

# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Families,

The saying time flies feels so appropriate for this week as I truly can not believe we are ending our penultimate week of the half term and heading into the last 5 school days before the break. This week has made me smile more than any and here's just a few reasons as to why:

## **One Tree Week!**

Remarkably, there were 15 excursions to the country park this week. A big shout-out to Ranger Andy for dedicating considerable time to educating our children about the natural environment, which plays a pivotal role in our community. Kudos also goes to Rachel Ratibb for her outstanding efforts in orchestrating this as a part of One Tree Week, Pippa Ansell for supporting with the connections to Andy, and sincere appreciation to our staff for ensuring the safety of our children throughout the trips. Learning in the great outdoors is not only enjoyable but also incredibly healthy for our students. It fosters a deeper connection with nature, promotes physical activity, and encourages creativity and exploration.

## **Ted Wragg Awards**

A hearty congratulations to all the nominees at the event, which included Annabel Davies, our Cranbrook Education Campus Student of the Year. We also celebrate TWT nominees Seantelle Green, our Cranbrook Education Campus Teacher of the Year, Jemima Scott-Hake, our Co-Professional of the Year, and the fantastic team of Kylie Dover, Karen Thomas, Julia Shelbourne, Rachel Ratibb, and Hannah Wickens, who were put forward as our CEC Staff Team of the Year. Likewise, we loved seeing Anisa Braha at the event who was in the running for TWT Community Leader of the Year, and Gillian Smith and Hayley Salter were our CEC Unsung Heroes of the Year. Those not ending the night with a TWT Award, everyone listed above has gone above and beyond over the past year to support your children's education and experience at CEC. See more on the events of the night inside today's update.

## **Lunch with Ms. Gandhi**

My final highlight of the week was having lunch with pupils. The voice of our pupils is of utmost importance to me, and I'm eager to understand their perspectives on school life. It was a pleasure to share lunch with our special guests, Jake and Ethan, this week. They enthusiastically shared their joys of going on field trips, an experience they both desire more of. Jake proposed the idea of a club to fix things, such as a repair cafe, which presents an exciting avenue to explore. Ethan recommended that we invest even more time in promoting reading, a suggestion I wholeheartedly endorse. I have 15 lunches with pupils scheduled into the diary before Christmas and look forward to Pupil Voice shaping our improvements.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing all pupils back on campus next week for a final 5 days of learning and thriving.

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



### 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

### 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

### DO NOT CLIMB ON ROOFS

There have been incidents recently when young people were seen climbing roofs of buildings and structures in Cranbrook which exposes them to risks of serious injuries or even death. Some of the roofs which young people were seen on are not weight-bearing. Please think twice before you choose an activity with your mates, and please can parents supervise their children.

### JOIN A NEW SPARX PROJECT FOR PARENTS

There is still time to get involved in this Sparx project to find parents from the Cranbrook community that would like to be more involved in the school to enhance students' education. You do not need any qualifications or work experience, and Sparx will provide you with all the training you need throughout the project.

- 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)



### PUPIL PARLIMENT

It has been a busy week for our primary Pupil Parliament members. On Tuesday, they met with our Parent Teacher Association to discuss issues such as improving the playground for all year groups and sharing ideas about how we can make our school more environmentally friendly. Their ideas about how our playgrounds can be even better and how we could encourage different types of wildlife into the grounds of our school are exciting. On Wednesday, they met with our Chair of Governors, Les Bayliss, to introduce themselves and share some priorities for the year ahead. Les discussed his role in our school and his role as Chairman of Cranbrook Town Council. He also gave students some top tips and advice for a successful school parliament. Children asked interesting questions and shared their views with passion and honesty. I have been impressed with the way they have communicated their ideas and listened to the views of others so respectfully.

Pupil

Parliament

## LANGUAGE CLUB

In Language club this week the children enjoy their final week of Spanish whilst enjoying some yummy foods! Many children were encouraged to try new foods and surprisingly they all loved the churros but were selective in trying olives! Mrs Partridge and Miss Green have really enjoyed this club with a lovely group of children. We look forward to a taste of French after half term.



## JUST ONE TREE

Thank you to everyone for getting involved in wearing Green for Just One Tree. It was lovely to see some of the children using their imagination when explaining their choice of clothing. We had the Hulk and My Little Pony in Reception from Luca and Matilda and Azra in Year 5 who included ivy



and butterflies on her outfit of choice!

As of 9am this morning, we have raised over £300. If you would still like to donate, you can do so on MCAS (Donations under Products)

## LATEST VACANCIES

### TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIMARY PHASE

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)

**Cranbrook  
Town Council**



### CRANBROOK TOWN COUNCIL IS RECRUITING – HOUSEKEEPER POSITION

Cranbrook Town Council is looking for a new housekeeper to join their small team at the Younghayes Centre.

If you're looking for flexible part-time work delivering cleaning services across the Council's properties and ensuring all property is well managed and maintained, then this role is for you.

For further details, including how to apply, please visit the Council's website at <https://www.cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk/jobs/>.

## **TED WRAGG AWARDS**

Last night was an exceptionally special night, celebrating the outstanding members of our trust community who have been nominated for their contributions to transforming lives, strengthening communities, and making the world a better place.

One of the evening's highlights was hearing and seeing our Trust Choir come together. I'm so proud of each of our Cranbrook Singers who joined in these truly magical moments of music!

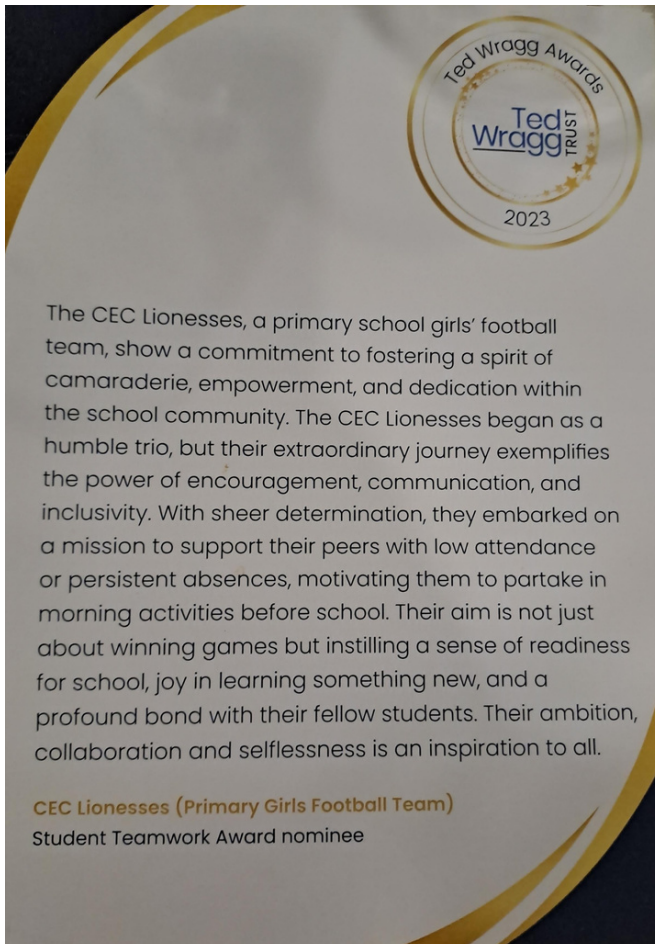


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We did close the night on a high note with two TWT awards. The Student Team of the Year for the whole of the trust was awarded to our CEC Lionesses, a girls' football team that began with just three players and flourished to 20 by the summer. They were recognized for their exceptional commitment to attendance, mutual support, values cultivation, and football skills. The award was received by Lacey, Brooke, Sienna, Willow, Maisie, and Amelia on behalf of our wider CEC Lionesses Team.



An extra special award was presented to Aynley Jones, who manages EX5 Alive, our community hub. EX5 Alive creates opportunities for families, offering support from an early age that continues as children grow into independent young adults. If you haven't checked out the hub, I encourage you to come down in person or check us out online!





# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## 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 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>



## 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

## SHOW US YOUR PUMPKINS COMPETITION

Anyone who has lived in Cranbrook for a while will remember our famous Pumpkin Parade. We're hoping to bring it back...kind of!

Send a picture of your pumpkin to [socialmedia@cranbrook.education](mailto:socialmedia@cranbrook.education) on 31st October 2023 and we will showcase them on our Facebook page and collect votes until Sunday 5th November. Voting will also take place in school and the winners will be announced w/c 6th November.

- One entry per child.
- Payment to be made via MCAS (Raising funds for the CEC PTA)
- Please include child's name and class in the body of the email only. Photos should be anonymous.
- Any questions, please email [socialmedia@cranbrook.education](mailto:socialmedia@cranbrook.education)

## Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Pumpkin Competition

- Prizes for the best Pumpkins
- Send a picture of your Pumpkin to [socialmedia@cranbrook.education](mailto:socialmedia@cranbrook.education)
- See facebook page for more details

# £1 Donation

Payable via MCAS

Raising funds for the PTA



## **NURSERY**

Is week in Carle Class we have been getting in the halloween spirit. Our rhyme of the week is 'Five Little Pumpkins', we have been exploring the inside of a big pumpkin, using our fine motor skills to scoop out the seeds and talk about what we had found. We have also created some lovely pumpkin pictures using glue and tissue paper. The children have enjoyed singing our rhyme and doing the actions for them.

## **PRESCHOOL**

This week in Pre-School we have been carrying on with our new independent challenges! The challenges were: using the numberblock resources and numicons to make the numbers 1-5; dancing and playing instruments safely in their own space; and telling the teacher their morning and night routines. The children have been amazing at completing their challenges and lots have gained their independent challenges certificates with others coming very close to completing all three challenges too, well done everyone! We have also been looking at our cultural capital pieces where the children have found the picture especially to be very interesting. In Maths we have been learning about sequencing 1-3 where the children have had fun guessing which cup was hiding the apple. Our rhyme this week is 'Incy Wincey Spider' where we have been discussing the sounds a spider could make running up the pipes and how the rain sounds. We have also been learning the Makaton signs to go with the rhyme which is on Little Wandle! This is also available to parents too and more rhymes so please have a look and enjoy singing along with your child! We have enjoyed learning the Makaton sign of the week which is dog. We look forward to see you all next week for a week full of Halloween activities. Please remember that our last day before half term is Friday 20th October! Have a lovely weekend.

## **RECEPTION**

It's been a very busy and fun week in Reception! On Monday we went to the Country Park and met Ranger Andy who taught us facts about the trees. We discussed how the fallen oak tree was a home to animals and insects and that it was still important. We enjoyed going on a leaf hunt as well as listening carefully for birds flying nearby. In English we have been focusing on using descriptive language. The children drew an image of a toy and then wrote words to describe how it feels to touch it! Daywalt and Bryon Class have shown they are excellent mathematicians! Our focus this week was on using the language 'more than' and 'less/fewer than' when describing two quantities. In Themed learning the children listened attentively to the story 'The Koala who could' and were able to explain how the others animals had been good friends. We then reviewed our class rules and how we can be good friends to each other. Well done for another brilliant week. We hope you have a #Crantastic weekend!





## YEAR ONE

Doherty and Donaldson have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming assemblies and are eagerly awaiting the chance to demonstrate their jam-packed dinosaur knowledge to parents and carers next Wednesday – we will be ready! It was a pleasure to take a woodland walk with Ranger Andy. We explored how our local habitats support a complex web of biodiversity. We were even introduced to some impressive, rather docile hornets who had made their home in the fallen oak – a real ‘wow moment’!

Both classes have also been busy grappling with part whole models and associated number facts in maths. This has been a challenge, but one we have been more than ready for. Well done year 1!



## YEAR TWO

It has been another #Crantastic week in year 2. This week, we began writing our final pieces for No-Bot, the Robot with no bottom. We have altered the story and poor Bernard has lost many things, such as his head and his belly! To prepare stood in our superhero stances because we are Super Writers! In maths, we have been continuing to practice our addition and subtraction number sentences. In art this week, we continued our learning about William Morris and began designing our own wallpaper inspired by him. In History, we continued our Victorian learning and learned all about Mary Seacole and the impact she had on soldiers. Have a great weekend Year 2!



### YEAR THREE & FOUR

We have been working super hard this week in Years 3 and 4, building relationships across classes, whilst taking pride in our work and litter picking duties. The children have been engaged with their learning whilst developing their retrieval skills and applying their knowledge of great individuals who have had an impact on our world. From Roald Dahl and Rosa Parks to Emmeline Pankhurst the children have learnt about these fantastic individuals whilst recognising poignant moments in history.

We were delighted to see Joshua Beeson and Jaxon Spry from Ibtihaj class represent our phase at the Ted Wragg trust awards on Thursday evening in our trust choir. As always we have had an eventful week with fantastic home learning, phase assemblies with our anti bullying ambassadors and a visit to the country park. We look forward to enjoying our final week of this half term and would like to thank all adults at home for their continued support with logging on Boomreader, ED Shed and sharing home learning with us. Thank you!

### YEAR FIVE

We have had a great week in Year 5! In English, we have been reviewing and recapping brackets, adverbs and inverted commas. In maths, we have continued with addition and subtraction, focusing on mental maths and inverse operations. We have been looking at the moon in Science, creating a diagram to show the different moon phases. We had a great afternoon in the Country Park with Ranger Andy on Wednesday, discussing local habitats and how we could look after our environment.



## **YEAR SIX**

Year 6 have had an excellent week this week. In our English lessons, students have chosen a topic they are interested about to make the focus of a non-chronological report. Inspired by the book Dragonology, students have chosen topics such as ghosts, Greek myths and monsters. Next week, they will write in detail about their selected creature. Our Art lessons have allowed student to begin their final piece, mimicking the style of artist L.S Lowry. Year 6 used watercolours to create a background which they will paint over next week to form an industrial landscape. Finally, I would like to bring to your attention that students are now having regular homework assigned to them on Spelling Shed. Once they have logged in, Spelling Shed will prompt them to complete a short series of games that focus on the spellings we have been learning this week. Spelling Shed is accessible on any internet enabled device. If students cannot remember their login information, they can ask a teacher who will write it down for them again. This homework is not compulsory; however, we will award lots of house points to any children who complete!

## **BMX**

Congratulations to Clayton Leat in 6 Yousafzai for continuing to make strides in the competitive world of BMX racing. Clayton was awarded with 2nd place in the South West Championship and is currently 10th in the nation. We wish him every success in his future events and cannot wait to hear about his next achievements.



# AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



## BRONZE

Isaac Enyiazu  
Meissem Mokhati  
Ivy Fulls  
Arlie Griffiths  
Keira Schofield  
Abigail Parsons  
Leah Johnston  
Archie Carrier  
Amelia Thorne-Sibley  
Oliver Rayner  
Joey Castle  
Riley Nutt  
Azra Bayrak  
Mila Tarr  
Cooper Payne

Theo Wong  
Milo Carlton  
Sienna Maddocks  
William Anderson  
Emma Mok  
Andrea Estrada  
Noel Juhasz  
Lucas Nicholls  
Ivan Raynor  
Leo Lowe  
Bakary Berete  
Jackson Clarke  
Ralphie Coles  
Lily Matthews  
Theo Skinner

Elizabeth Hayward  
Hanna Perity  
Parker Cowans  
Oscar Hernon  
Oliver Hooper  
Oliver Watts  
Emily David  
Charlie Roberts  
Noah Ashelford  
Alice Diogo  
Noah Scott-Hake  
Lucas Simion  
Harley Edmonds-Brown  
Harriet Cooper

+ 35 other students

## SPARX OF THE WEEK

13.10.23

Ellis Finley N  
Engle Samuel M  
Favilli Jenson E  
Fletcher Catewyn T  
Ibtihaj Isabella T  
Love Shehroz Z  
Montgomery Parker R  
Reynolds Talia O  
Sufiya Santiago W-S  
Walker Isobelle M  
Yousafzai Jacob T

**Class of the week 4 Love & 6  
Yousafzai 100%**



## SILVER

Ayda Groves  
Aubrey Rickard

+ 2 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.

## HOUSE POINTS



19516 Total



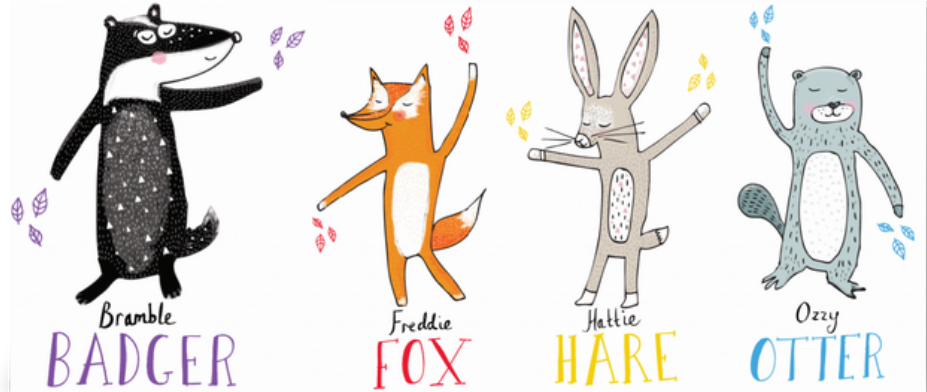
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20320 Total



17806 Total



## ATTENDANCE



93.76%



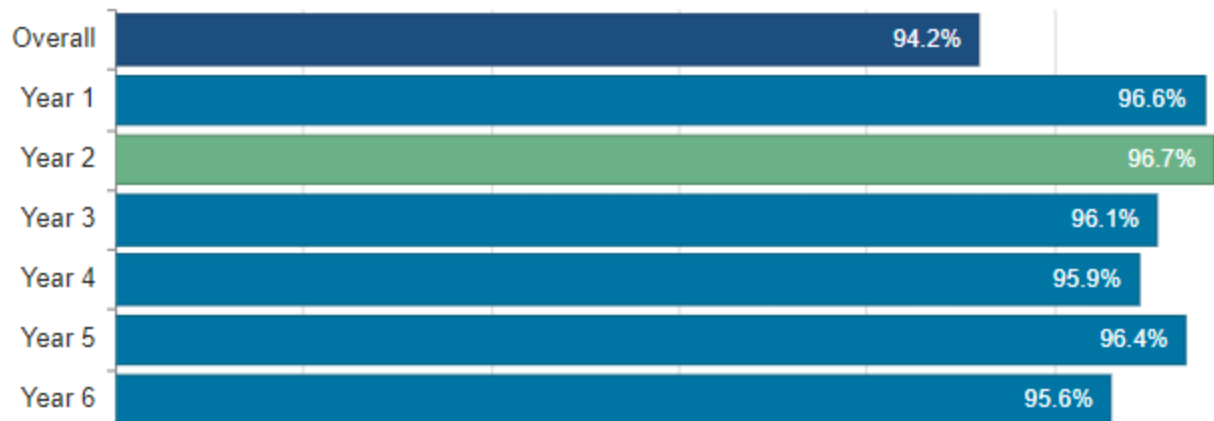
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94.38%



94.26%

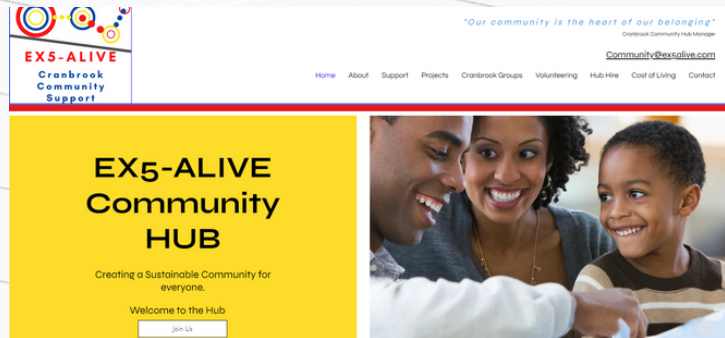


# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

If you attend a community group that you feel may benefit other parents, please email the details to [reception@cranbrook.education](mailto:reception@cranbrook.education)



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



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See you soon!

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