

17th November 2023

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Primary Families,

What an incredible week it's been in our #Crantastic community!

We've wholeheartedly embraced Anti-Bullying Week, fostering crucial discussions on uniqueness and individuality. The sea of odd socks worn on Monday beautifully symbolised our unity, while our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors took a stand, and made a noise, advocating for a world free from bullying. Each class committed to anti-bullying pledges, reinforcing our collective dedication to creating a safe and supportive environment. Next time you're in our school atrium, do come and see all the wonderful commitments our pupils have made. A heartfelt thanks goes to our exceptional school leaders, Hannah Wickens and Maddi Jenkins, for nurturing such an active community spirit toward the anti-bullying culture at our school.

Aligning perfectly with World Kindness Day on November 13th, our EYFS to Year 6 classes delved into the UNICEF Campaign Art Piece by Kevin Lee, "The Invisibility of Poverty." The profound discussions that emerged showcased our students' depth of understanding and empathy. One of my highlights of the week was hearing a 5 Reynolds Pupil so confidently articulate her reflections on the artwork sharing that, 'the world often passes strangers by oblivious to their needs'. Part of our commitment to British Values includes opportunities for pupils to engage with views, beliefs and opinions that are different their own and the discussion and debates around our cultural capital resources play a large role in this.

I also want to express my immense gratitude this week, particularly to our dedicated PTA for orchestrating a fantastic school disco – a joyous night for our young community. Likewise, a warm thanks goes to everyone involved in our EYFS Open Morning and Evenings. We loved seeing so many families from Cranbrook and surrounding areas tour our campus, asking pivotal questions about the aspirational learning and opportunities we offer. If you did not get a chance to visit our reception, please do get in touch to book a tour.

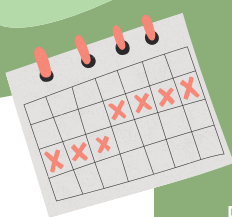
Looking ahead, we have an exciting week planned, with our Year 3 late night and the enchanting sounds of Christmas carols filling the air as we prepare for our Christmas events - Year 4's Feliz Navidad has already put such a smile on my face!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing all of our pupils back on Monday.

Warm regards,

Krishna Gandhi
Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Head of Campus





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 3 Late Night

Friday 24th November

Year 5 Winter Sleep Over

Thursday 30th November

Ellis Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th December
9.30am

Engle Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th December
2.30pm

Flu Immunisations R-Yr6

Thursday 7th December

Last Day of Term

Friday 15th December

PTA & Christmas events on the following pages. For all other upcoming events, please [visit the website by clicking here](#)

OFSTED PARENT VIEW

We would welcome your views on the school via the Ofsted ParentView platform.

We are expecting the call from Ofsted this academic year and it would be great to be able to show them your views when they arrive.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/133114/14>

READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking to recruit volunteers to support the primary school with 1:1 reading. This can be as little or often as you are able but, we ask that any volunteers commit to a set day/time (such as each Monday or twice a week, etc so we can plan accordingly).

This is a great way to gain experience in a Primary setting, add to your CV and make a difference to children in our local community.

All volunteers will be required to complete an enhanced DBS check to ensure they are safe to work with our children.

Please email the school reception or speak with Ben Hobbs if you are interested.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

We've had lots going on around the campus this week making a noise for Anti Bullying week, including odd socks day on Monday and displaying all the pledges that our pupils wrote in the atrium. On Wednesday, the ambassadors help held a #MakeANoise Campaign at the front of the school and we were joined by several students and parents. Please [click here](#) to view our Video Round up of events.



LANGUAGE CLUB

In language club this week we enjoyed a visit from Mx Russell, he taught the children how to say helpful phrases in French. The children have started to create French books to share their learning at the end of the term. They were so inspired and already excited by the thought of learning French in Secondary!



GARDENING CLUB

Last week in gardening club we sowed poppy seeds on the allotment and garden areas. This was to help spread the flowers and their meaning of remembrance. Now the wetter weather has started please could gardening club members bring a pair of wellies on a Friday. Alternatively if you would like the wellies to remain at school, they can be kept in your child's cloak room. Thank you Miss Leach.



SCHOOL DISCO

A sincere thank you to our PTA who arranged our recent school disco, we loved seeing the children dancing, singing (and eating many treats) whilst having a fantastic time with their friends! Our teachers even got to enjoy the macarena and a cha cha slide! Thank you for all you do, we appreciate you!



WINTER WARMTH APPEAL

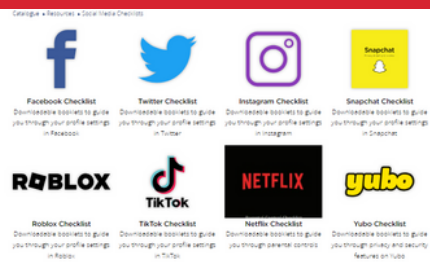
Thankyou to all who have participated in donation coats, hats and scarves for our winter warmth appeal. We will continue to collect and distribute to our community on the rail in reception.
#crantasticcommunity



SOCIAL MEDIA

The social media checklists below are great for families and students. Click the image for more information

Social Media Checklists



LETS DANCE

Evelyn took part in an 80s Dance-a-thon with Brownies for Children in Need on Wednesday evening. Evelyn managed to raise £100 and would like to thank all who sponsored her. She is still collecting donations from sponsors until Tuesday so if anyone else would like to contribute she would be so pleased



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Tuesday 19th December - Gymnastics
Wednesday 20th December - Performing Arts
Thursday 21st December - Multi Activity

0900-1530, Age 4-11

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SAVE THE DATES

Cranbrook Lights Switch On
Friday 24th November



PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 1st December



Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December



Christmas Carols
Friday 8th December 2.30pm



Reception Nativity
Monday 11th December
9.30am & 2.30pm



Campus Christmas Meal
Wednesday 13th December
(SchoolGrid will be updated with the Christmas menu in the coming few days)

Cranbrook Christmas Fun Run
Saturday 2nd December





RECEPTION

This week Reception have learnt all about kindness linking to the school theme of Anti Bullying. On Monday, the children had great fun wearing funky odd socks! Both classes made a class handprint heart and thought of a way to spread kindness to others. In Maths we have been learning about one more using the words first, then, now. Both

Miss Sims and Miss Nursey were extremely impressed and proud of how both classes were able to confidently explain the number stories using the key vocabulary. The text 'How to catch a star' has led to some fantastic creativity in English this week. The children thought of and designed their own idea of how the boy could catch the star. They focused really hard when hearing and writing the sounds needed to label their drawing. We have seen some super collaboration in the outside provision, where the children worked as a team to build car ramps of varying heights. Both classes have been busy earning gems for #Crantastic behaviour, and have shown the perks of the school. Well done everyone!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AT CEC

We would like to invite families into Carle, Ahlberg, and Rosen classes for Christmas craft sessions. These sessions will be half an hour. Due to space restrictions, we can only allow 1 parent from each family per session. Siblings are able to attend but must be supervised. (We cannot allow pushchairs into the classrooms, these must be left outside the classroom.) We have put the sign-up sheets outside the classrooms so you can choose which session to attend. (please email the school if you are not able to access the sheets)

During the session, we will have a variety of activities that you can enjoy with your child/ren. If you have any questions please see the class teachers or email

nursery@cranbrook.education

If attending the morning sessions please drop your child/ren into their class and wait in the playground. We will settle and register the children and then be able to welcome you into the classes at 8.45am.

If attending the afternoon sessions we will open the gates outside the classrooms and welcome you in. At the end of the sessions we will ask families to go outside to the playground and we will dismiss the children like we normally do.



Dates and Times

Mon 4th Dec

2.45-3.15

Wed 6th Dec

8.45-9.15

Fri 8th Dec

2.45-3.15

Tue 12th Dec

2.45-3.15

Thur 14th Dec

8.45-9.15

PRESCHOOL

This week in Preschool we have been immersing ourselves in all things Autumn, we have been using the mud kitchen and water areas to explore

making Autumn Soup using leaves, fir cones and a sprinkle of imagination to create some delicious soup. We have seen some budding bakers amongst us who have loved getting stuck in to mixing and serving. Our Rhyme of the Week was Hickory Dickory Dock and

we have are getting really good at spotting the rhyming words and being able to use actions to retell the rhyme in full. In Numberblocks this week we have been consolidating our learning

on the numbers one to five, and exploring how they can be visually represented. In Phonics we have been listening out for and reproducing the 'a' sound for astronaut. Thank you to all those who attended our recent

Reception Open Events, if your child is due to be starting school in

September and have any concerns or questions please speak to your child's class teacher and we will assist as much as possible. You should also have received an email invitation to our Christmas Craft Workshops, taking place in December. It would be great to have as many of you as possible to join us for some festive activities, please speak to the class teacher to book your slot.

YEAR 1

Year one have had a fantastic week. We have been working incredibly hard on subtraction in maths - applying our understanding of parts and wholes to problem solve. In English, we are excitedly preparing for an extended write inspired by the rhyming and humor of 'Oi Frog'. We are also looking forward to the design of our rolling toys in DT and are brimming with ideas and questions. Keep up the fabulous work on your reading at home year one - it is having a big impact on progress. Well done everyone!

YEAR 3 & 4

In Years 3 and 4 this week we have been writing about a journey through various places such as London, the rainforest or imagining we are on a local walk. The children were tasked with collecting verbs, nouns and prepositions to support their writing. In Ibtihaj class we have been super lucky to begin ukulele lessons where we learnt jingle bells and this old man! The children even got to use the music room in Secondary and did a great job! In PE we have been enjoying some gymnastics with Mr G and learnt more about balancing, jumping and working within a team. Please can we remind all children to bring in a warm coat for break and lunch times.



YEAR 5

We have had a brilliant week in Year 5 this week! We have been creating characters in English and using grammar we have recently been taught, to write a descriptive paragraph. In maths we have been learning all about prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers! In music, we have had great fun learning a cup rhythm to go with our song, "What shall we do with the drunken sailor". Science has been very exciting this week, we have been learning about different types of foam and even watching a few experiments. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 6

Year Six has had an excellent week. In English, students have been writing two very different diary entries and focusing on tone. Next week, we will begin writing newspaper reports. Continuing our topic of Classifying Critters, our science lessons have looked at the conditions which accelerate mould growth and we will be testing our predictions with an experiment. In Geography, we have been studying which tools geographers use. Students have been able to look at maps and find grid references. Maths has continued to build on our knowledge of fractions. Now students have been taught methods to add and subtract. We were very impressed with the mature discussions children have had in PSHE about the effects of bullying behaviour and what bullying is. There have been some excellent posters created to promote kindness. Well done Year Six!



AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

Olivier Krawczyk
Cleo Ashelford
Imogen Loveridge
Daniel Prykhodko
Elliott Jarman
Jakub Browarek
Eddie Arden
Leah Kendall
Isaac Every
Summer Smith
Teddy Tarr
Catewyn Tellem
Louie Baitup-Squires
Benjamin Liptak

+3 other students



SILVER

Oliver Willcox
Oliver Langdon
Sekou Berete
Ewan Stewart
Sienna Maddocks
Daisy Langdon
Emma Mok
Skylar-Louise Westbury
Tamara Jury
Jude Cuthbertson
Milo Cooper
Riley Green
Parker Cowans
Edward Cox
Bethany Dowds
Thea Rogers
Dylan Smith
Connor Shean
Arthur Clarke
Elora Lister
Tayla Stewart
Freddie Eustice
Oliver Curtis
Maisie Kenshole
Harry Hayden
Mila Tarr
William Anderson
Ralph Coles
Theo Wong

+31 other students

SPARX OF THE WEEK

Week ending

17.11.23

Ellis Poppy O
Engle Abraham V
Favilli Jenson E
Fletcher Paul A
Ibtihaj Daisy F
Love Bernie M
Montgomery Finley M
Reynolds Abigail P
Sufiya Ashlyn A
Walker Oliver W
Yousafzai Jacob T

Class of the Week

3/4 Ibtihaj, 4 Love, 6 Walker, 6
Yousafzai 100%

HOUSE POINTS



31285 Total



30440 Total



33225 Total



29167 Total



ATTENDANCE



93.71%



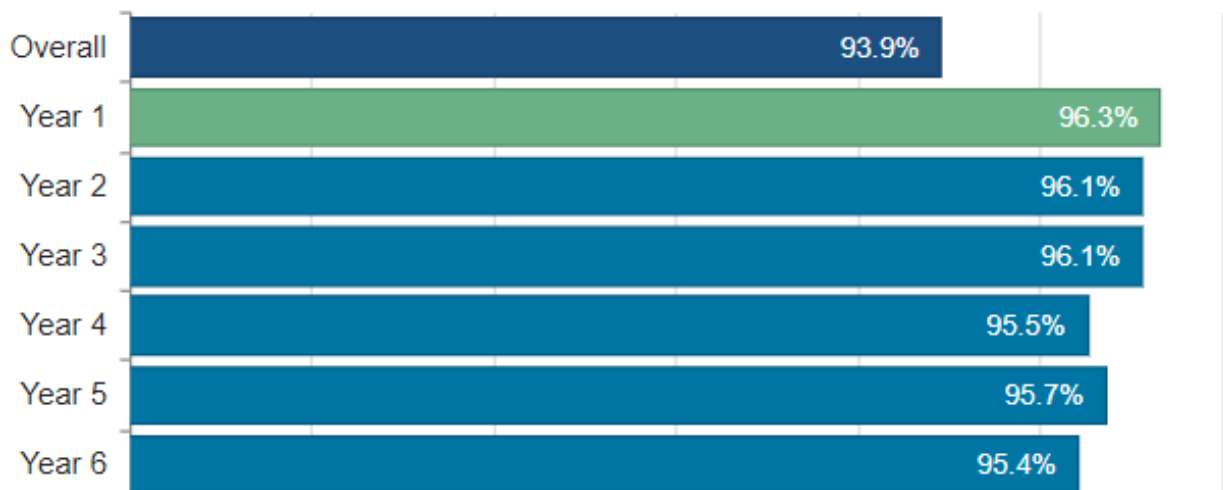
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94.03%



94.33%



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

Intercom Trust are now taking referrals for our new project Family Pride South West.

The project has 4 components;

*Family Pride Events – fun family events for families where at least one member is LGBT+



*Parenting Support – We will be delivering Group Triple P for LGBT+ parents/carers with children between the ages of 2 and 12. This will be an 8 week course focussing on parenting skills.

*Family Relationship Support – Our family practitioners can work with families where there is tension or communication problems between parents (together or apart). This can include disagreements on how best to support an LGBT+ child in the family, or where a parent has come out as LGBT+ and they are unsure what this means for their relationship, as well as more general relationship difficulties.

*Couples/co-parent counselling – We will have counselling available for parents who wish to work through difficulties in a therapeutic setting.

Families can book onto upcoming events via our Eventbrite page - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/intercom-trust-17691399947>. Alternatively they can get in touch with our helpline to join the mailing list to be informed about upcoming events - 0800 612 3010 (9am – 4pm weekdays) or email helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk.

For parenting support, mediation or counselling, families can be referred, or can self-refer via the referral form on our website - <https://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/referral-form/>.

The webpage for parents and families who may be interested in the project - <https://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/lgbt-families/>.

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Senior Research Fellow, Uni. of Southampton
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Megan Coles (she/they)
Clinical Microbiologist in training, Berkshire and Surrey Pathology Services NHS
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