# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Families,

As we head into the weekend, I want to take a moment to reflect on some of our remarkable moments of the year.

This week, we **proudly** welcomed the Children's Commissioner to our campus. Our Year 4 students **engaged** in meaningful discussions about what is most important to them right now. They raised matters around housing, enrichment, mental health and why the internet and devices can feel unsafe. In their discussions, our pupils also spoke about their desires for society to have more books, for future governments to think about cities outside of London and for education to consider the importance of Art. Dame Rachel De Souza commented on the politically-astute and caring nature of our pupils.

Our first Fire Safety Drill of the year saw our primary community, students and staff alike, understand the importance of the procedure demonstrating **readiness** and patience, ensuring we all stay **safe**. Well done to all classes for truly respecting this process.

A third highlight of my week was touring school and seeing just how much writing is developing amongst our young learning. Their writing in postcards, letters, character descriptions, and stories are a testament to their creativity and ability to use their learning to develop their school. For any young writers wanting to continue this art at home, I encourage them to participate in the BBC 500 Words Competition for further growth and opportunity. We'd love to read any stories submitted and display them on campus!

My final celebration of the week comes from the Year 5 and 6 lunchtime playground where pupils were practising their Spanish language skills with each other. It truly is a delight to see pupils enjoy and enthuse in language learning; we are a campus of many languages - each equally wonderful. If you have a language you'd like to see represented in school be it through books in our libraries or poems on our walls or even in a special assembly, please do let me know.

As we wrap up this week, a gentle reminder about the Family Survey. Your voice matters, and your feedback is crucial. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and suggestions as we aim to make our campus even better.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Krisha 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 Amber Cook, Area Manager by amber.cook@dolce.co.uk If you have any questions concerning the use of SchoolGrid, please email reception

#### 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.

#### **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 <u>survey here</u>: or scan the QR code below with the camera on your smartphone.



https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/MvJ2Z9

#### JUNIOR DUKES

Our Junior Dukes in Year 6 have been working on their team building and collaboration skills. They were tasked with the challenge of creating a picture or message using only items found outside and had only ten minutes to complete the task. They worked well under pressure and showed our campus PERKS of being engaged, kind and safe. Their support for each other when reviewing the work was brilliant!



#### 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

#### 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

#### **PE DAYS**

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

<u>Monday</u> P Ahlberg, 5 Reynolds	<u>Tuesday</u> 1 Docherty, 3 Fletcher, 5 Sufiya, 6 Yousafszai, 6 Walker	<u>Wednesday</u> 2 Engle, 2 Ellis, 4 Love, 4 Montgomery
<u>Thursday</u> R Daywalt,	<u>Friday</u> N Carle,	

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R Bryon,

1 Donaldson

## 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

#### **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.

#### HEADLICE

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

#### PRESCHOOL

What an amazing week for Pre-school! We have had a busy week finishing off our family bunting and exploring colour mixing with our hands. The children have engaged in our activities very well and did fantastic in our fire drill on Wednesday! We had lots of compliments on how sensible and wellbehaved Pre-school have been during assemblies and our fire drill, well done! Our rhyme of the week is 'One, two, three, four, five once I caught a fish' where the children have enjoyed counting on their fingers during the song. We have also looked at our new focus book 'Amazing' by Steve Antony where we have done a few activities with the children about the book. Their favourite was singing '5 Little Dragons'. The children have also worked hard towards completing their PERKS throughout the week. This is where they need to show the PERKS of being Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind and Safe throughout the week. If they show us all 5 PERKS, then they get a certificate to celebrate! Have a lovely weekend, ready for a #crantastic time next week!

#### **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 OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 14th Nov 10am-11am

Tuesday 14th Novem 4pm-5pm

BOOK NOW

For an opportunity for all preschool f looking to join the campus in Recepti September 2024 to come and see wh be on offer click the link below



#### RECEPTION

What a fun and busy week in Reception! This week in Phonics we have played sound bingo, created 'c-c-cats' and demonstrated excellent effort when sorting images into their initial sounds. We enjoyed reading Giraffes Can't Dance during Themed Learning and talking about what we are good at. In English we created a class Story map for 'A Hug for Humphrey' and were excited to become teachers and retell the story to our friends. We were introduced to a five frame in Maths and completed problem solving activities

using practical resources. There was super collaboration happening outside when many children worked as a team to build a bridge out of the big bricks to walk along. Reception were absolutely fantastic during our Fire drill. They were very brave, sensible and patient, well done!

#### YEAR ONE

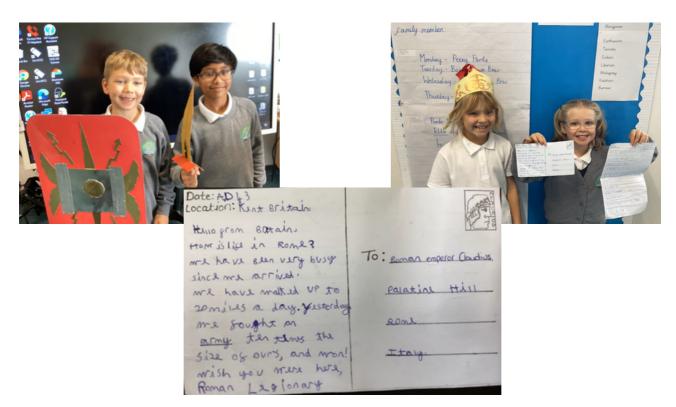
We have had a great week of learning in year one. Our letter formation and sentence writing are improving everyday as we have been putting in the hard yards of practice. We are now eagerly awaiting our upcoming writing opportunity, which will be a nonfiction text all about dinosaurs. We are also approaching the end of our first unit of maths - consolidating our understanding of number up to ten. Well done Docherty and Donaldson!

#### YEAR TWO

This week in year 2 has been really exciting! We began our new story, NoBot The Robot With No Bottom and have started acting out the story as a whole class. In Maths, we started our new unit on addition and subtraction. In science we completed our egg experiment by testing which the strongest material is to prevent the egg from cracking (cotton wool, cloth, or bubble wrap) and we discovered that cotton wool was the strongest material! Well done to everyone who has completed their sparx homework this week. Have a great week!

#### **YEAR THREE & FOUR**

In Year 3 and 4 this week we have been continuing our learning about the Romans. We have loved learning about Boudicca and her revolt against the Romans whilst learning some interesting facts! Did you know ? Boudicca is known for being a warrior queen of the Iceni people, who lived in what is now East Anglia, England. The children were able to locate this on a map and build on their previous lessons. We have again received lovely home learning including fantastic Roman shields, weapons and postcards for emperors. We are coming to the end of our English writing around the book Meerkat Mail and look forward to sharing the children's hard work with you next week.



#### YEAR FIVE

We have had a busy week in Year 5! We have created a class newspaper article for English, continued with our maths topic (place value to 1,000,000) and learnt about famous astronomers in Science. The children have designed their own Benin Kingdom inspired tile in Art and have learnt how trading was established in the Benin Kingdom in History. At the beginning of the week, we also participated in an NSPCC workshop! We have received lots of fantastic homework and it is great to see how engaged the children are in their home learning. Please continue to send in any homework, so that we can share it in school!

#### **YEAR SIX**

This week in year 6 children have been reviewing and practising strategies to multiply using formal methods. Applying this to test style questions and problem solving is our next challenge. In history, they have learned about how inventions such as the locomotive and the 'Spinning Jenny' impacted productivity of factories during the Industrial Revolution. Children have enjoyed exploring the concept of karma whilst learning about Hinduism in RE and how beliefs about the afterlife can impact how a person chooses to live. Well done for a great week Year 6!

#### LATEST VACANCIES

#### FUSION CLEANING STAFF (2 VACANCIES)

For more information or to make an application, please visit <u>cranbrook.education/vacancies</u>

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

## SPARX OF THE WEEK

29.09.23 Ellis Alfie W Engle Grace L Favilli Max G Fletcher Peggy C Ibtihaj Theo C Love Shehroz Z Montgomery Noel J Reynolds Oliver R Sufiya Abel W Walker Daiana I Yousafzai Maria Jose C P Class of the week - 6 Walker and 6 Yousafzai 100%

## **AWARDS AND REWARDS**

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

Tia Jury Freddie Matthews Freddie Eustice Connor Shean Tobias Davies Jake Boden-Hammond Amelia Pospiech Oscar Busby Isaac West Laetitia Reggad Sienna Byrne-Sylvester Shehroz Zehri Harry Birkbeck Annabel Davies Willow Long Kleon Vladi Harry Smith Oscar Andrews Daisv Langdon Oliver Willcox



Oliver Saunders Amelia Davies Maja Malek Charlotte Frood Dylan Payne Bernie Matthews

Milly Webb Charlotte Ho **Finley Curtis** Nathaniel Enyiazu Seth Watts Mia-Rose Stewart Mia Morkevicius Ashton Obee Jade Southern Emma Cox Layla Newcombe Antoni Dudkowiak Daiana Ionica Molly Chapman Olivia Cowans Samuel-James Shaddick Aston Needs Elora Lister

+ 32 other students

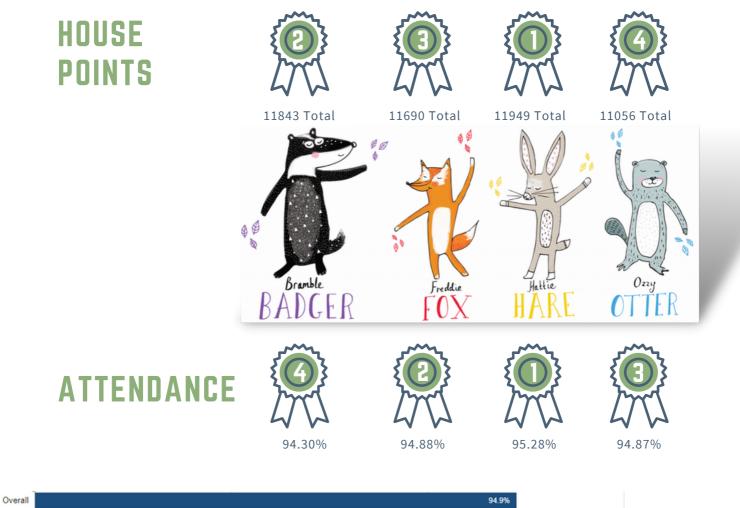
Congratulations to Isaac Moore who entered his first Regional Race in March this year and at the end of the season saw him finishing in Male 9's in 3rd position. This followed by him competing in the South West championships where he finished in

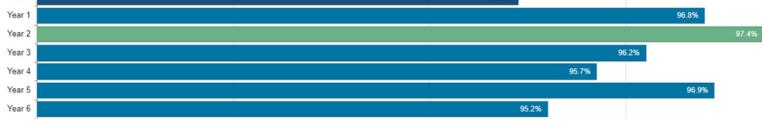
second place. He also competed at the British champions and a national race at Manchester – all of which have been a fantastic growing experience for him.





Congratulations to Talia Obee who won a certificate for outstanding effort and achievement at her Stage By Stage Gala awards ceremony at the weekend. This is in recognition for shows in 22/23 where Talia performed in Oliver at the Corn Exchange and Cats at the Northcott Theatre!





## **COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

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

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



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EX5-ALIVE Community HUB





#### **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



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