

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Primary Families,

As we come to the end of another successful half term, I want to take a moment to express my immense pride in our #Crantastic campus community. From our youngest learners in Nursery to our increasingly-confident Year 6s, each and every class has shown remarkable growth and enthusiasm for their learning and wider opportunities.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), our teachers have been drawing inspiration from leading schools across the country, reshaping our planning to spark even more creativity and story-inspired thinking. The Reception and Key Stage 1 teams have been focused on ensuring that every child develops a strong foundation in reading through consistent and careful, daily phonics instruction. It's heartening to see our pupils becoming more confident and independent with their reading as each day passes.

Meanwhile, in Key Stage 2, pupils have been immersed in exciting learning experiences, from exploring Ancient Greece to delving into the inner workings of the human eye. Their enthusiasm and expertise in various subjects are truly remarkable. I've been particularly impressed by Year 3 and 4's vocabulary development - with one science lesson convincing me I was sitting among many future opticians!

Our Year 5 team have been making waves in swimming lessons and showcasing their creativity through video making in computing, while our Year 6s have been diligently preparing for their SATS with a level of concentration that is palpable. This week, I had the pleasure of witnessing some incredible moments, such as Ollie confidently explaining algebraic concepts to me and Clayton's skillful storytelling in English which drew on metaphors and similes to build atmosphere. These moments are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils, staff and family support at home.

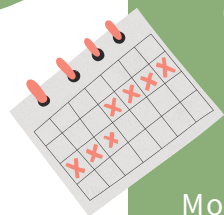
My final celebration is about attendance. Though the winter season can often bring cold and flu, this half term a massive 298 CEC Primary pupils received a secure attendance of 96% or above. Attendance always matters and we love seeing all pupils on campus where we can fully support their learning.

A huge thank you for your continued support and collaboration. I'm so excited to see what the future holds for our #Crantastic pupils and community. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. I look forward to seeing all pupils back to school on Monday 19th February, 2024.

Krishna Gandhi
Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Head of Campus



DATES FOR THE DIARY



Half Term

Monday 12th-Friday 15th
February

Primary Pupil Progress & Wellbeing meetings

19th and 21st March

Year 5 Haven Banks Trip

23rd May

Reception Paignton Zoo Trip

13th June

KEY DATES

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 key dates document for more information

PACKED 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 placing children who have nut allergies at risk, for example, Nutella.



RECRUITING

As we continue to grow our ambitious and inclusive campus, I'm excited to announce that we will be advertising a role for a Primary Deputy Headteacher overseeing Quality of Education over the next few weeks. This will be for a September start and the recruitment pack can be [found here](#). If you know of any inspiring Senior Leaders and Aspiring Heads who would be a good fit for our school, please do share this vacancy with them.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 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.

CREATE A PICTURE BOOK COMPETITION 2024

The ReadingZone Picture Book Competition 2024 is challenging those aged four to 18 years to make a picture book. The competition is run in partnership with World Book Day.

This year's competition will be judged by Steven Lenton, illustrator of the bestselling Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam series!

The competition will close on Friday 19th April 2024. The categories will include Young Creators (4-7 years); Primary (7-11 years); and Secondary (11+ years). Prizes will include £200 of books for each of the winning schools, plus a book bundle for the individual creators. The overall winner will also be awarded an online author event for their school. Follow the competition on Twitter @ReadingZone / #PictureBookComp

The 2023 competition was judged by author and illustrator Elys Dolan (How to Make a Picture Book, Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factor). [See the Results of the ReadingZone Picture Book Competition 2023](#)

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR: MINUTE TO MANAGE AND VALUES REMINDER

In October, we shared with our families in our newsletter about our Playground Behaviour systems.

For clarification, during transition, break and lunch times, we do not use our 'Ready to Learn' behaviour ladder. If we see children not showing our PERKS of being Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind and Safe we give them a 'Minute to Manage' their behaviour. This means that they have a minute to make a positive change in what they are doing which is guided by values-driven support from our staff team. If after this time, pupils do not make a good choice in their behaviour, they are given a 'Values Reminder'. This is similar to an 'Unacceptable'.



For a 'Values Reminder', pupils miss 10 minutes of their social time whilst they complete a reflection sheet about the PERKS they were not showing, how they felt, why the PERKS they were not showing are important, if there is anyone they need to apologise to and any further support the school can give them to support them showing the PERK/S.

Values Reminders are logged on Class Charts as a negative behaviour by our duty team. If you log into your account, you will be able to see if your child has completed a Values Reminder and for which PERK/S. As part of our systems update on Class Charts, Values Reminders from social and transition times will now show as an alert on class charts. If you'd like to see an example of a Values Reminder sheet or would be interested in observing a playtime duty and our use of minute to manage and Values Reminders with our Behaviour Lead, please do get in touch.





NURSERY

In Carle Class this week we have created beautiful sensory shakers using lots of various coloured rice, cotton wool balls, glitter and ribbon. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making these and listening to the different sounds they make.

We have also been exploring ice with paint in and creating colourful pictures with them. We have had a great term and are looking forward to seeing you all in the new term.

PRESCHOOL

What a #Crantastic week we've had in Preschool! We have been focusing our learning on one of our favourite books 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We have also enjoyed our challenges this week of tracing and writing our names, as well as retelling the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' and having our own bear hunt around the garden. Within our Maths, we have been looking at prepositional language, looking at describing where the bear is in the picture. In our creative play, we have been making binoculars to spot the bear and making our own bear ears. We have loved using the tuff tray to retell the story using different parts such as the thick oozy mud and the snowstorm!

As you may have heard, Mrs Way will be leaving us at the end of this half term. We have absolutely loved having her as a part of the Preschool team and the children absolutely adore her. She will be terribly missed and I know she will miss us all too! Here's a little thank you message from Mrs Way: 'Thank you each and every one of you for your kindness and support throughout the first half of this year. It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know your little learners and watch them blossom. I will miss them all, but hopefully will still see lots of you around Cranbrook or on the school run with my own children'.

We wish Mrs Way all the best with her new chapter in her journey and can't wait to see her on the school run! We hope you all have a lovely half term!

RECEPTION

Well done Reception for a #Crantastic final week! This week we have designed our favourite sea creature and labelled it's features. The children were very intrigued when learning about animals that live under the sea and asked many questions to further their learning. Maths has been all about measuring! The children have been brilliant at using non-standard measures to find out the length of various objects. They were also able to use the correct mathematical language to describe their findings and order the objects from shortest to longest. We celebrated the end of our Topic learning 'Treasure Island' by creating boats out of junk modelling. The children showed great engagement and collaboration when thinking of ideas and connecting the materials together.

We have an exciting announcement! After Half Term the Forest School will be open to Reception. If you have any wellies at home, please can you label them and bring them in for your child to use. We are unfortunately unable to provide spares. Have a brilliant February break and we will look forward to seeing you for Spring 2.

YEAR ONE

Wow what a #CRANTASTIC last week of term for Year 1! We absolutely loved our trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum to learn all about Ancient Egypt. We were even lucky enough to wrap our a mummy ourselves! In Maths, we have continued to focus on subtraction and now are working out tricky sums bridging 10. Our new English text Boa's Bad Birthday has us all laughing about the silly gifts Boa received, who on earth would buy a snake gloves?! We are so proud of all the children's hard work this half term and thank you so much for your continued support. Have a lovely break.



YEAR TWO

What a #Crantastic final week of the Spring 1 term in Year 2, the children have been working incredibly hard finishing their History essays based on our topic The Great Fire of London. Thank you for all of your fantastic homework it has been lovely looking through the fantastic home learning which has been brought in. In Maths this week we have continued our learning in Statistics learning and began interpreting and creating pictograms, one of which we discussed how we all travel to school. It's been a fantastic term, have a fantastic half term break.

YEAR THREE & FOUR

What a week we have had in Year 3 and 4!

Firstly a huge WELL DONE to all the children in 3 Favilli and 3 Fletcher for amazing assemblies, you were all PROUD, ENGAGED, READY, KIND and SAFE.

Secondly, the rest of the year group has also been working hard to complete their history essays and we have all been super impressed with the amount that the children have learnt and remembered. Alongside this the children have also completed their science assessments showing off their knowledge of 'light'

Finally, we want to wish you all a happy and safe half term, enjoy the rest and eat lots of PANCAKES!! We will see you all in a weeks time.

YEAR FIVE

Thank you for a brilliant final week of the half term Year 5! You have had a busy week filled with swimming, History essays and final writes in English.

We are so proud of all of your hard work this half term. This week alone, you have finished off your artwork, written an essay about Medieval Monarchs, written your own chapter inspired by Kensuke's Kingdom and continued learning about fractions. This is alongside swimming on Wednesday afternoon, where you are all growing in confidence and showing kindness towards eachother.

Have a great week off and we look forward to seeing you in a week's time!

YEAR SIX

Well done to all children in Year 6 for another brilliant half term. After a busy schedule including mock SATs and booster groups, it has been amazing to see such effort and maturity being shown. This week in art we completed our sculpture project using wire and children enjoyed bringing their ideas to life. In maths, we have started our new unit in Power Maths which is algebra. We have been impressed with how quickly children have been able to solve complex calculations. In RE we have completed our learning journey all about Judaism and we have observed some brilliant partner talk and respectful opinion sharing. This half term we have been working on our oracy skills and responding to peers and adults using key language. Thank you to all children and families who have engaged in our new revision platform LbQ - any feedback will be greatly appreciated. We wish all families a wonderful week and look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 19th February.

HOUSE POINTS



89773 Total



92582 Total



94466 Total



87021 Total



ATTENDANCE



92.37%



93.29%



92.87%



91.73%



AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

1 student



GOLD

Kleon Vladi
Mariana Pereira de Araujo
Jaxon Spry
Emma Cox
Oliver Partridge
Tori Stewart
Abas Elyasi
Carla Gavrilă
Dylan Payne
Sienna Byrne-Sylvester
Preston McWilliams
Leah Johnston
Hanna Hayward
Freddie Matthews
Kyle Saxton
Mimi Stewart
Jack Page
Tia Jury
William Anderson
Noah Schofield
Mason Tarr
Olivia Cowans
Amelia Davies

+6 other students



PLATINUM

Arlie Griffiths
Thomas David
Eva Popham-Dowle
Sameera Varghese
Marcel Pospiech
Connor Shean
Oscar Edghill
Bakary Berete
Oscar Hernon
Finley Curtis
Theo Wong
Alice Fowler
Oakley Leat
Sarah Varghese
Ellis Cullen
William Yorke
Oliver Langdon

+19 other students

TERM DATES

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

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

BUMPER HALF TERM

Join us this February half term to help us celebrate the Tivvy Bumper steam engine!

Saturday 10th to Saturday 17th
February 2024 (closed Sunday 11th)

Follow the railway map around the museum,
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station & more!

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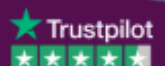
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