

# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC families,

As we wrap up the first half term, I want to express my profound gratitude to our wonderful community members who have made this half term one of growth and achievement. In our commitment to our mission of transforming lives, strengthening communities, and making the world a better place, our school values - Kind, Engaged, Proud, Ready, and Safe - have served as our guiding principles.

During these initial months of the school year, I've witnessed so many special moments:

1. **Cultural Capital:** Our classes embarked on a journey to enrich their cultural capital, exploring and celebrating relevant songs, poems, and art each week. This endeavour not only broadens their horizons but also fosters a deep appreciation for diverse cultures.
2. **Reading Culture:** Our dedicated teachers have worked tirelessly to cultivate a love for reading among our students. The daily post-lunch "Drop Everything and Read" session has become a cherished part of our day, reinforcing our commitment to literacy.
3. **Community Adventures:** We've organised a total of 15 field trips to the country park, made possible through the dedicated efforts of our entire school community. These trips have expanded our students' horizons and brought learning to life.
4. **Inclusivity and Resilience:** Even adverse weather couldn't deter us. Our service families enjoyed a memorable day at the donkey sanctuary, proving that we are resilient and ready to embrace any challenge.
5. **Connecting with Families:** Our "Meet the Teachers" event was a fantastic opportunity to meet many of you on our campus, strengthening the bonds between school and home. Likewise, it was brilliant to see so many Year 1 families in attendance for our first pupil assemblies.
6. **Student-Led Initiatives:** Pupil Voice Lunches, Anti-bullying Ambassadors Advocacy, Pupil Parliament Meetings, and more, have empowered our students to have a voice in shaping our school community.

The first half term has been packed with unforgettable experiences, and it's all thanks to the dedication and passion of our entire team. Our teachers, support staff, and the business team have gone above and beyond to ensure these special opportunities not only enrich learning but also create a nurturing environment for our children. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of them for making this half term so special.

As we look forward to the next half term, we have an exciting lineup of events and activities, including Year 2 assemblies, Anti-Bullying Week, Cultural Capital experiences tied to our Diversity Days, Reception's Nativity, Pupil Progress and Well-being evenings, our Children in Need Disco, a Year 3 Late Night, Christmas Carols, and six more weeks of dedicated learning and development across all subjects.

In my first half term as Head of Primary at CEC, I want to express my deep gratitude to all our pupils and families who have provided valuable feedback and suggestions through surveys, emails, or even during casual interactions on the playground. Your feedback matters, and it plays a significant role in our collective journey towards excellence.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable Half Term Break. We eagerly anticipate the return of all Primary Pupils on Thursday 2nd November, 2023 for another half term of #Crantastic opportunity.

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





### SERVICE DAY OUT

Our primary service children enjoyed a visit to the Donkey Sanctuary on Wednesday. Although the weather was not on their side, they were still able to enjoy meeting and learning about the 216 donkeys that are looked after at the centre. It was a lovely opportunity for the children across different year groups to get to know each other and learn some fun facts. Did you know that donkeys originate from Africa and are not native to the UK? They were brought over by the Romans for use in the military. Children asked some interesting questions and enjoyed looking around the information centre. Thank you to parents who were able to join us this time and we look forward to future events.



### PTA SUMMER CHALLENGE

Over the summer, the PTA invited pupils to take part in their first summer reading challenge! The winners have now been announced and the categories and winners are Best Book Mark - Oliver M Most words made from "Cranbrook Education Campus" - Samuel M Best short story - Luna C Most Sponsorship raised - Jonah T Along with house points, they got to pick a book of their choice! Congratulations to all our winners! Click here for [upcoming PTA Events](#)



### SOPHIE'S FUNDRAISER

Sophie in year 4 has been growing her hair because she would like to donate it to a great cause and would like to try and raise some funds for them too.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as Alopecia. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK.

The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give Hair and Hope to so many children and young people with cancer each year.

We are very proud of Sophie for this kind and selfless decision. It really will make a difference to those who need it.

[Sponsorship details can be found here.](#)





### MINI DUKES

Our Mini Dukes this week have been foraging and building bug hotels using only natural materials found on our school grounds. They have had lots of fun working together and exploring the outdoors.

### GARDENING CLUB

This half term we have been very lucky to have avoided the wet weather! We have spent this half term looking at the plants and allotment. We have begun to notice and spot the Autumnal changes. We have cut fresh flowers, pruned the blackberries and raspberries, collected seed heads for the spring and of course been picking pumpkins!



### CEC LIONESSES FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Over the past few weeks we have been fortunate enough to welcome and number of schools to our Campus for competitive and participation events. Last week, our world famous CEC Lionesses welcomed St Leonard's Primary School and Montgomery Primary School to our Campus and took part in a round robin style competition. The weather wasn't on our side, battling against torrential rain the girls were awesome and took it in their stride. They put into action a lot of what Mr Clarke had been teaching them and their teamwork and tactics meant that the games were extremely competitive. They continue to make our school Proud and are already looking forward to the next time we hold a competition here in the next half-term. We hope to increase the amount of events over the next few half-terms and expand the offer into other year groups.

### PE TIMETABLE

Please click [here](#) to see the timetable for PE moving into Autumn Term



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Primary Pupils Return**  
Thursday 2nd November

**Pupil Progress Evenings**  
Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th  
November

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

**Family Photos**  
Monday 13th November from  
3.15pm

For all upcoming events,  
please [visit the website](#) by  
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### 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/>.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

As many of you know each year the PTA organises a Design your Christmas Card fundraiser. Children have created their designs in school and samples have been sent home with all children who created a design. Please follow the instructions on the card to order online. Orders will then be sent to school and will be distributed to parents next term. All orders generated create funds for the school to help enrich your children's learning further.

**All orders need to be placed by 10th November.**

## SHOW US YOUR PUMPKINS COMPETITION

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.

For more information, [click here](#)

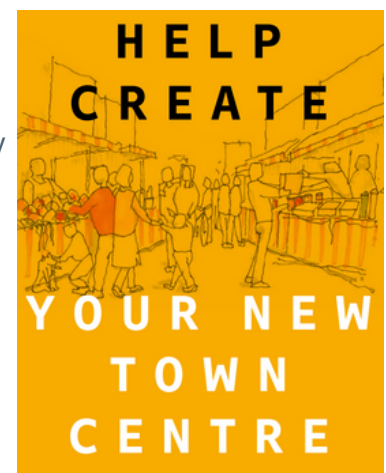
- One entry per child.
- Payment to be made via MCAS (Raising funds for the CEC PTA)
- Please include child's name and class in the body of the email only. Photos should be anonymous.
- Any questions, please email [socialmedia@cranbrook.education](mailto:socialmedia@cranbrook.education)

## HELP CREATE CRANBROOK TOWN CENTRE.

Would you like to win £50? Cranbrook town centre is starting to happen. The first lot of shops, the beginning of a town square and a Morrisons supermarket should be finished by Spring 2024. East Devon District Council want your views about what happens after that, and is particularly keen to hear from young people. You can win one of two £50 prize draws if you complete a short survey. The survey closes 10th November. Go to <http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/cranbrook-town-centre>

You can also come along to drop-in sessions. The first one is at the Family Fun Day at Younghayes Centre on Tuesday 24th October 10.30am-1.30pm.

To find out more about what is planned and for information about other events see [eadez.com/cranbrook](https://eadez.com/cranbrook)





## **NURSERY**

We have had a fun filled final week of the term in Carle Class, the children have created their very own pumpkins using tissue paper and glue, they have also explored the insides of a pumpkin and had lots of fun.

We have received the childrens Christmas cards that they have created. Most have been handed out but we do have some here still so don't worry your child will be bringing theirs home. Our new children have settled really well with us on their first term in nursery, it's been lovely getting to know them all and their little personalities. We look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 2nd November, have a lovely half term.

## **PRESCHOOL**

What a week in Pre-School! We have loved our independent challenges this week which were: making our own cobweb designs; crawling like a spider and follow the big web outside; and making cool Halloween potions! We have also been looking at this week's picture in Cultural Capital time where we have had some interesting conversation about where the people were in the picture. In Maths, we have been using spider bodies with numbers on to match the amount of pegs to for the legs. Our rhyme this week is '5 Little Witches' where the children have enjoyed riding their broom in the classroom. Our Makaton sing of the week is mouse and the children have done well with remembering the sign. We have also enjoyed lots of other activities like using tissue paper to make a pumpkin, scooping the eyes out of the water and following the spider's web line with scissors. We hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2nd November!

## **RECEPTION**

We have had a brilliant final week in Reception! In Phonics we have been focusing on digraphs which are two letters that make one sound. We have worked hard to read and write cvc words containing taught sounds and have enjoyed playing Phonics Bingo! In Maths we have been focusing on exploring, describing and comparing 3D shapes. The children had great fun building a ramp and investigating which shapes can roll and slide down. There were also interesting conversations when stacking the shapes to explain why some can stack whilst others cannot. Both Daywalt and Bryon class managed to fill up the class gem jar for outstanding teamwork and behaviour across the Term. They were rewarded by having a Party! The children have been extremely excited about this and impressed us with their dance moves today. Boom Reader is now up and running! Please do continue to log any reading that you do with your child at home.

Next term our theme is "Blast Off" and we will be learning all about Space. If anyone has any Space toys that they no longer need, please could you bring them in, we would be very grateful! Have a #Crantastic half term and we will look forward to seeing you again after the break.



## YEAR ONE

Year 1 continue to amaze us with their brilliant effort in class. This week we have worked hard to write our own T Rex fact files using interesting adjectives. In Maths we have been continuing to work on writing addition number sentences, a challenge the children have really taken in their stride. We had our amazing assemblies this week and we would like to thank all the families that joined us. Have a wonderful and restful half term and we look forward to seeing you after the break!

## YEAR TWO

Year 2 have enjoyed looking through Victorian artefacts which we were lucky enough to borrow from Tiverton Museum. Looking through the artefacts helped us with our history essay and to discuss all we have learnt this term on 'Vile Victorians' which the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about.

Perhaps you can quiz your children to see what they can remember from looking at the photos of the artefacts?

Well done to all those children who completed their homework and proudly shared with their class. We even tried out some of the suggested exercise routines!



## YEAR THREE & FOUR

Year 3 and 4- As we approach the end of our first half term we would like to share some of the celebrations we have had within our phase these include, fantastic home learning, fundraising, levelling up on Sparx and great engagement with lessons. We have been amazed with the efforts of home learning supported by our lovely school community and we cannot thank you enough. We have already made our new home learning grid for next term and shall aim to have this out within the first few days on next term. We have added a reward for 5 house points per challenge on Ed Shed for the coming half term to try and boost engagement with this and we would appreciate your support with this. If your child has lost their log in please contact class teacher arrange a replacement. A real highlight this week has been seeing our biographies come together in English for children across the phase, we have learnt more about famous activists, football stars and expanded on our knowledge of women in history. We hope you all have a wonderful half term break, get spooked by Halloween activities and enjoy family time.



## YEAR FIVE

We have had a busy final week in Year 5! We have written our own version of a Disney story in English. We have recapped and reviewed Addition and Subtraction in Maths. In History, we have completed a quiz about The Benin Kingdom to see how much we have learnt. In Science we have finished our learning about the Solar System and have also completed a quiz about this. Art has been fantastic this week and we have created our own Benin Kingdom tiles out of clay! We hope you have a lovely half term break and we are looking forward to seeing you all back in school next half term!

## YEAR SIX

In Year 6 this week, students have finished writing their reports on a topic of their choice. They have written really interesting pieces about ghosts, monsters, elves and aliens etc. We have also focused on giving constructive feedback to others, identifying areas for improvement to help our partners. To conclude this half term's science topic, we looked in our lesson at famous scientists who changed the world and saved millions of lives including Marie Curie, Alexander Flemming, John Snow and more! Next half term, we will be starting our new science topic - classifying critters. During the break, be on the look out for any creepy crawlies that you can spot and think carefully about their features. Remember also that, over the half term, there is work on Spelling Shed that students can be completing. We have had an excellent first half term in Year 6 and we can't wait to welcome everybody back in November.



# AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



**BRONZE**

Zachary Cooper  
Ethan Nicholls  
Archie Perryman  
Theo Toborne  
Olivia Simpson  
Henry Anderson  
Molly Ryan  
Frankie Dowds  
William Rogers  
Alice Zarzycka  
Holleigh-Ellen  
Walbridge  
Taylor Lovering  
Sonny Andrews  
Nikolai Roper

Mattie Selmi  
Oakley Leat  
Samuel Stewart  
Ryan Back  
Noah Fowler  
Roman Sikora  
Theodore Jones  
Viktoriia Yatsiv  
Luciana Pedroza Cabrera  
Thomas David  
Carla Gavrilă  
Jake Saji  
Oliver Moore  
Evie Way

+23 other students



**SILVER**

Asmin Kocabay  
+ 4 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.

## SPARX OF THE WEEK

20.10.23

Ellis Alfie W  
Engle Tharcika R  
Favilli Ted S-H  
Fletcher Ava B  
Ibtihaj Ranim R  
Love Bernie M  
Montgomery Alice D  
Reynolds Yevhen Y  
Sufiya Benji L  
Walker Ollie M  
Yousafzai Lily H

**Class of the week 6 Walker & 6  
Yousafzai 100%**



## HOUSE POINTS



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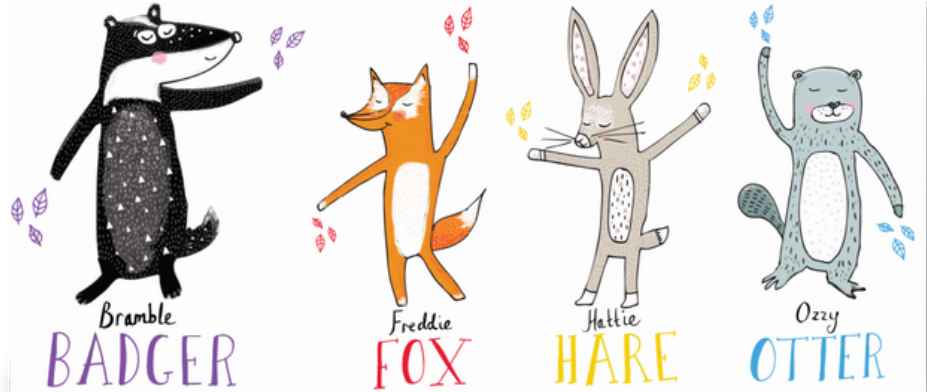
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20890 Total



## ATTENDANCE



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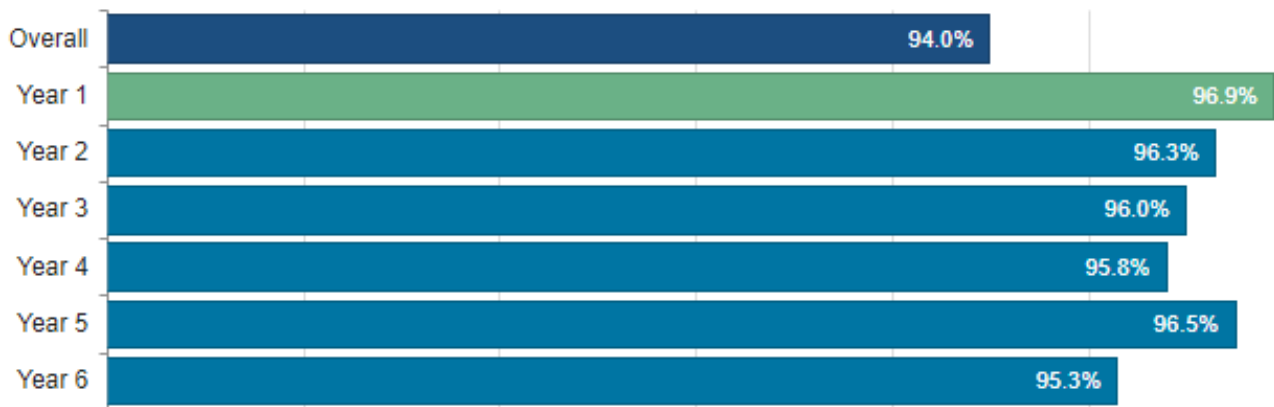
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