



THE WEEKLY UPDATE



Primary Update

This week's return to school has been one of **ambition**.

Our first day back was filled with warmth and excitement. A highlight for me is seeing our pupils running into our playground at the start of the day with smiles, eager to continue their learning journey, and wanting to be at school. A special thank you to everyone who takes a moment to engage, share feedback, or seek advice during our time on the gates.

On Monday, we also enjoyed an exciting and significant meeting that took place with the PTA, Hannah Wickens - our Pupil Parliament Lead, and TAs Becki Perryman and Kelly Langdon to discuss much-needed playground transformations. We're excited about the ambitious plans ahead to enhance our outdoor spaces, fostering more opportunities for **learning** and play - whilst bringing colour to the playground too!

Throughout the week, **engagement** with our wider community continued as we participated in a **community** safety meeting, collaborating with fellow stakeholders to ensure a **safer** environment for our young community. Meanwhile, our KS2 teachers delved into their continuous professional development with Mx Russell, Head of Spanish in Primary. The supportive environment of an all-through campus allows us to tap into a wealth of expertise, empowering our Modern Foreign Language learning to excel. Kudos to Ollie for their fantastic leadership in introducing Spanish booklet learning, videos and cultural capital into our KS2 pupils' weeks - spreading warmth and joy through language learning.



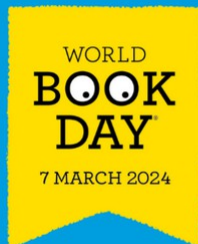
Towards the end of the week, a buzz of excitement filled the air as I met with over 30 students nearing the completion of their teacher training, exploring opportunities to join our community as future teachers. Sharing the story of CEC and our wider Cranbrook community ignited a real sense of **pride** and interest in collaborating and connecting with us.

As we look ahead, our recruitment drive for the Deputy Headteacher of Quality of Education remains in full swing. This morning, I welcomed potential candidates to school offering a tour of the site and an opportunity to learn more about our community and approach. We will continue to work diligently alongside our Trust Talent Acquisition Manager, Scott, to ensure we secure the very best Deputy Headteacher for Quality of Education in Primary.

I believe we are stronger together and our communication and collaboration supports our mission to transform lives, strengthen communities and make the world a better place. Together, we're building a place of warmth, inclusivity and opportunities for all. I'm so excited for all that this half term will bring.

World Book Day - 7th March

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We have listened to feedback from last year and we will go back to encouraging children to dress as their favourite character from a children's book. Children will take part in a number of reading and book based activities throughout the day. There will be no charge or donation to dress up. In Pre-School and Nursery, children will be having a World Book Week, so that all children get a chance to dress up when they are in school. They will celebrate their love of stories every day and children can dress up whatever day they attend, if they attend 5 days they can dress up every day or just Thursday if they prefer.



Save the date!

World Book Day

7 March 2024



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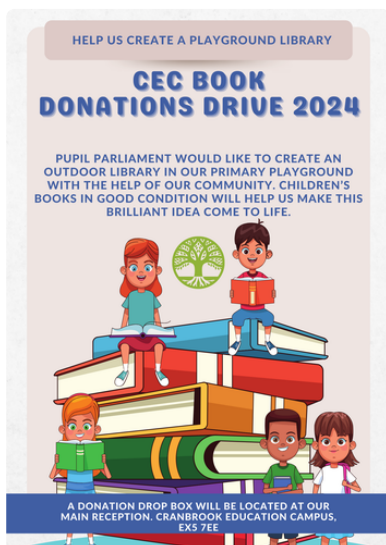
PE Day Changes

Please find our new PE timetable for this Spring Term 2. We apologise for the delay in getting this out to you. For today, children will complete their PE lesson in their school uniform and teachers will make appropriate adaption to their teaching of the lesson.

As we move into the spring, we hope to run, where appropriate, PE lessons outside so could children please wear adequate clothing.

		Primary PE - indoor / outdoor sport timetable			
		*Things to be brought are also subject to different class			
		Equipment: 10 x PE mat and Primary Stage			
		8:35-9:50	9:50-10:50	10:50-11:50	11:50-12:50
Monday	Registration	2 English Dance	3 Reynolds Tennis	4 Smith Dance	5 Smith Dance
Tuesday	Registration	2 English Dance	2 Ellis Dance	3 Smith Dance	4 Smith Dance
Wednesday	Registration	3/4 Smith Dance	4 Montgomery Dance	5 Smith Dance	6 Smith Dance
Thursday	Registration	8 Brown Dance	9 Smith Dance	10 Smith Dance	11 Smith Dance
Friday	Registration	8 Brown Dance	9 Smith Dance	10 Smith Dance	11 Smith Dance

12 Swimming Wednesday



Book Donation Drive

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving our outdoor spaces, our pupil parliament with the help of our brilliant PTA will be repurposing one of our playground sheds into an outdoor library for the Summer Term. Peggy has already set up a book trolley for the lower Key Stage playground but to help this idea come to life for more children to enjoy, we are asking for book donations from our community to add to the range of available books. This student led project will help to inspire and foster our shared love for reading at Cranbrook. Any suitable outdoor beanbags, cushions or throws in good condition that could be rehomed to help this project are also welcomed.

Lunches

Please be mindful of what your child brings to school for packed lunches and snacks. We have found children being sent in with sweets and chocolates that are not suitable for eating at school, or who are bringing nut based products into school which is place children who have nut allergies at risk, for example, Nutella.

Proud

On Wednesday 14th February Molly Chapman danced at the Exeter Dance Festival at the Corn Exchange in Exeter. She did a beautiful ballet routine and is looking forward to performing again at Totnes over Easter. We are so PROUD of you Molly.



Race for Life

Hi my name is Oliver my friends know me as Martin. I am running my first ever 5k and I'm really looking forward to it because I am raising money for a good cause.

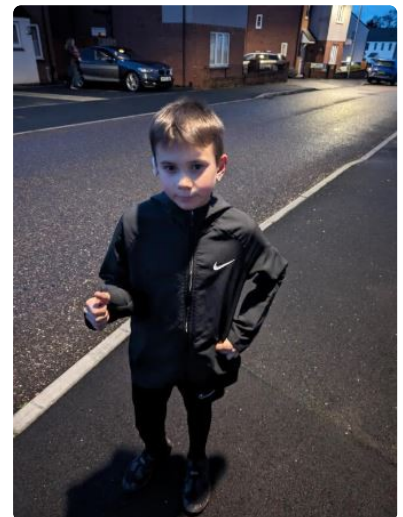
I love to play football so I'm good at running so I believe in myself to complete this.

I am running for my nanny and great granddad that have both passed away because of cancer!

My mum will be running with me to support me and help me raise money for this cause.

I'm excited to take this on and make everyone proud.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/olivers-race-for-life-327469639>



We are really pleased to announce we have launched two more 20 minute bitesize videos on our YouTube Channel - <http://www.youtube.com/@letstalkdevon>.

The first session is about our young persons wellbeing and is available at [Let's Talk Emotional Wellbeing](#)

The second talks about the online challenges our young people face today and is available at [Let's Talk Online Challenges](#)

These recordings are openly available for everyone to view so please feel free to share along with [Let's Talk Healthy Relationships](#) and they are around 20 minutes long.

Year Group Updates

Nursery Update

This week in Carle Class we have been creating beautiful colourful flowers for our rhyme of the term 'Mary, Mary quite contrary', the children have used various different coloured tissue paper to make their colourful flowers using good fine motor skills to spread their glue. We have also been reading the book 'Jaspers Beanstalk' for our book of the week, we created a big beanstalk on our door and have been measuring how tall each child is. Please can we remind parents when you drop off in the morning to come through the wooden gate then out of the black gate it would be a big help. Thank you.



Preschool Update

What a lovely first week back into the second part of our Spring term! We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing half term and we can see that the children have come back refreshed and ready for more exciting story-based learning. We have enjoyed seeing the children's smiley faces and hearing about everything they did in the half-term. This week we are focusing our learning on 'Jack and the Beanstalk', where we are measuring the Giant's footprint in different ways. We are also using our counting skills when measuring by using blocks to measure the beanstalk, suggesting which one is the tallest and the shortest. Focusing on 'Jack and the beanstalk', we have been watching our classroom beanstalk grow every day and have been inspired to make our own beanstalks on paper and by planting our own! We have also been enjoying our role play of being in the Giant's castle and using props to retell the story. In our Rhyme time, we are exploring the rhyme 'The wheels on the bus'. We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to sharing more #Crantastic learning with you next week!

Reception Update



This week reception has turned Frogstastic! We had another addition to our class... frogspawn! The children were very knowledgeable about frogs and were able to share their ideas with the class. We also started to read our new text, Tad by Benji Davies. Then, we created a class story map and thought of verbal sentences and actions to go with it. Maths this week has been all about weight. The children were very excited to use the scales to weigh different objects and could use mathematical language to

describe their findings. In Topic we have learnt all about the Lifecycle of a frog. Afterwards, the children were very engaged with making junk model frogs using various resources.

A school message has been sent out to both classes about Forest School next week, please could you have a read and let your class teacher know if you have any questions.

Have a brilliant weekend and we will see you next week!



Year 1 Update

It has been a delight teaching year one this week; a week of rich contributions to book talk in response to our current key text: "Boa's Bad Birthday"; a week of palpable excitement at the prospect of showcasing number knowledge to fifty whilst exploring the pattern of our counting system; A week of scientific enthrallment as we discover that even the most apparently divergent animal species share many related traits and characteristics. A super week of learning - well done Doherty and Donaldson - such **pride** you have shown!



Year Two Update

What a busy week we have had in Year 2.

Once again everyone has worked so hard and we are very proud of their attitudes towards each other and towards work.

We have finished our learning of block diagrams, pictograms in maths and we will be starting our new learning on length and height.

We have started our learning on rainforests in geography and the children were fascinated to know that nearly half of the worlds biodiversity (animals and plants) are found in rainforests.

The Amazon is the largest rainforest in the world, covering over 5.5 million square kilometres.

That means the U.K and Ireland would fit into it 17 times! WOW!

In English, we have started our new book 'The day the crayons quit!' the children have learnt about empathy and also learnt actions to some of the letters in the book to help remember.

The children made pencil rockets in science and tested them and had lots of fun.

Please keep a look out for this term's homework bingo sheet.

Have a lovely weekend.



Year Three & Four Update

In Year 3 and 4 we have had an amazing week of learning.

We have started learning about plants and how to grow them, we even planted our own sunflower seeds to see how much they grow before the Easter holidays.

In Geography, we have started learning all about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes where we were looking at the layers of the Earth.

English, we are using a new class text to teach from which is called 'A Walk Around London' by Salvatore Rubbino and the children have enjoyed a virtual tour of London and writing about their favourite landmark.

The children will have received their homework grids and it would be lovely to see homework coming into school.

Have a lovely weekend.



Year 5 Update

Year 5 have had a great week back this week! We have been looking at our new book "Wallace and Gromit The Complete Cracking Contraption Manual" in English, focusing on paragraphs. In Maths we are continuing with our fraction work, subtracting fractions and solving word problems. We have started our new Music topic, which is based on Reggae and looking at the song "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley. Thank you for a great first week back Year 5, have a lovely weekend!

Awards & Rewards

Silver Awards

Henry Anderson
Evie Way
Charlie Boden-Hammond
Lily Matthews
+1 other student



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Gold Awards

Layla Newcombe
Freya Bain
Tristen Chan
Amelia Robinson-Matthews
Laetitia Reggad
Aston Needs
Lucas Nicholls
Thiago Gomez
Ada Cuthbertson
Freddie Wilson
Ernest Toms
+8 other students



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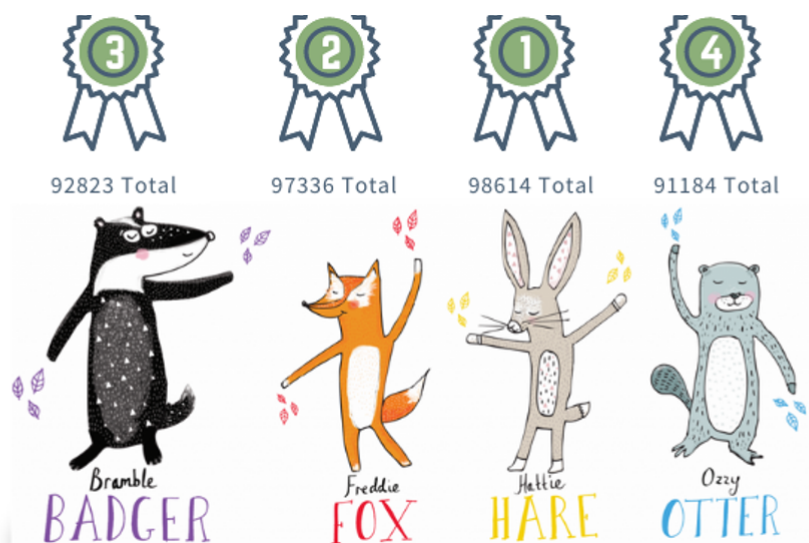
Platinum Awards

Mia Morkevicius
Parker Andrews
Noah Scott-Hake
Oliver Curtis
Jude Cuthbertson
Leo Lowe
Milo Cooper
Harrison Neal
Summer Gray
Theo Skinner
Samuel Stewart
Nevaeh-Skye Gould
Harley Edmonds-Brown
Bethany Dowds
Sonny Taylor
Aubrey Rickard
Darcie-Lou Shaddick

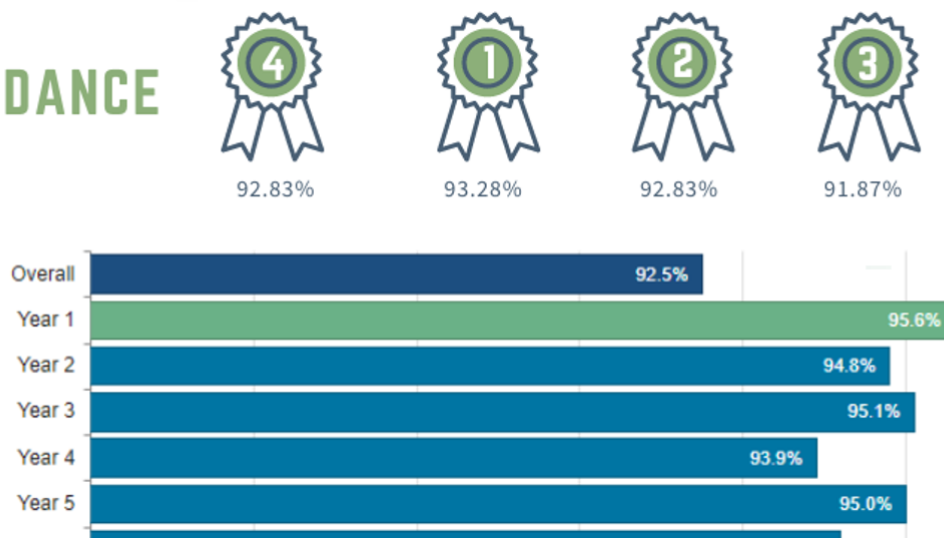


Oliver Moore
Ewan Stewart
Oliver Willcox
Cooper Payne
+12 other students

HOUSE POINTS



ATTENDANCE



An additional reminder

Please take a moment to share your thoughts about our campus on the Ofsted [ParentView platform](#). Your valuable feedback is crucial, especially as we anticipate an Ofsted inspection this academic year. Your perspectives will provide valuable insights and contribute to showcasing the strengths and positive aspects of our campus. The whole team greatly appreciates you taking the time to complete this.

Dates for the Diary

Primary Pupil Progress & Wellbeing meetings Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st March
Year 5 Haven Banks Trip 23rd May

Reception Paignton Zoo Trip 13th June

Term dates Term dates for 24-25 are available on the [website](#)
Please note that in October 2024 Primary has a two week half term.

Please be aware that some dates and times have been confirmed for trips and amended for assemblies for the next couple of terms. See the updated key dates document for more information



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