

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with a sense of pride, engagement, and readiness for the exciting happenings at our school. I'd love to share some wonderful news and initiatives that have taken root recently, reflecting our commitment to our campus values of 'the PERKS of being #Crantastic' - Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind, and Safe.

Taking Sports to Another Level:

Since Mr Sanders arrival in January, we have seen so many new competitions and tournaments arise. We love getting to compete against other schools both as a way of building a community of sports enthusiasts but also as a way of collaborating with our wider community members. This week, we want to celebrate our first ever Primary School Tag Rugby Squad who played their first fixture against Montgomery Primary School. It was quite the competitive match with multiple tries scored! We haven't just stopped at Rugby with a Participation Netball event played today to end the week too.

Ranger Andy's Tree Talk:

A big thanks goes out to Ranger Andy who recently graced our assemblies with his presence. He spoke to children from Reception to Year 6, enlightening them about the marvellous trees that exist in our beautiful country. This informative session was in preparation for Just One Tree Day and our upcoming visits to the Country Park next week. It was truly heartwarming to see our students so engaged and enthusiastic about the natural world that surrounds us.

PTA Meeting:

We had a brilliant mid-week catch-up with our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). It's so heartening to discuss the year's upcoming events and we're particularly looking forward to the highly anticipated Children in Need Disco. Our community's active involvement and support make these events possible, and we can't wait to see the smiles on children's faces as they dance the night away next month.

Finally, a huge well done to all pupils who achieved House Points, Star of the Week and Attendance Ted rewards. As we continue to learn and grow, I can see that our school is developing by the day, and it is the collective efforts of our pupils, staff, and families that make CEC such a #Crantastic learning community.

Krishna Gandhi

Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Head of Campus



ACTION FOR ALL SETTINGS: SHARE INFORMATION ON MEASLES / MMR VACCINATION

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The Back to school MMR Guidance from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated

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.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

It was a pleasure to meet our Primary School Anti-Bullying Ambassadors yesterday. We truly have a group of compassionate young leaders who are ready to make a real difference. They have put forward an inspiring initiative - the introduction of anti-bullying benches for each of our playgrounds. This fantastic idea reflects the power of pupil voice and underscores our commitment to creating a kind and caring environment within our school. I look forward to working with the ambassadors to bring this initiative to life.

TED WRAGG TRUST CHOIR REHEARSALS

We couldn't be prouder of our pupils who have been attending rehearsals to perform with the Ted Wragg Trust Choir. This special choir will be performing at the inaugural Ted Wragg Trust Awards next week. We can't wait to hear the many voices from our different trust schools coming together, showcasing their talents and spreading the joy of music.

SPANISH CLUB

In Spanish club this week the children were tasked with learning the Salsa! Many of the children got stuck right in and loved expressing themselves through dance. Next week, we look forward to enjoying some delicious Spanish foods and ending our Language club for this half term on high. After half term we shall be introducing the children to French, we also have a special guest Mx Russell coming to join us from Secondary to help inspire the children!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our kitchen manager Gill and the rest of the Dolce team who received 5* food rating from the environmental health team during their unannounced visit at lunch time this week during our Cosmic Space lunch!



PTA

Our PTA have been busy this week continuing to plan the Christmas Fair and celebrating both TA/Business Support and Teacher Appreciation Day. Each member of staff received a goodie bag including essentials to get through the day, and a little reminder that what they do that means so much to so many! Thank you to our wonderfully supportive PTA for everything you do!

If you would like to get involved, have donations for or would like a stall at our Christmas Fair, please contact PTA@cranbrook.education



JOIN A NEW SPARX PROJECT FOR PARENTS

- Make a difference AND get paid £20 per hour.
- Get involved in classroom lessons at Cranbrook.
- Flexible hours to suit you.
- No teaching experience or qualifications needed.

[Click here to find out more and register interest](#) (deadline is 15th Oct 2023)

Sparx would love to see you - we'll be at the school gate from 3pm on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October. Come and talk to us to hear more.



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>



PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre-School, we have been very busy completing our independent challenges! This week, the challenges were discussing dinosaurs using language such as big, small, short and tall; drawing round our friends outside using chunky chalk; and making our Christmas cards! The children have done amazingly well with their challenges and most of us have earned our Independent Challenges certificate! We have also been enjoying our poem of the week 'Chocolate Cake' which has made us all giggle. In Maths we have been learning about the number three and using our new knowledge to find things which come in threes. Our rhyme of the week is '5 little men in a flying saucer'. We are continuing to do well when showing our PERKS throughout the week with more and more children getting certificates to celebrate! Well done to everyone and keep up the amazing work! Have a great weekend and let's hope we have another #crantastic week.

NURSERY

This week in nursery we have been enjoying lots of yoga and dancing, we particularly enjoyed 'We're going on a bear hunt', the children moved their bodies in various ways and tried really hard to copy the actions. We have also been exploring shreddies and weetabix in the tray and using different sized spoons to scoop the cereal into various pots. As the weather starts to get a little cooler please can you make sure your child has a named coat when they come to school as we do like to go out in all weathers. Our family board is nearly full if your yet to send a photo in please can you send it via tapestry to be printed off.

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have had a #Crantastic time! In Maths we have been looking at quantities and had fun identifying whether we had more, less or equal amounts to our friends. In English we have enjoyed discussing our favourite part of the 'A Hug for Humphrey' story and created some beautiful masterpieces when drawing them in our English Books. Miss Sims and Miss Nursey have been very impressed with the children's engagement and enthusiasm during phonics. The children put in excellent effort to blend various words containing our sounds of the week. In Reception we have been embracing Autumn with some observational drawings of acorns, leaves and pumpkins. Interesting conversations have been had about why the leaves aren't all green and where acorns come from. Well done for a brilliant week Reception!

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 Ibtihaj

YEAR ONE

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this week. Our new non-fiction book Creature Feature Dinosaurs has engaged all the children and we have learnt some amazing facts about dinosaurs. Did you know a tyrannosaurus rex's tooth was the size of a banana? We are looking forward to using this information to write our own facts in the future. In maths we have been working hard to write number sentences using the part whole model and we have enjoyed working practically with cubes to support us. In science we have been looking at herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and the children have thoroughly enjoyed looking at animal teeth to make predictions about animal diets. Well done for another #Crantastic week Year 1!

YEAR TWO

This week in year 2 we have been continuing to explore addition and subtraction and introduced a new method, column addition. In English, we began writing our shared write and have been developing how to check and edit our English writing in purple pen. In history, we wrote a fact file about "The Lady of the Lamp" Florence Nightingale, and how the changes she made to nursing had a positive impact on patient outcomes. We also discussed healthy snacks in science and designed lunchboxes which had a balance of items.

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
Friday 10th November
3:30-4:30pm KS1
4:45-5:45pm KS2

Family Photos
Monday 13th November from
3.15pm

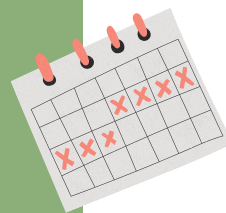
Reception Open Events
Tuesday 14th November
10am & 4pm

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

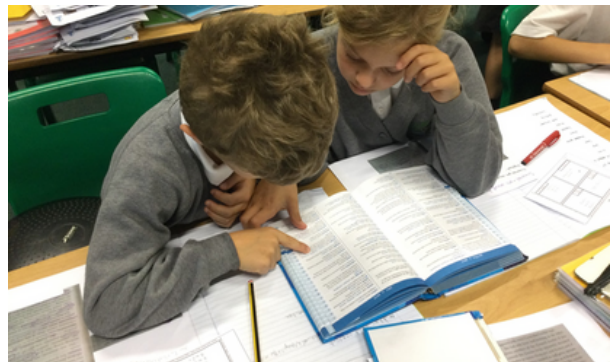
BREAKFAST CLUB

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.



YEAR THREE & FOUR

In Years 3 and 4 this week we have enjoyed introducing our new class book 'Fantastically great women who changed the world' So far, we have learnt about various women in History including Mary Anning and Amelia Earhart. We have also been focusing on our class book in guided reading whilst learning how to use a dictionary effectively to better understand vocabulary. In P.E the children have enjoyed Kickboxing or Hockey and we have been working hard to recognise the discipline involved both across sports.



YEAR FIVE

We have had a great week in Year 5 this week! In English, we have created our own newspaper articles, based on either a sports event or our own made up event. In Maths we have moved onto Addition and Subtraction, focusing on whole numbers with 4 digits or more. In History we have been learning about the decline of the Benin Kingdom and the Benin civil war. Thank you to everyone who has completed pieces of homework! It has been great to see all of the fantastic work that you have been doing at home.

YEAR SIX

This week in Year 6, children have been resilient and positive whilst learning long division. It is a big challenge and we have been impressed by their determination to succeed. In science we have continued to learn about how medicinal and recreational drugs affect the human body and how dangerous misuse can be. Our history topic has focused on changes to cities during the Industrial Revolution. We have discovered how the invention of trains meant that holidays to seaside towns such as Exmouth became more popular.

MCAS

We are aware that several families have been experiencing issues with topping up accounts through MCAS and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. This has been escalated to MCAS Technical support who have identified an issue with the MCAS App and are attempting to find a fix. In the meantime, please go to <https://www.mychildatschool.com/> on your phones browser (or any other device) and attempt the payment there. Cash deposits can also be made by pupils at the machine in the atrium. Alternatively, contact CEC Reception where a payment can be taken over the phone.

If you have not yet created your account with MCAS, please contact reception@cranbrook.education with your childs name and tutor

AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

Jacob Tomlinson
Maxwell Ashelford
Harrison Neal
Samuel Martin
Freya Bain
Jaxon Spry
Thiago Gomez
Matilda Steer
Oliver Martin
Kathryn Partridge
Scott Godfrey
Arthur Clarke
Lily-Rose Wellman
Oliver Langdon
Marcel Pospiech
Harry Crellen
Freddie Wilson
Harry Hayden
Oliver Way
Talía Obee
William Yorke
Natalia Dabrowska
Maisie Rayner
Alfie Willcox

Joshua Mills
Oliver Partridge
Amelia Robinson-
Matthews
Theo Coles
Tori Stewart
Tristen Chan
Ranim Reggad
Eliana Roper
Mason Tarr
Tamara Jury
Ewan Stewart

Skylar-Louise Westbury
Sekou Berete
Lucas Hernon
Abby Cheung
Edward Cox
Sonny Taylor
Dylan Gander
Maisie Kenshole
Jonathan Mehmed
Iyla Lovering
Bella Cartlidge
Thiago Alvarado
Joshua Hill
Julia Browarek
Hanna Hayward
Parker Andrews
Bethany Dowds
Tayla Stewart
Paris Rickard
Harry Chapman
Isaac James
Tsz Chan
Imogen Beasley
+ 65 other students

SPARX OF THE WEEK

06.10.23

Ellis Jack F
Engle Mia M
Favilli Albert C
Fletcher Paul A
Ibtihaj Daisy F
Love Layla N
Montgomery Noel J
Reynolds Sonny T
Sufiya Olivier K
Walker Seth W and Ben W
Yousafzai Clayton L

**Class of the week - 3/4 Ibtihaj,
6 Walker and 6 Yousafzai 100%**

HOUSE POINTS



15616 Total



14933 Total



16055 Total



14357 Total



ATTENDANCE



94.09%



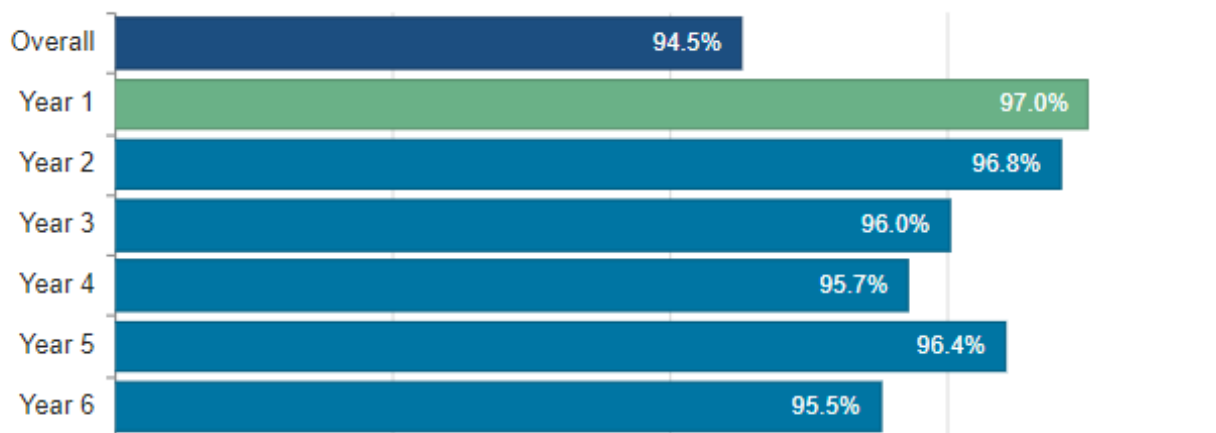
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94.77%



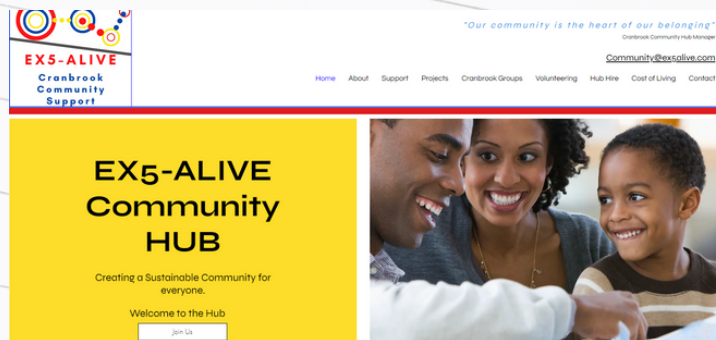
94.68%



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
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POSTNATAL CLASSES GOING INDOOR FROM OCTOBER!

Scout's Hut, Heavitree

- Tues 3rd Oct 09:00-09:45
- Wed 4th Oct 10:00-11:00

Cranbrook Education Centre

- Fri 6th Oct 10:00-11:00 (babies under 1yrs)
- Fri 6th Oct 11:00-12:00 (1-3yrs)

BOOK NOW!



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