
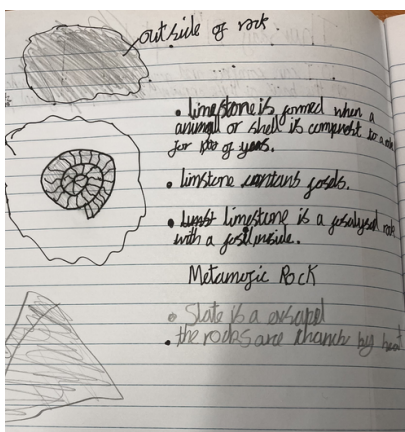
We have had another fantastic week in Year 1! It has been great to see so many children engaged in their learning this week. We have continued to focus on dinosaurs in our History lessons and have begun to ask important questions about the topic, the children were particularly excited to discover that dinosaurs may have been rainbow coloured! In Maths we have been working hard comparing groups and numbers using 'greater than' and 'lesser than' and in English we have been focusing on holding and writing a sentence. Well done for another amazing week Year 1!

YEAR TWO

We have had another very positive week in Year 2. It was lovely to meet so many families at our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday. In class, we have been finishing our unit on numbers to 100. Well done and thank you to all children who have completed their SPARX homework. In English, we have finished writing about 'The Train Ride' and the children have written some excellent final pieces. In science, the children learned about the importance of wearing a helmet when riding a bike. In art, we started to look at some more William Morris designs and discussed what we liked about each of them.

YEAR THREE & FOUR

In Year 3 and 4 this week, we have been getting to grips with a new topic in Science, understanding more about different types of rock. Many of the children loved finding out the difference between Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic rock! We created our own fact files to support our understanding. In English we have been continuing our work around postcard writing and have researched different types of bear to write about in next weeks shared write which includes our animal going on a journey. We have received some wonderful examples of home learning so far including funky raps, spelt bread making and postcards to Roman Emperors.



The children have been working hard to focus on their PERKS and earn themselves house points! Our first bronze awards for the year have been earned this week! We would like to thank all members of our Cranbrook community who attended our 'meet the teacher sessions' if you were unable to attend and would like to meet with us then please do get in contact via our year group email.

YEAR 5

This week in Year 5, we have continued learning about the solar system in science, looking at how far each planet is from the Sun, the children were amazed! In maths we have moved on to place value to 1,000,000! In English, we held a press conference and the children gathered quotes that they will use in their newspaper articles. In Art, we designed our own Benin Kingdom tiles, the children worked really hard to pick out details from the examples that we have been looking at and we are really proud of the effort that they have put into their designs!

YEAR SIX

In Year 6 this week, we have been writing formal letters to Miss Gandhi asking for permission to go on a dragon-hunting school trip. We are eagerly awaiting a response with crossed fingers. This has been the first piece of published writing in Year 6 and Miss Shelbourne has been really impressed with the effort students have put in to their work. In Maths lessons, the children have been focused on solving problems using the four operations: division, multiplication, addition and subtraction. They have been able to show off different strategies when problem solving. In RE, our topic this half term in Hinduism. Students have learnt all about reincarnation and the principle beliefs of the religion.

SECONDARY OPEN EVENING

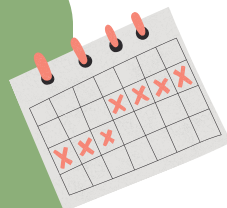
On Tuesday 26th September at 3.30pm and 5pm we have an ideal opportunity for any Year 6 families looking to join the campus in September 2024 or for younger students to come and see what will be on offer for them.

Click the link below for more information

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Just One Tree Day
Friday 13th October



Docherty Class Assembly
9.30am Wednesday 18th
October

Donaldson Class Assembly
2.30pm Wednesday 18th
October

Individual School Photos
Thursday 19th October

PTA Disco
NEW DATE!
Friday 10th November

Family Photos
Monday 13th November from
3.15pm

Reception Open Events
Tuesday 14th November
10am & 4pm

SECONDARY OPEN EVENING 26TH SEPTEMBER



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AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

Sam Yorke
Aubrey Rickard
Ayda Groves
Thea Rogers
Terri Watson
Isla Ballett
Autumn Moore
Asmin Kocabay
Dylan Smith
+ 24 other students

PHOTO PERMISSION

From time to time, we would love to share photos of our certificate winners with our families through the newsletter.

Please ensure that you keep your consent for photography/videography up to date through MCAS. Without permission, your child will not be photographed or named here.

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

Friday

N Carle, 3 Favilli, 3/4 Ibti Haj

SPARX OF THE WEEK

Week ending 22.09.23

Ellis Milo C
Engle Samuel M
Favilli Ted S-H
Fletcher Grace A
Ibti Haj Daisy F
Love Charlotte F
Montgomery Alice D
Reynolds Oliver M
Sufiya Olivia O
Walker Finley C
Yousafzai Theo B-S
Class of the week - 6 Yousafzai,
5 Reynolds & 3/4 Ibti Haj 100%

LATEST VACANCIES

FUSION CLEANING STAFF (2 VACANCIES)

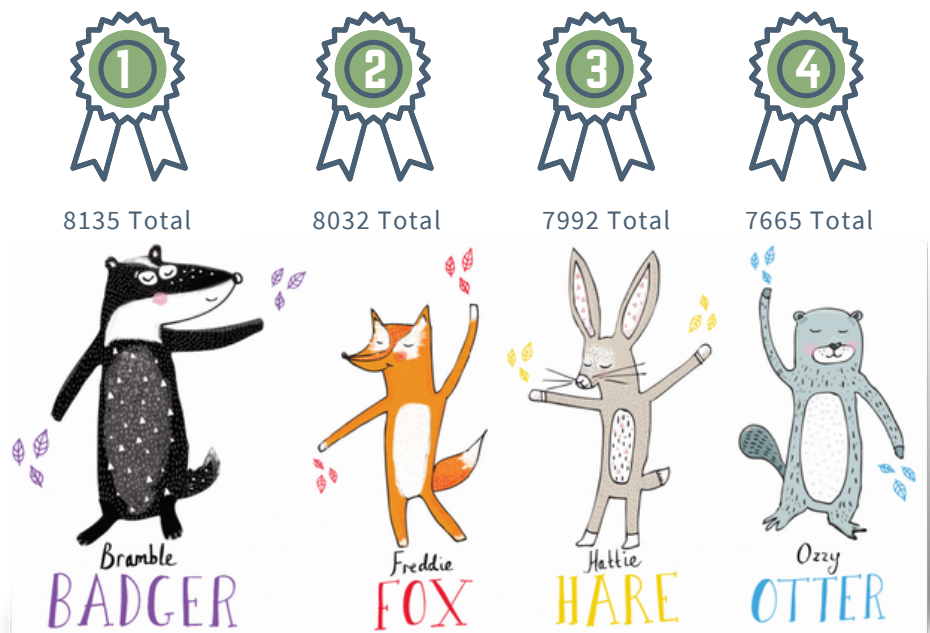
For more information or to make an application, please visit

cranbrook.education/vacancies

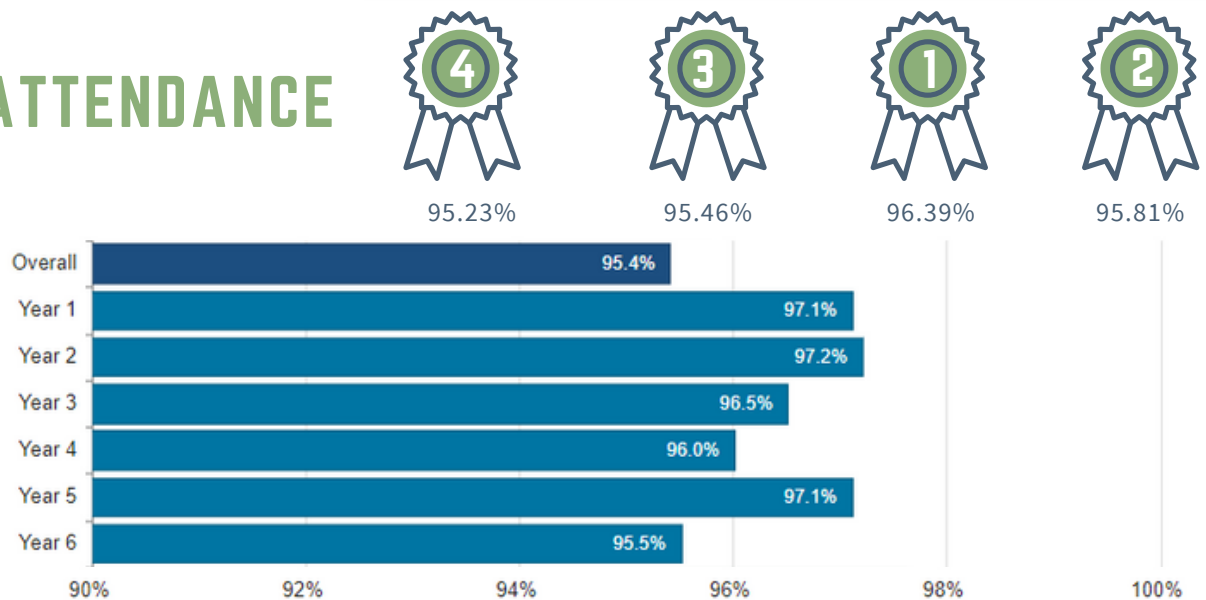
If you are interested in working for us, but there are no suitable vacancies for you at this time, we would still love to hear from you. Please drop your CV in to our talent bank so that we have your details.

cranbrook.education/vacancies

HOUSE POINTS



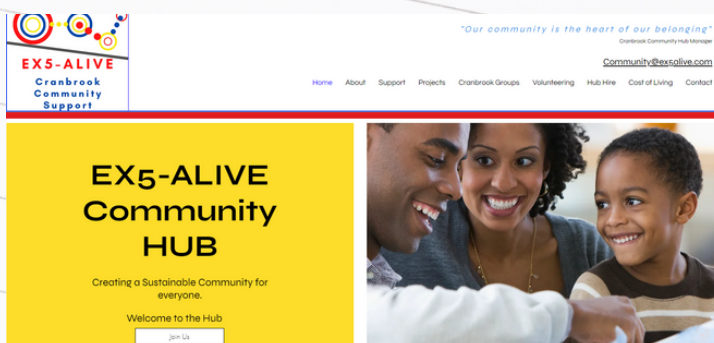
ATTENDANCE



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

If you attend a community group that you feel may benefit other parents, please email the details to reception@cranbrook.education

EX5-Alive now have their own dedicated website. You can keep up with all the events by clicking the link below
<https://www.ex5alive.com/>



Family Wellbeing Group (0-4 years)

Building stronger parent and child attachment and supporting early learning and development.

Tuesdays 10.30am — 12.30pm

Free to attend—booking is essential

Drinks provided. NUT FREE ZONE .

To book a place contact Group Facilitators on 07442 844249, 07538 726114 or the office on 01395 542298

Email: office@homestarteemd.org.uk

The Henry Smith
Charity
Founded in 1628



Cranbrook Community Hub
Tillhouse Road
Cranbrook
EX5 7EE

Dyslexia Information Morning for Parents and Carers

Saturday 7 October 2023, 10.30 to 12.30

Taunton Library Meeting Room



Somerset Dyslexia Association, supported by Somerset Parent Carer Forum CIC, are offering a morning of dyslexia information to parents and carers. Teachers, LSAs and others are also welcome.

Claire Harvey, Head of Education at Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity, will:

- describe dyslexia and its impact
- provide hand-on activities to help you support your child at home with reading, comprehension, writing and spelling
- offer tips to boost self-esteem.

Tickets are £10 per person. **If payment is a barrier, please phone SPCF on 01458 259384.**

To find out more and book, scan the QR code or go to www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk



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