

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

15th December 23

Dear CEC Primary Families,

Wow, what a half term it has been! Our journey began this half term on Wednesday 1st November with our CEC Primary teachers visiting Double Outstanding Marine Academy Plymouth Primary and our Support Staff collaborating with colleagues from across the region at CEC. Together, with over 1000 other team members from the Ted Wragg Trust, we explored best practices to ambitiously and inclusively support our communities.

In Early November, we met with over 350 families for our Pupil Progress and Wellbeing evenings. It was wonderful to see so many family faces on campus and share the progress our pupils are making. This was followed just a few days later by our Children in Need Disco - a great opportunity to dance, sing and have a wonderful Friday evening all in the name of supporting children across our country.

As November continued, I became exceptionally proud of our Anti-Bullying Team. Their collaborative efforts with their classes, secondary peers and staff leaders have effectively raised awareness of bullying, encompassing both physical and emotional aspects. Our Odd-Socks day opened up conversations about differences and diversity, leading to essential discussions about British Values and our Protected Characteristics which have continued throughout the term.

Between November and December, numerous other opportunities have allowed our pupils to learn and thrive, including:

Year 3 Late Night Road Safety Workshops Winter Sleepover PTA Christmas Fair
Year 2s Assembly Christmas Carols Reception's Nativity
Our Choir Trip to Colyton Grammar School

We've also seen an ever-growing attendance at our Breakfast Club, multiple children access our Morning Booster study-groups and so many pupils access an array of enrichment activities during our after school clubs.

This week, I want to extend a huge congratulations to our very first Primary Subject Excellence Award Winners. These are pupils in our Primary phase of the campus who have demonstrated great commitment to and progress in a specific subject area.

Looking forward to the next half term, as a linguist I am particularly excited about the Latin Club offered by Exeter University in our enrichment offer. From a cultural capital perspective, I'm so eager to see all that our Year 1s learn from their up and coming trip to the RAMM, Exeter. As we enter 2024, our whole team will be ready to welcome pupils back to school for another opportunity-filled half term learning, community and opportunities.

For now, I extend a heartfelt thank you to our entire community of families, pupils, staff, governors, and community stakeholders. Your collective efforts are transforming lives, strengthening our Cranbrook community, and making the world a better place.

I wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to seeing all Primary pupils back to school on Thursday 4th January 2024!

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



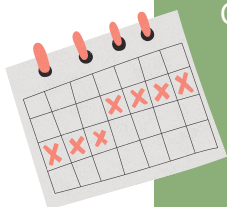


RACING AHEAD

Well done to our sporting stars who have been training with Exeter Eagles. We look forward to hearing more about how the team gets on in future races and opportunities nation wide. Thank you for sharing your passion Clayton, Issac & Oakley

DATES FOR THE DIARY

First Day of Spring Term
Thursday 4th January



COMMUNITY GARDEN

All children are invited to design a plan for the new community garden that will be located in Cranbrook Country Park. The design must incorporate raised planters/flower beds to enable access for all, seating areas, pathways, storage for tools, an entrance sign, have suitable animal housing (such as bird houses and bug hotels) and different sensory experiences such as wind chimes. The closing date for entries will be Thursday January 8th 2024. This competition is open to all and designs can be presented on paper or digitally. Completed ideas can be handed to class teachers or emailed to year group email addresses. We look forward to seeing lots of creative and environmentally friendly ideas. A huge thank you to Andy the Park Ranger for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with our Pupil Parliament and launch this competition.

LIONESS SPORTS ROUNDUP

On Friday 8th December, we hosted a girls football tournament involving West Clyst, Broad Clyst and two teams from Cranbrook. All of the players did fantastically and the games were played with great spirit and skill. Between the two Cranbrook Teams, they managed two wins, 3 draws and a loss in their 6 games. Well done the Lionesses!



ITS BEHIND YOU

Over the past 2 weeks we have had the pleasure of taking some of our children to the Northcott Theatre. With the support of Ottery Help Scheme, we were able to drive our school mini bus allowing for over 40 children to experience a pantomime, some for the first time.

This fantastic opportunity would not be possible without the organisation and support of our wonderful Mrs Bodycombe, Aynsley Jones and all other team who supported in taking our primary and secondary children.



READ TO SUCCEED

Well done to all of our R2S winners this half term. Here is a picture of our winners from year 3 + 4.



SPECIAL THANKS

A massive thank you to Cranbrook for all your ideas about the new town centre. 1397 of you filled in the survey - which is brilliant! The two £50 prize draw winners will be announced by EDDC in the new year.

The consultants are going through all your comments and will produce a report which will be publicly available at the end of January. EDDC will use it to help them produce a draft masterplan next summer, where you will be invited to share your views.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Huge Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Excellence Awards in subjects through the Primary School Phase. Well Done!!

English - Sam Yorke and Daiana I

Maths - Oliver Conibere (2 Eliis) and Teddy Tarr (5 Sufiya)

Computing: - Freddie M

PSHE: Lily Howcroft

PE: Natalia Dabrowska (Sufiya) and Amelia Petherick (Yousafzai)

RE: Ashton Obee

DT and Art: Olly Robson (Engle) and Nancy Smith (Fletcher)

History: Olivia Cowans (4 Montgomery) and Amelia P (4 Love)

Geography: Freddie Wilson and Ruby Shapcott Tooze

Music: Oliver Rayner (5 Reynolds) and Sam Shaddick (6 Walker)

MFL - Leo Silcock (Fletcher) and Theo Wong (Reynolds)

Science: Harry Lander (Engle) and Maisie Rayner (Ellis).



NURSERY

We have had a lovely final week in Carle class, we have once again welcomed parents in for a craft afternoon, parents were able to create Christmas cards, baubles and paint some lovely Christmas pictures. We have had a exciting week exploring glittery Christmas playdough and having glitter in everything. Some of our children have been having visits to preschool and have all done really well, we will certainly miss them but know they will thrive when they join their new class. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2024!

PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre school we have had a jolly festive time making Christmas hats, beautifully decorated baubles and playing in the snow we made in our manipulative play area. We have been finishing off our book The Christmas Pine. We have also been immersing ourselves in books our cheeky Christmas elf has brought for us to enjoy. This week we have been enjoying our new rhyme 10 green baubles (some may remember it as 10 green bottles, but we had to make it a bit more festive!) and we had fun making up our own versions, such as 10 green crocodiles and 10 blue bananas! Thank you to all those who were able to make our craft activity sessions we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did and if you have any feedback we would love to hear it for future event planning. If you didn't make it this time please be sure to take a look at Tapestry to see your child's Christmas singing and some of the fun we have been having with their learning. May we just take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all bright and breezy from Thursday 4th of January.

RECEPTION

We have had a fantastic Christmassy final week in Reception! It was so lovely to see the children's hard work and practise become a beautiful Nativity performance on Monday. We are very grateful for all of the help and support given with the amazing costumes, learnt lines and songs. This week the children have created a range of Christmas crafts including calendars, snowman cards, delicious reindeer food and baubles. We have also thoroughly enjoyed listening to the stories Buddy the Elf has left for us and watching the mischief he has caused! The Reception Team would like to thank you all for your continued support and we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

YEAR ONE

Year one have been working hard and striving to do their best - finishing 2023 with a bang: a bang exemplified by powerful, noise-making poetry writing, inspired by the poetry book: 'What I Like'. In maths, we have really enjoyed exploring 3D and 2D shape - a context for some wonderful discussion and careful observation, such as when describing the difference between cuboids and cubes, cones and pyramids; and the beauty of a sphere! The Christmas excitement has been palpable over the last few weeks and we are all looking forward to a well-earned holiday. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to learning, year one - have a wonderful Christmas, Winter Solstice and a very happy New Year. Whoosh!

YEAR 2

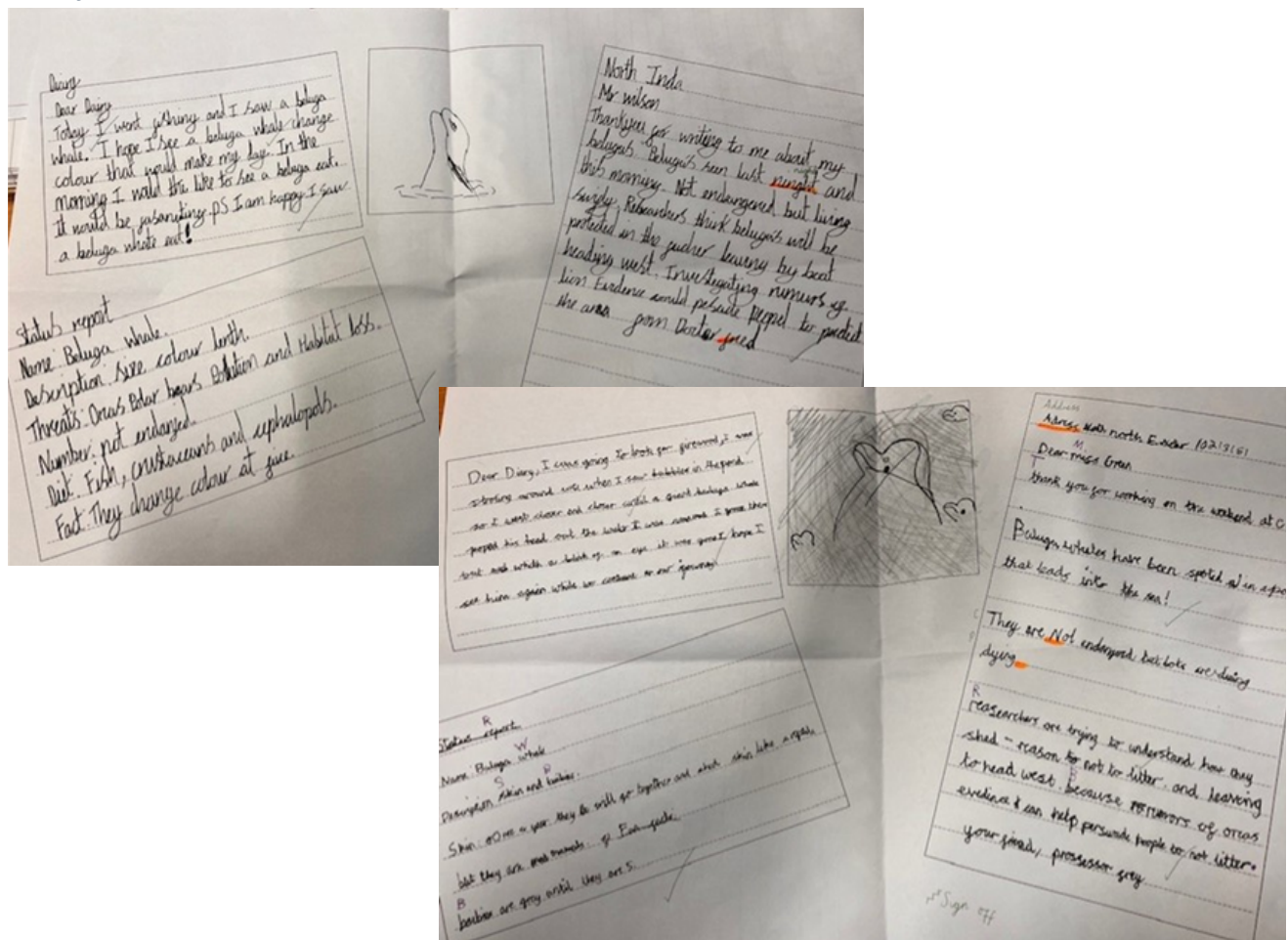
Firstly, it was lovely to see so many families after school on Monday in Year 1 and Year 2 whereby children were proudly showing their work. We hope to hold other sessions each term, if you were unable to attend please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Children in Year 2 have been busy writing up a fact sheet about 'what a wonderful world' linked to our geography learning. In science they have learnt about food chains and taken a quiz to recall facts over the term.

We would like to say well done to everyone for their hard work this term and look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th January.

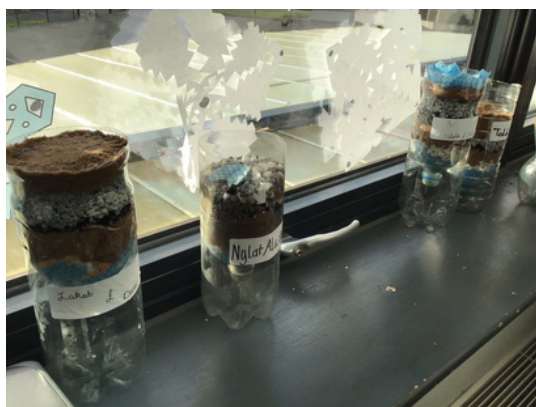
YEAR 3 & 4

In Years 3 and 4 this week, the children have enjoyed finishing off their Science learning, recognizing various bones in their body whilst also learning how their muscles work! The children enjoyed hands on activities including making muscles using lollypop sticks and elastic bands. We have also enjoyed the end of our Design Technology learning by making explosive volcanoes! In addition to this, we have been so impressed with the children's writing this week whilst creating a fact file about different mammals. To make this exciting the children did some research with the aim to write a diary entry, status report and an email! They have done a fantastic job. The children have also been working hard on their resilience this week and have done some fantastic editing of their work before rushing to say 'I'm finished', something which has made us teachers very happy! We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant week in school! In Geography, we have finished off our powerpoints about Slums. In DT we made our water filters using materials such as coal and gravel. We have had fun creating expanded noun phrases in English, the children really enjoyed this activity and created some wonderful sentences! We hope you have a magical Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you back in the classrooms in January!



YEAR 6

This week in Year 6 has been an excellent end to a fantastic term. We are so proud of the progress that each and every student has shown. In our Geography lesson, we completed our module on local fieldwork by analysing our findings from an observation of the school grounds. We have collected data, created a graph and evaluated our method. In RE, we learned all about how important mosques are to the Islamic religion. Students learned how to identify the key features of a mosque and their significance to Muslim people. To finish our DT project this term, students also had time to finish and decorate their own pop-up Christmas cards ready for the holidays. We hope you all have a wonderful break!

AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

Ava H Williams
+3 other students



SILVER

William Rogers
Elisha Tigwell
Lucas Hernon
Theodore Jones
Finn Matthews
Layla Newcombe
Hanna Hayward
Archie Perryman
Carla Gavrilă
Roman Sikora
Ethan Nicholls
Molly Ryan
Robyn Dixon
Olivia Simpson
Julia Browarek
Elizabeth Hayward
Ryan Back
Ranim Reggad
Dylan Gander
Aston Needs
Rain Rowe
Leah Johnston
Harriet Cooper
Imogen Loveridge
Jack Page
+24 other students



GOLD

Issac Burrell-Squires
Freddie Jarman
Annly Anoop
Bakary Berete
Maisie Rayner
Alfie Willcox
Paris Rickard
Tamara Jury
Harry Chapman
Ellis Cullen
Sam Yorke
Jude Cuthbertson
Milo Cooper
Oliver Curtis
Milly Webb
Willow Long
Isaac James
Tsz Chan
Luka Gould
Finley Nicholson
Ian Prada Gomez
Jacob Tomlinson
+17 other students

SPARX OF THE WEEK

Week ending
15.12.23

Ellis Maisie R
Engle Tharcika R
Favilli Scott G
Fletcher Leo S
Ibtihaj Isabella T
Love Thiago G
Montgomery Nevaeh-Skye G
Reynolds Theo W
Sufiya Henri M
Walker Rigles V
Yousafzai Sam Y

Class of the Week

Class of the Week: 6 Yousafzai, 4 Love, 2 Ellis, 2 Engle, 3/4 Ibtihaj and 5 Sufiya 100%

HOUSE POINTS



56120 Total



57607 Total



58214 Total



56310 Total



ATTENDANCE



92.93%



93.50%



93.20%



92.67%

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



Cranbrook
Town Council



YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Help us design your Cranbrook community garden. Plans can be presented on paper or digitally. See your ideas come to life for everyone to enjoy.

COMPETITION

ENTER NOW

Features to include:

- Raised bed planters for school groups
- Access friendly planters
- Community garden entrance
- Wildlife friendly
- Seating areas

DEADLINE

08/01/24

Submit your entries to Miss Wickens:
yea6@cranbrook.education

**The HAF website
is now live!**

**The programme of events for
Winter has now gone live in
Devon**

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

**Please share far and wide!
Places are limited**

Places are available for children who are
accessing benefit related free school
meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>