



THE WEEKLY UPDATE



Primary Update - 1st March 2024

Dear CEC Families,

This Monday and Tuesday, our school hosted a review team consisting of 5 reviewers and 2 shadows. Their task was to observe our daily school culture and offer feedback to our Senior Leaders and wider staff community regarding areas of strength and suggestions for further improvement. The two days were enjoyable, with Primary pupils, teachers, and family members

showcasing the remarkable progress made this year.

Highlights included:

Love of Reading: The team praised our delivery of Early Reading and Phonics in EYFS and KS1, noting it was done with "fidelity and enthusiasm" and to a "high standard." They observed pupils across all primary levels feeling well-supported in their reading journeys, reflecting our commitment to nurturing both reading skills and enjoyment.

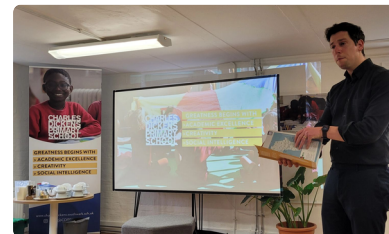
Teaching and Learning: Both primary and secondary pupils demonstrated increasing confidence in oral communication skills, reflecting our focus on developing spoken language abilities.

Additionally, the review team noted consistent practices such as teachers using visual aids to support curriculum delivery, clear systems for Quality Assurance of teaching and learning, and strong support for SEND pupils.

Personal Development: The review team interacted with various groups of pupils, who expressed feeling safe and supported, and appreciated the kindness of the staff. We were proud to hear that our teaching of British Values and Protected Characteristics was evident, and the Year 6 – 7 transition felt robust.

While having 7 reviewers on campus was slightly different, our pupils and staff warmly welcomed them. The two days were validating for us as a primary team, affirming the positive impact of our support of our pupils. As we learn from the review team's observations, we will focus on ensuring a high-quality campus-wide strategy is in place to support pupils from under-resourced backgrounds.

Following the review, the Head of Campus (Stephen Farmer) and I visited three schools (2 Primary and 1 All-Through) in London to gather insights to inform our strategic planning moving forward. A school that has left a particularly high impression on me is Charles Dickens Primary School - where academic excellence and creativity are equally valued with the school offer providing incredible opportunities for access to music and the arts.



Safe, considerate and legal parking at drop off and pick up

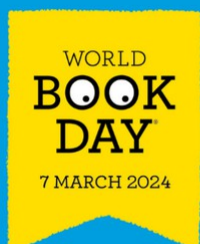
You will have noticed that we now have double yellow lines outside of the Campus which have been added by Devon County Council to support **safe**, considerate and legal parking. Please ensure you are both following the law and being considerate to our pupils and their families by not parking on these yellow lines at any time. We will be working with our local policing and civil enforcement teams to ensure our Campus is as **safe** as possible for all our pupils, families, staff and local residents.

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



Pupil Progress and Wellbeing Evenings

On Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st of March we will be running our Nursery to Year 6 Pupil Progress and Wellbeing Evenings. These were previously known as Parents' Evenings. We have made the change in name to reflect the opportunity to discuss not only the academic development of your children but for the conversations to be open to learning, emotional and mental health, wellbeing, friendships, clubs or any other questions or encouragement you have. We are really looking forward to these moments of connection and opportunities for discussion.

Both sessions will be Face to Face and based on Campus. To sign up for a Face to Face session with specific class teachers on MCAS, please select parents evening and select the time slot that works best for you. **Bookings will be live on the MCAS app from 5pm today.** If you are unable to attend Face to Face, please email reception@cranbrook.education to arrange a telephone call instead.

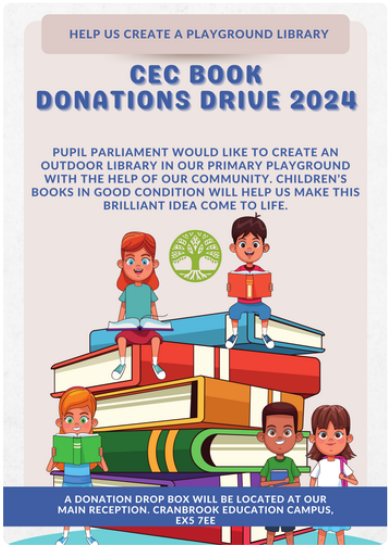
We are excited to share that we will also be working with Dolce, our school lunch provider, to offer sample food tasting of items on our school menu during both evenings. This will give families a opportunity to get a flavour for the food on offer to our primary pupils each week.

Police Surgery with PCSO Jon Sims

Two 'pop up' events for families and pupils to meet PCSO Jon Sims are planned for 7th March and 19th April outside CEC between 3pm - 3.30pm. Jon will be parking up in a police van and would like to engage with as many pupils and families as possible

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.



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.

PE Day Changes

Please find our new PE timetable for this Spring Term 2. 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			
		8:50-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	12:15-13:15
Monday	Registration	1 English Dance	5 Reynolds Tennis	Swims Club	Assemblies
Tuesday	Registration	2 English Dance	2 Ellis Dance	Swims Club	6 Yearbook Tennis
Wednesday	Registration	3 English Kickboxing	4 Management Kickboxing	Swims Club	7 4 Laine Dance
Thursday	Registration	8 Brown Multi-sports	9 Carle Multi-sports	Swims Club	1 Donalson Dance
Friday	Registration	8 Dwyer Multi-sports	Pre School Multi-sports	Swims Club	Public Assembly Primary Hall



A big thank you to Blake and Colton Doksoz and families for their very kind conation to the PTA this week!



Nursery Update

In Carle Class this week for our rhyme of the term 'Mary, Mary quite contrary', we have been exploring various coloured flowers, plant pots and scoops, the children have been filling the pots with soil and talking about all the flowers and colours they can see. We have also been planting sunflower seeds, we will be watching them grow and sending them home in a few weeks, we would like you to continue to grow your sunflowers at home and we are

going to have a little competition the tallest sunflower will win a certificate and a little prize!



Preschool Update

This week in Preschool we have been getting more involved in re-enacting Jack and the Beanstalk! From playing giants to making food in his kitchen, the children have really got stuck in with telling the story. In Maths, we have been looking at shapes and seeing what objects we can make with different shapes in different sizes. We have enjoyed making objects such as a house, a rocket and a car as a class together. It has been lovely to see the children feeling excited when watching our class beanstalk grow and seeing them remake their own beanstalks using blocks, crates, Lego and more! In rhyme time this week, we are doing one of our favourite rhymes 'Twinkle, twinkle little star' where we are exploring the rhyming vocabulary and the sounds of the rhyme. We finished off our love of reading focus of Jack and the Beanstalk and are now ready to move onto our next focus story. It involves a giant vegetable, can you think of what the story could be? We hope you have a great weekend and can't wait to see you all next week!



Reception Update

This week in Reception, the children loved getting muddy during forest school! They searched high and low for sticks of different sizes to create a Stick Man. The children also had the opportunity to observe pond life and learnt about the different creatures that live in a pond. In Maths, the children created number bonds to 10 on a ten frame and mathematical vocabulary such as add, equals and altogether. In English, the children added exciting adjectives to our class story maps and had a go at writing their own simple sentences to match pictures from our class story, Tad. The children have all worked very hard on the challenges this week in our continuous provision, well done everyone!



Year 1 Update

Year one have been busy writing their own stories in English, choreographing their own fairytale-inspired dances routines in PE, comparing and ordering number to 50 in maths, classifying the

animal kingdom in science and demonstrating, as ever, all the our 'Crantastic' PERKS - particularly those of being ready and engaged in their learning. Well done year one. Whoosh!

Year Two Update

We have been working on changing parts of 'the day the crayons quit' for a class shared write, lots of great ideas have been shared.

In maths children have been measuring and working out what is more than, less than or equal to a metre and understanding when we use centimetres and metres to measure objects.

In science children took part in their own investigation to explore how an object could move on different surfaces and what impact it would have on the speed.

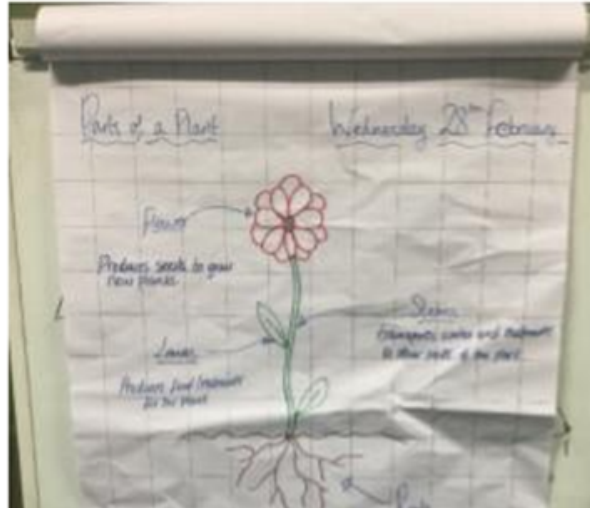
In geography, the children have learnt about the different layers of the rainforest and what animals might be found in each layer.

What a busy week!

Year Three & Four Update

The children have been exploring the affect water can have on plants. Over the last week, the children have been observing the effects that watering and not watering a sunflower seed can have on the growth of the seed. During this investigation, the children discovered that when a plant does not receive a sufficient amount of water, it does not grow very well. However, when a seed receives the correct amount of water it can grow well and tall (see our photos below).

The classes have enjoyed conducting these experiments (as well as growing some plants of their own!) and discovering the different functions each part of plant has. We can't wait to see how or plants turn out over the next few weeks!



We have also been working hard in English learning about different parts of grammar, looking closely at how we can use adverbs, expanded noun phrases and how to convey how a character is feeling with our writing. The children have been enjoying linking our work to London and learning new facts about our capital city

Year 5 Update

We have had a very busy week in Year 5 this week! We have created our class shared writes, based on our book "Cracking Contraptions". The children have been working together to use exciting verbs and adjectives. In Maths, we have started to learn how to multiply fractions and we are enjoying this challenge. We have created prototype Geodesic domes in DT, working together as a team to carefully build these. Thank you for all of your hard work this week Year 5, have a great weekend!

Year 6 Update

This week in Year 6 we have been exploring travel advertisements. Both classes have used rhetorical questions, command sentences and 2nd person perspective to write persuasive holiday adverts. We have been promoting exciting locations such as Australia, Japan, even Bosnia and

Herzegovina! In Geography we have begun our unit on Population. Year 6 have learned all about population density and how the world's population has grown rapidly over time. In DT, classes have begun learning about ecohomes, this is in preparation to design our own environmentally friendly, sustainable houses later in the term. Keep up the good work everyone!

Awards & Rewards

Silver Awards

Catewyn Tellem
+2 other students



Gold Awards

Eddie Latcham
Ranim Reggad
+6 other students



Platinum Awards

Molly Chapman
Seth Watts
Sekou Berete
Adeline Busby
Reggie Hooper
George Newbery-Jewell
Iyla Lovering
Frankie Dowds
Archie Perryman
Charles Prykhodko
Laveen Kay
Nikolai Roper
Samuel-James Shaddick
Oliver Hooper
Roman Sikora



Ashton Obee
Arthur Clarke
Harriet Cooper
Oliver Way
Viktoriia Yatsiv
Layla de Sousa Augusto
Theodore Jones
Amelia Parsons
Issac Burrell-Squires
+11 other students

SPARX OF THE WEEK

01.03.24

Ellis Jack F

Engle Teddy H

Favilli Darcie-Lou

Fletcher Catewyn T

Ibtihaj Emma C

Love Layla N

Montgomery Noel J

Reynolds William Y

Sufiya Noah F

Walker Scarlett S and Seth W

Yousafzai Sam Y

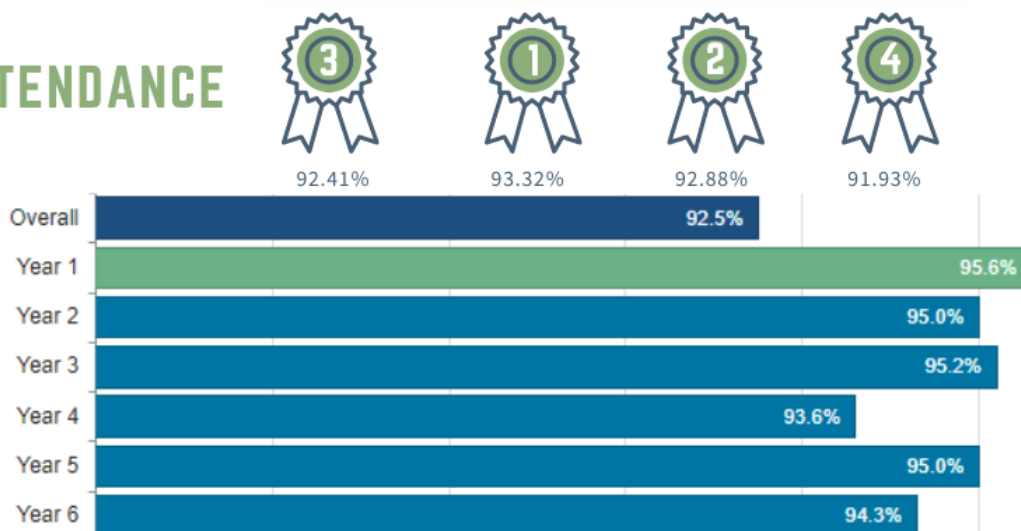
Class of the week

6 Yousafzai, 6 Walker, 3 Fletcher, 3 Favilli, 3/4 Ibtihaj and 4 Love 100%

HOUSE POINTS



ATTENDANCE



Community Notice Board

CRANBROOK RUNNING CLUB & MOVE
MORE CRANBROOK PRESENT...



CRANBROOK
COLOUR RUN
FAMILY FUN RUN & 5KM
& SUMMER FETE

6th July 2024
Cranbrook Country Park



Join a Minecraft History class for an extraordinary educational journey!

EduCraft-Poster.pdf

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What is a HAF camp? A funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) holiday camp includes physical activity, sports, dance, arts and crafts, well-being activities, AND A HOT NUTRITIOUS LUNCH for your child!

Where is it? Pinhoe Primary School, St Sidwell's Primary School, St Thomas Primary School, and Marpool Primary School

When is it? 2nd - 5th April and 8th - 11th April

Who can attend? Children aged 4-11 who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals

How do I book? Visit www.premier-education.com, search for your chosen venue, select your dates, then enter your HAF code at the checkout stage

See attached flyer below for further information

Exeter HAF leaflet-2.pdf

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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.

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Dates for the Diary

Reminder: Primary clubs do not run in the last week of term. The last day of this term is Thursday 28th March.

Primary Pupil Progress & Wellbeing meetings Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st March

Last Day of Spring Term - Thursday 28th 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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