



THE WEEKLY UPDATE



Primary Update - 15th March 2024

Dear CEC Families,

I'm writing this before our PTA Red Nose Day Disco which I'm sure will be a joyous evening filled with dancing, treats and lots of fun.

A massive thanks to the PTA for organising this for our young community, and to our staff who attend and support the event.

As mentioned last week, we will continue to be celebrating the strengths shared in our recent Trust Review. This week, I want to

draw our attention to our increasingly warm and welcoming culture. The reviewers themselves noted:

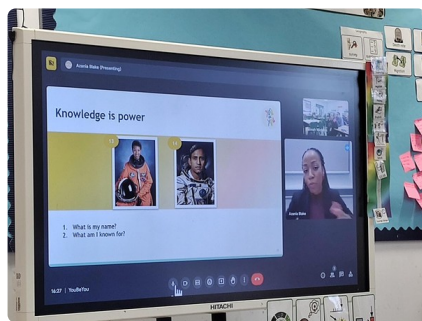
'Pupils display respect for difference and the role they play in crafting a welcoming culture for all. They feel well supported due to the strong pastoral systems and the broad range of adults to whom they can refer any worries. End of day appreciations and assemblies also contribute to the enhancement of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.'

This week, I've selected this statement because it resonates deeply with my observations on the ground. We've had the privilege of hosting four visitors at our school, who were treated to a pupil-led tour guided by Anabel, Ian, Willow, and Jacob from Year 6, along with Ayda from Year 3. These pupils confidently showcased our school's offerings with genuine love, warmth, and joy. Our CEC Staff Chaperones were truly impressed, remarking that these pupils exhibited remarkable manners and articulate communication skills. They described the tours as incredible, praising our young tour leaders for celebrating everything that makes CEC exceptional.



As we continue to promote important British values as part of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development offer, this week our teaching staff received training from the London-based organisation You Be You. We are proud to be the first school in the South West to receive

You Be You training and this on key themes centered around diversity, equity and inclusion. The session empowered us, as a team, to consider how we can better reflect our community within our curriculum. We are in the early stages of our work with You Be You and look forward to keeping our families updated and involved in our work in this space.



This week, I have also continued the recruitment process for our Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education) role for next academic year. As I have been visiting candidates in their own schools to observe their teaching and leadership in a setting where they have already built strong relationships, I haven't been on mornings gates as much as I'd like. I'm looking forward to returning to our morning gates next week as well as seeing our families on Tuesday and Thursday evening at our Pupil Progress and Wellbeing Evenings.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

MCAS- Pupil data update

In order to ensure that we have up to date details for all pupils at CEC we would be grateful if you could please log into the MCAS app and select "data collection form" from the Menu to double check that all the information we hold for you and your child(ren) is correct. Any changes will then be authorised by the Business Support Team and will then be updated on MCAS and our internal systems.

We love to share news and photos from our classrooms with you via our Newsletter and Social Media. If you are happy for us to use photos that include your child(ren) please confirm this via the MCAS App under the "parental consent option" on the menu.

If you have any queries regarding the above and the MCAS app please email

reception@cranbrook.education

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.

If you are in need of British Sign Language interpretation for our upcoming Pupil Progress and Wellbeing Evening please email reception@cranbrook.education.

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. 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.

A member of the Business Support Team will also be available at the evenings should you have any MCAS or general queries and Liz Partridge will be available to support with any questions regarding Boom reader and eCollins as well as to give advice and support on how to support your child with phonics and reading at home . You do not need to book an appointment to speak to Mrs Partridge or the Business Support Team

Egg-citing Easter Competition

Lauren, Chelsea, and Caroline from our egg-cellent Business Support team will be joined by our Chair of Governors, Les Bayliss, to judge the PTA Egg decorating competition at the end of term! Its no yolking matter! They are all super egg-cited and have high egg-pectations! We hope the children will use their egg-quisite imaginations and create some cracking creations.





"Let them play" day.

Last week, on March 8th, a remarkable event unfolded as our Primary girls enthusiastically joined in the "Let them play" day. Every girl wholeheartedly engaged in the activities, embodying our cherished CEC Values. We had 80 girls from Year 1 to Year 6 participate and 475000 girls across the country took part in the event. The event was further enriched by the exemplary leadership of our secondary pupils, Millie Seviour, Elsie Bauer, Lily Grice, Lilly Smith, Arlind Lleshi, and Luke Greenslade, who not only guided but also personified our CEC Values throughout the day.

Pump Track

As part of the Move More Steering Group meeting on Wednesday, members of the group (Matt Rowett (Cranbrook Running Club), Lesley Brown (Live West), Les Bayliss (Chair of Cranbrook Town Council) and Stephen Farmer (Head of Campus) visited the pump track which is being built in the country park. A Move More Cranbrook Grant (<https://liveandmove.co.uk/project/move-more-cranbrook-grants/>) supported the cost of the Pump Track and we are really excited to see it in action for our pupils, their families and our **community** in the coming weeks.



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

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

*Timings in the morning may vary slightly for different yrs

	8:50-9:50	9:50-10:50	10:50-11:50	11:50-12:50	12:50-1:50	1:50-2:50	2:50-3:50
Monday	Registration	1 English Dance	2 Reynolds Tennis		3 Sports Club	Assembly	4 Sports Dance
Tuesday	Registration	1 English Dance	2 Ellis Dance		3 Sports Club	6 Football Tennis	6 Walker Tennis
Wednesday	Registration	3/4 Walking Kickboxing	4 Management Kickboxing		5 Sports Club	1 Doherty Dance	4 Lane Dance
Thursday	Registration	8 Brown MultiSkills	9 Carle MultiSkills		10 Sports Club	1 Davidson Dance	3 Fletcher Dance
Friday	Registration	8 Grayson MultiSkills	Pre School MultiSkills		11 Sports Club	Prize Assembly Primary Hall	

12 Swimming Wednesday

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

This week in Carle Class we have turned our home corner into a garden, the children have been enjoying exploring the pots, scoops and colourful flowers to create their flower creations. We have also been sending home all sunflowers that have been planted and have loved seeing how they have grown already, we will let you know the date for the final photo of your grown sunflower to see who I the winner. We have also been enjoying our book of the week ‘What’s in the garden’, the children have talked about what they can see throughout the book.



Preschool Update

This week in Preschool we have been focusing more on how to grow plants and have also enjoyed learning about Ramadan and completing Ramadan-inspired activities. This is the first week of Ramadan and the children have been linking the Islam holiday meaning of peace and kindness to their everyday activities. We are still looking at 'The Enormous Turnip' and looking closer into how to work as a team and the benefits of teamwork. In Maths, we have been recapping our number bonds to 5 with a ladybird spot-counting activity and revisiting the Numberblocks episode 'Hide and Seek'. In Rhyme time, we have revisited one of our favourite rhymes '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I caught a fish alive' and the children have loved adding Makaton actions when singing as well as exploring the sounds and rhymes. Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you next week when we start our final book focus for this term!

Reception Update

Reception have been super learners this week! They have demonstrated the perks of being Crantastic, including being proud and engaged. In English this week the children have sequenced and written captions about the Very Hungry Caterpillar. They were excellent at using their grapheme mat to find the needed sounds, and are beginning to use finger spaces. We had such an exciting time at Forest School on Wednesday! The children loved having warm and gooey smores around a camp fire with Mr Knight. They listened brilliantly and stayed safe. In Maths this week we



manipulatives. The children are starting to link their number bond knowledge when subtracting numbers within 10. Well done Reception!



Year Two Update

In science, children enjoyed testing out their scooters on the school playground to see if a different surface would make the scooter go faster or slower. Thank you Kathryn who tested out her scooter on the grass to see the difference in time compared to on the playground.

Children have worked hard on maths and reading test papers this week, the children's attitude to these test papers was remarkable, so positive and proud of their work.

In maths we have been continuing our learning on 2D and 3D shapes and looking at patterns. Well done Year 2.

in Iceland: The exact spot where the American and Eurasian tectonic plates almost meet. It's believed to be the only place in the world where 2 continents can be touched at the same time.



Year Three & Four Update

This week in Year 3 and 4, the children have been working hard on their assessments and completing these has shown how PROUD the children are of their knowledge, how ENGAGED they have been throughout the year, how READY they are to show off their skills and understanding, how KIND they are to let everyone in the class succeed and how SAFE they have been.

They have also been continuing their learning about Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes where this week they have been

learning about how an Earthquake occurs and what happens. Also Miss Taylor found this picture and we thought it was amazing!!!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



Year Five Update

This week in year 5 we have seen the children really persevere with their maths and reading test papers. They all showed a huge amount of focus and determination during the tests, we are very proud of them! We had a brilliant trip to the swimming pool on Wednesday, the children continue to make so much progress and have really developed their confidence in the swimming pool. Just a reminder that the last swimming lesson will be on Wednesday 27th March. In DT this week, we have been looking at the stability of different shapes, the children found that a triangle was the most stable shape. We also learnt about the Savannah in Geography, the children enjoyed learning about all of the different animals which inhabit the Savannah. Have a brilliant weekend!



Year Six Update

This week in year 6 has been another busy one. In maths, children have been calculating the area and perimeter of quadrilaterals and solving complex problems using this skill. Children have increased their speed and accuracy in arithmetic using LbQ. Well done to those children who have engaged with this at home too - we are very proud. In science, Year 6 have been learning about the process of fossilisation and how key evolutionary evidence has been preserved and discovered. Next week we will be undertaking another set of mock SATs tests to help prepare children for the real tests that will commence between Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May. We look forward to meeting parents and carers next week in our meetings on Tuesday or Thursday. Please use MCAS to book an appointment. Thank you.

Awards & Rewards

Congratulations to pupils who obtained their House Point Awards this week.

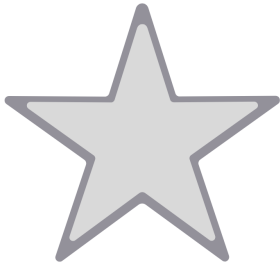
Gold Awards

Jade Southern
Helena Carter
Noel Juhasz
Oliver Watts
+6 other students



Platinum Awards

Maisie Kenshole
William Rogers
Henry Fryer
Jackson Clarke
Elisha Tigwell
Lucas Hernon
Harry Birkbeck
Antoni Dudkowiak
Oscar Andrews
Oscar Busby
Elizabeth Beacham
Charlie Moxey
Maxwell Ashelford
+4 other students



SPARX OF THE WEEK

15.03.24

Ellis Oliver C

Engle Isabelle G

Favilli Cohen M

Fletcher Nancy S

Ibtihaj Jaxon S

Love Leo B

Montgomery Chloe R

Reynolds William Y

Sufiya Wealth C

Walker Harry S

Yousafzai Maxwell A

Class of the week

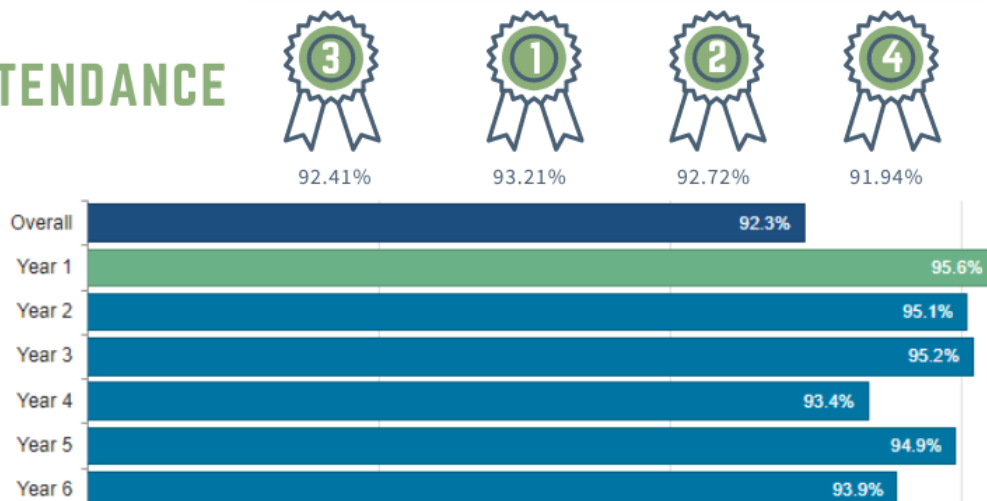
6 Walker & 4 Love 100%



HOUSE POINTS



ATTENDANCE



Community Notice Board

Join us for Cranbrook's first colour run!

Move More Cranbrook and Cranbrook Running Club are hosting a 2km family fun run and a 5km fun run around the beautiful country park. With multiple colour stations dotted around the course you are sure to be very colourful by the time you complete to fun run.

Click here for more information

<https://race-nation.co.uk/register/cranbrook-running-club/cranbrook-country-park-colour-run>

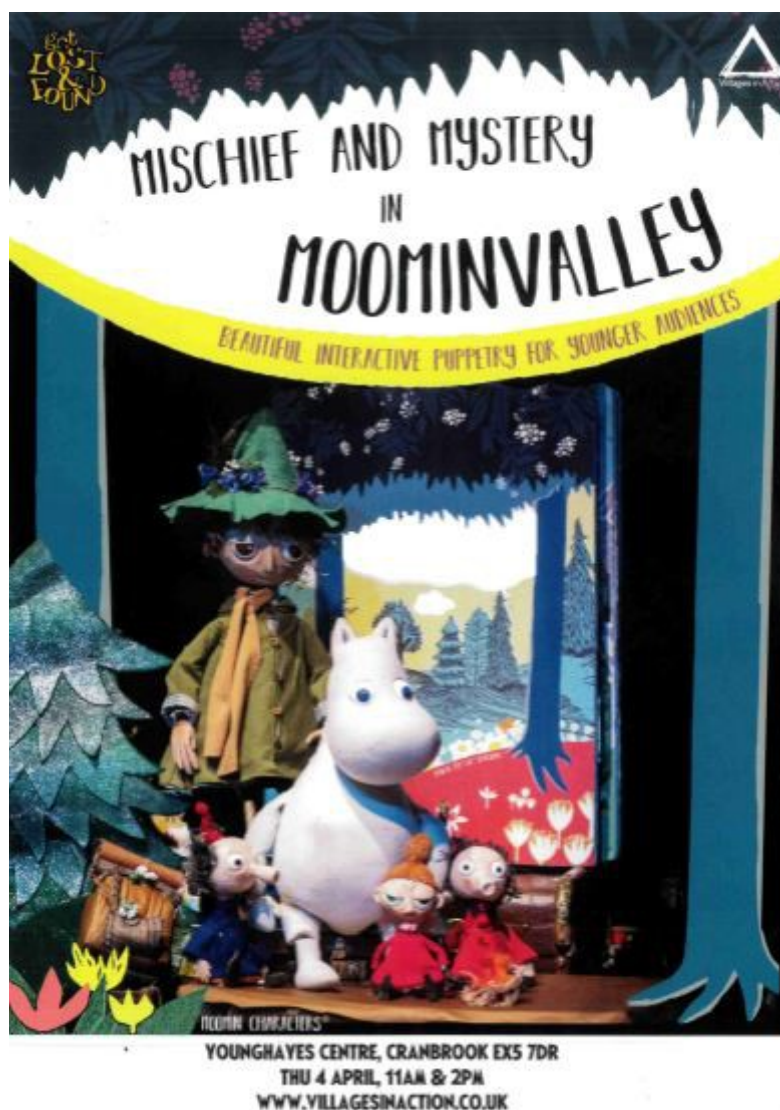
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CRANBROOK
COLOUR RUN
FAMILY FUN RUN & 5KM
& SUMMER FETE

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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Littleton Honiton - Easter Holiday Club (HAF Project)

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Easter Soccer School (HAF Project)

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Car Parking

We have a small car park at the campus that is intended for use by visitors and staff who live outside of Cranbrook only. Please walk to the campus where possible. If you do drive to the campus, there is plenty of on road parking available if families continue to park sensibly and

safely. Blue badge holders who have responsibility for dropping off and collecting students may also use the car park and should bring their blue badge to the main reception office so details can be recorded. Please remember the speed limit is 5mph at all times. More information can be found on our website by clicking here www.cranbrook.education/carparking

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