



THE WEEKLY UPDATE



Primary Update - 8th March 2024

Dear CEC Families,

This week has been an absolute joy. After a few days offsite last week to visit and learn from some of the best schools in the country, it feels #Crantastic to be back on the ground and spending time with our pupils, staff and families.

As it's International Women's Day, I want to start by giving a shout out to a handful of women in our community who go above and beyond in our journey of transforming lives through aspirational learning and opportunities.

≡ International Women's Day ≡



Our PTA:

Though I know we have many different people supporting our school initiatives, each week when I step out onto the playground, I see many passionate, committed female leaders from our PTA doing something good for the **community**. From fixing our sheds to installing trim trails, from increasing our books in the library to organising social events for our pupils, they really do show our PERKS all of the time.



Gill Smith:

Gill leads our Dolce services in the kitchen and goes above and beyond in knowing all our pupils. She has one of the busiest schedules I know but always makes time for our pupils to feel seen, heard and cared for. Gill is an absolute role model for **kindness**!



Our Business Support Team:

Behind the scenes, there is lots that goes on in running a school. From being the first response to phone calls and emails to ensuring our field trips are **safe** and well organised, from supporting with recruiting the best possible staff to making sure our exams, cover arrangements and finances are well looked after, our female leaders in this team are always **ready** to support our community.

I could write a book about all the inspirational female role models in our community. Truly, a big thank you to each and everyone one of you for all that you do.

I also wanted to celebrate the incredible allies that inspire inclusion on a daily basis. Our Football Coach, Darren Clarke, is a great example of this. Darren has championed our girls' football teams

meaning we are often the only school attending tournaments with two girls teams and have the youngest girls on the pitch!.

This week's World Book Day also brought so much joy and fun to the campus. I was so impressed with the amount of authors names and characters I heard yesterday with pupils just as excited to share what books they love reading as they were to share who their costume was inspired by.



Finally, a massive shout out to the entire staff team for their tremendous efforts this year in our continued journey of school improvement. Our Trust Review report was recently received and the team identified an incredible 41 strengths across the Campus! We will share more in the coming weeks but this phrase summarises so much of the positive from the report:

"There is a warm and positive culture across the campus. The PERKS values are central to all."

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing all Primary Pupils back at school on Monday for another #Crantastic week of **learning**



TWT Extreme Reading Challenge

A huge well done to our CEC Extreme Reader, Erin Leach, who won the TWT Extreme Reading competition this World Book Day! You can see all the entries [here](#) though Erin's is a particular highlight!

Extreme Reading at the Ted Wragg Trust 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.

Parking on Crannaford Lane - SAFE

If you currently park on Crannaford lane, please find somewhere else that is **safe** to park moving forward. Parking on pavements and on corners is unsafe and affects the safety of all our families

The details of vehicles parked unsafely (like the images below) will be passed to the DCC Civil Enforcement team.

If you are affected by unsafe parking around the Campus or anywhere in Cranbrook, please do report via the DCC website here:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-parking-problem/>



Science day- The space challenge

On Tuesday 5th March, year 3, 4 and one year 5 class took part in an all day online interactive event hosted by Smallpeice Trust (charity) which was developed in partnership with the Royal Air Force Youth STEM.

The objective for the day was to design and build three rockets from card, the children had to use different designs for each rocket to test which design worked the best. Children launched their rockets at different angles using a straw and recorded their results.

They all had so much fun with their designing, making and testing of their rockets. Children were even talking about it the next day about how much fun they had.

Well done to everyone who took part it was clear to see how engaged and motivated the children were.

Here are some photos of their brilliant day!



Police Surgery with PCSO Jon Sims

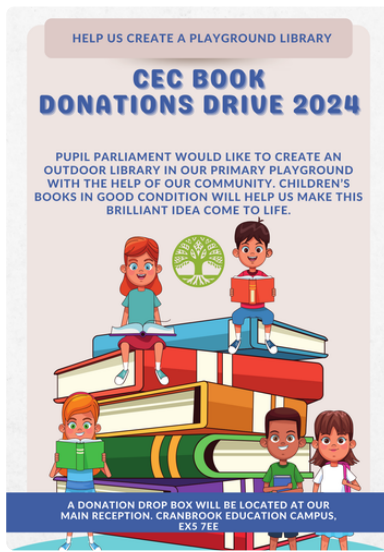
PCSO Jon Sims was outside the campus on 7th March issuing reminders to people parking on the road outside the school about considerate and safe parking. He will be back on 19th April between 3pm - 3.30pm. Jon will be parking up in a police van and would like to engage with as many pupils and families 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 placing 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				
		8:45-9:50	9:50-10:50	10:50-11:50	11:50-12:50	12:50-1:50
Monday	registration	3 English Dance	5 Reynolds Tennis		Assembly	5 Sufjan Dance
Tuesday	registration	2 English Dance	2 PE Dance	4 Sports Club	6 Football Dance	8 Volleyball Dance
Wednesday	registration	3 English Dance	4 Reynolds Tennis		Assembly	5 Sufjan Dance
Thursday	registration	2 English Dance	2 PE Dance	4 Sports Club	6 Football Dance	8 Volleyball Dance
Friday	registration	3 English Dance	4 Reynolds Tennis		Assembly	5 Sufjan Dance

The Big Step Summer School

The Big Step Summer School will run on the Campus site from **Mon 12th - Fri 16th August 2024**. This is a very worthwhile programme with the sole aim of preparing pupils for Secondary school. The Big Step is run by an external provider and the approximate cost for a whole week of activities is £120 per child. You can secure your child's place with just a £20 deposit and pay the rest at your convenience (or opt for an automatic payment plan). If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals you can receive a 50% discount. If you think you're eligible for this discount, please contact info@thebigstep.org before booking.

Booking Link - <https://thebigstep.org/about> - Click on BOOK NOW

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Year Group Updates

Nursery Update

We have had a fun filled week in Carle class, we have been busy creating Mother's Day cards for mother day. We have been watching out sunflower start to grow. these will be coming home it's

your child when they are in please continue to grow it at home as we are going to see who's grows the tallest and the winner will be announced at a later date. Please put photos of your sunflower on tapestry so we can see how they are growing. We also have enjoyed dressing up for world book day and it has been lovely seeing all the children in their costumes.

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Preschool Update

What a fantastic week we have had in Pre-school! It was so lovely to see everyone's amazing World Book Day costumes, you all looked great! We have been focusing our learning this week on our new book 'The Enormous turnip' where we have been planting seeds to grow in our garden and looking at teamwork through a range of activities. We have really enjoyed our garden-inspired role play areas where we have been digging out a giant turnip and running a garden shop too. In Maths, we have enjoyed focusing our learning on the episode 'Blockzilla' where we have been looking at 'greater than' and 'less than' using a variety of big and small numbers. It was lovely to hear the different opinions from the children in our Love of Reading investigation activity where we discussed four of our senses (smell, touch, hear and look) while looking at some different vegetables including turnips. In rhyme time, we have been looking at the rhyme 'Ring-a-ring-a-roses' where we are looking at the different rhyming words, sounds and ways of saying the rhyme differently. We hope you have an amazing weekend and we'll see you next week for some more #Crantastic learning!

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Reception Update

We have had an absolutely fun-packed week in Reception this week! We have had another new arrival in Bryon and Daywalt class, caterpillars! The children have loved reading our new text, The Very hungry Caterpillar by Eric carle. They were also fascinated to learn about the Lifecycle of a butterfly. In Maths this week we have been learning how to use a part whole model to find different

number bonds to 10. It was a sunny morning for Forest School on Wednesday, where the children worked in groups to create their own dens. They demonstrated excellent listening skills and team work. The children were full of excitement for our World Book Day! They all had a wonderful day sharing information about their character and completing different reading challenges.



Year One Update

Year one have had a fantastic week. We have especially enjoyed world book day and dressing up as our favorite characters. We have also been enjoying writing a non fiction text all about our local area - describing all of the wonderful things about Cranbrook. Our behavior, once again, has been fantastic and we are looking forward to continuing our brilliant start to the spring term next week. Well done year one!

Year Two Update

In science children were exploring and investigating whether the length of a straw would have an impact on how far a marshmallow could be blown. There was lots of discussion around fair testing.

Maths- children have moved onto looking at 2D shapes and looking at how many sides and recapping their learning of names of shapes.

In English we have been working together as a class on a shared write. The purpose of this shared write is to support children understand the structure of a letter and also how to use the conjunction 'if', this will support them when it is their turn to write their own letters.

Geography we have continued our learning of rainforests and have found out about temperate rainforests and compared them to tropical rainforests we will continue with this work next week. Well done Year 2 for your hard work and positive attitudes.

Year Three & Four Update

What an amazing week we have had in Year 3 and 4!

On Tuesday we had our Science Day where the children were designing, creating and testing their own rockets. They learnt how to communicate in small groups, how to design a rocket and even the parts of a rocket that are important to keep it going straight.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day with the children and adults all dressed up as their favourite book characters. We had some amazing costumes and completed work based on a picture and based on the characters we were.

We have also been learning more about plants and the different parts of these and the children have all brought home their plants ready for our 3/4 competition to see who is the tallest in each class.

We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend.

Blake Doksoz
Tharcika Ramadi
Mattie Selmi
Olivier Krawczyk
Phoenix Rowe
Joshua Hill
Eddie Arden
+10 other students



Platinum Awards

Bobby Tregale
Theo Toborne
Imogen Loveridge
Azra Bayrak
Nathaniel Enyiazu
Charlotte Frood
Amelia Pospiech
Talia Obee
Martha Every
Ayda Groves
Autumn Moore
Jackson Williams
Lucas Simion
Adam Mussani
Theo Burrell-Squires
Charlotte Ho
Daisy Langdon
Imogen Beasley
Asmin Kocabay
Ted Scott-Hake
Ryan Back
Dylan Smith
Isla Ballett
+12 other students



SPARX OF THE WEEK

08.03.24

Ellis Sophie W

Engle Ashton O

Favilli Alfie Cl

Fletcher Penny S

Ibtihaj Josh B

Love Freddie M

Montgomery Alice D

Reynolds Jonathan M

Sufiya Ashlyn A

Walker Milly W

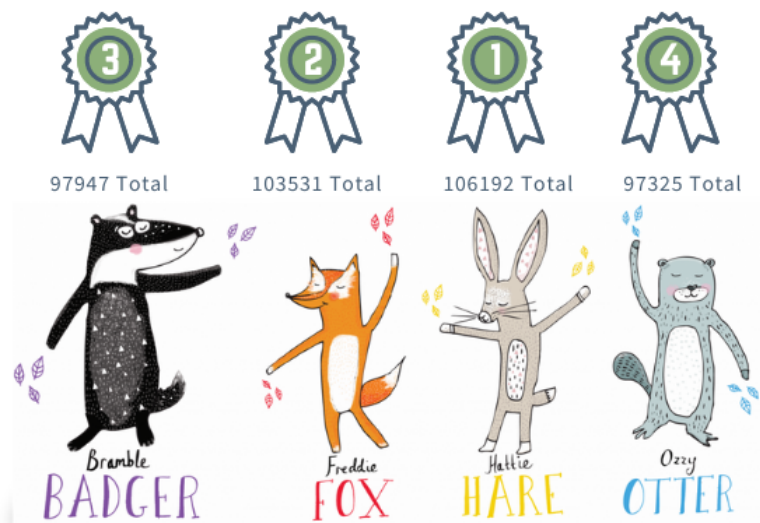
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Class of the week

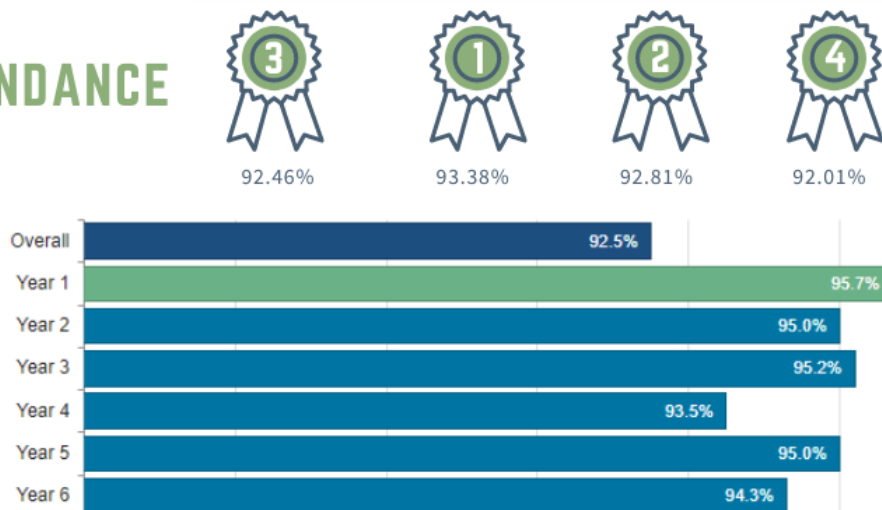
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HOUSE POINTS



ATTENDANCE



Community Notice Board

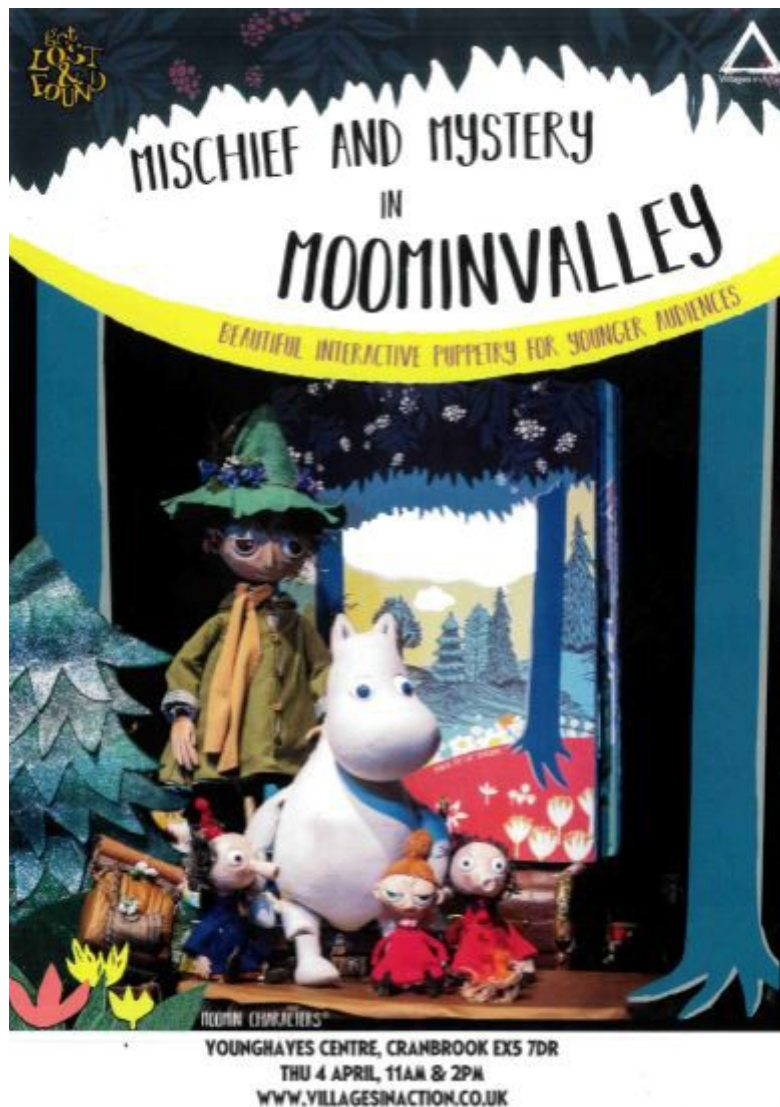
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CRANBROOK COLOUR RUN
FAMILY FUN RUN & 5KM
& SUMMER FETE

6th July 2024
Cranbrook Country Park





Join a Minecraft History class for an extraordinary educational journey!

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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

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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.

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



Krisha Gandhi

Head of Primary

