



THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Primary Update - 28th March 2024

Dear CEC Families,

As we end our Spring Term, I am so **proud** thinking about all the progress we have made together, all the **opportunities** our pupils have had, and the incredible collaboration that has been fostered between children, staff and families. Some of my highlights this term have included:

- Our Teachers CPD for phonics improvements including visiting Marine Academy in Plymouth and Lympstone Primary to see our scheme, Little Wandle in outstanding environments.
- Our Trust Review in which 41 strengths were identified including pupils increasing confidence in sharing their learning and articulating their views.
- Our class assemblies this term from Year 3 and Year 5 pupils - showcasing their **learning** and developing their presentation skills.
- Our field trips including the Year 1 trip to the RAMM in Exeter in February and our Service Family trip to Mamhead just this week.
- Our Year 5 developing their independent swimming skills, and our wider sports offer continuing to grow including many inter-school tournaments.
- Our involvement in the Let Girls Play FA initiative which saw over 80,000 girls playing football in the UK on the same day.
- Seeing our families on Pupil Progress and Wellbeing evenings which included our Kitchen Taster Menu
- Our guest visitors including a beekeeper in EYFS!
- Our World Book Day fun including a whole campus commitment to dressing up as our favourite characters - Mr Farmer as Gandalf definitely surprised many Primary pupils!

I am so **proud** of the ambitious and **aspirational learning** and **opportunities** our pupils have experienced this Spring term, and I'm so excited to see all pupils back for our Summer Term on Monday 15th April, 2024. I'm looking to see and support great attendance from every pupil and class community, pupils taking and showing pride in their learning, pupils feeling **ready** to take their



varying assessments such as our Year 6 SATs as well as lots of joy, smiles and fun too! We have trips, residentials, assemblies, guest speakers, rewards and so much more taking place. Until then, I wish you all a wonderful couple of weeks.

Summer Term Clubs - Book now!

We are excited to announce that our wide range of engaging and fun Primary Clubs for the summer term are now available to book on the MCAS App. Bookings will close at 9am on Monday 15th April and slots will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

There are over 20 clubs available to book each week at a cost of £2 per session. Please bare in mind that you will only see the clubs available to your childs Key Stage groups. Clubs start the week beginning 22nd April and will run every week apart from May Half Term (27th May-3rd June) and the last week before the Summer Holidays (15th-18th July).

If you want to book Simons Soccer School on Tuesdays please contact them directly on simonssoccerschools@hotmail.co.uk

If you want to book L & F Multi-Sports please contact them directly via: <https://lfmultisports.co.uk/>

If you have any other questions please email reception@cranbrook.education.

We are looking forward to seeing the children enjoy these clubs over the term.

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PTA Competition Winners

Well done to our Extreme Read winner, Catewyn who received her £10 token to spend on books! She ended up with over 100 votes! Enjoy some Easter holiday reading! Thank you to all those who entered the Extreme Read Competition! We had lots of interesting entries in some random and beautiful locations across the world!

Congratulations to all our winners from the Easter Egg Decorating Competition! We have some amazing eggs to showcase and over 10 winners across all key stages! Here are a few of those who got through to the final vote!





Lock-down practice

Well done (👏👏👏👏) to all pupils and staff for their **engagement** with our lock down drill yesterday. We practice this so we can keep our entire community **safe** if the need ever arises. This is definitely a drill that I hope we never have to use for real.

Easter Phonics challenge - Reception and Year 1

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has engaged with reading with your child at home. If you still have not got access to e-collins or boom reader for your child, then please speak to myself or your child's class teacher on your return from Easter.

Tricky words have been a real focus for us over the last term and are really important in supporting your child to become a fluent reader. Therefore attached is a link to a tricky word challenge for your child. Please practice reading these words by creating mini flashcards, playing snap with them, spotting them in books or playing bingo with them. The more exposure they can get to these words the better. The linked document also includes all the tricky words your child will learn along with an explanation of what part is tricky. If anyone has any questions about this or any other aspects of phonics please get in touch and I will be happy to meet with you and answer any questions.

Have a fabulous Easter break
Liz Partridge

Service Families visit to Mamhead

Our service families had a brilliant afternoon yesterday exploring Mamhead Sensory Trail. They enjoyed running through the forest, exploring dens and climbing trees. Thank you to Mrs Partridge who drove us there on our school minibuss and Mrs Taylor for supporting the visit. It was joyful to see so many smiling faces and muddy boots! It was a great opportunity for children to spend time together outside of school and enjoy this beautiful part of Exeter.



Exeter City Football

Congratulations to Oscar Hernon who had worked so hard and gained a place in Exeter FC pre academy 🏆 We are all really proud of you Oscar, well done!

Isla and Hallie, who attend the Football Fun Factory, were selected to walk out with the Exeter City Womens team at the weekend. Hallie even got to hold her favourite players hand to walk out onto the pitch! They got to meet all the players and get signatures at the end of the game.

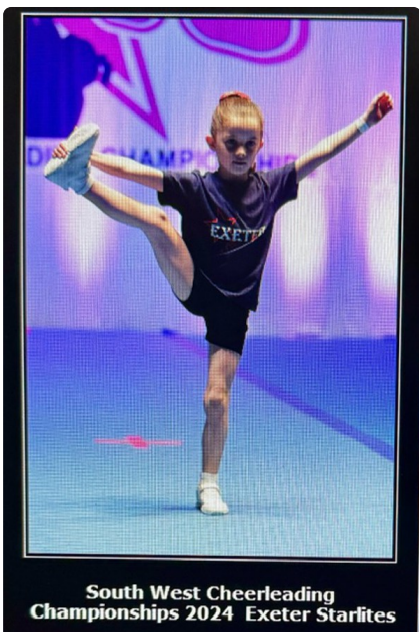




South West Cheerleading Championships

Maisie Rayner and Bella Cartlidge of Ellis class (year 2) took part in the South West Cheerleading Championships last week.

They came first in their category and thoroughly enjoyed their first cheerleading competition. Really well done girls, we are so proud of your achievements!



Year Group Updates

Nursery Update

We have had a lovely last week in Carle Class. We have created some beautiful Easter cards using glue and different colour tissue paper. We have also created little bunnies and chicks using our fingertips. We have continued to explore and read our book of the week 'We're going on a egg hunt' the children have really enjoyed this book and talking about the big bad wolf.

Can we just remind parents to put spare clothes in their child's bag as we are now running very low. We hope you all have a lovely Easter and we'll see you back on Monday 15th April.

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Preschool Update

In our final week of the Spring term we have continued our learning about the importance of bees with our 'Bee' story. We have also been finding out about Easter! We discovered Easter is a celebration of life and we have been thinking about what new life we might see in the Springtime, for example new flowers, baby lambs or nesting birds. If you spot any new life over the holidays please share it with us on Tapestry! To celebrate Easter we have been decorating eggs with repeating patterns and also practising writing our names on them. In maths we have been very excited to be using real robots to learn directional language! We have used a Beebot and practised using the words 'forwards', 'backwards', 'left' and 'right' to move it towards the Easter eggs on a map! We are so proud of all the children in preschool, they have worked very hard this term to follow the PERKS of being Crantastic and we look forward to seeing them continue their learning journey with us in the Summer term. We would love to hear all about your Easter holiday adventures, please feel free to share them on Tapestry so we can share them with the class when we return.

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Reception Update

This week Reception have had a truly egg-cellent week! We have been getting into the Easter spirit and completed an outdoor egg scavenger hunt! The children thoroughly enjoyed finding the eggs and demonstrated great teamwork when helping their friends. This week we have been reading books related to Spring and Easter. Afterwards, the children thought of many questions that they wanted to ask the Vicar, including why we do we receive chocolate eggs? Though the Vicar isn't an expert on the Easter Bunny, he tried to answer all of the children's questions! The children have been #Crantastic this term and filled up their gem jar by demonstrating our perks of being proud, engaged, ready, kind and safe. Today we played party games, created crowns and decorated balloons. We hope you have a wonderful Spring Break and we can't wait to hear all about it! Please do upload photos on Tapestry for your child to Show and Tell on the first week back.

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Year One Update

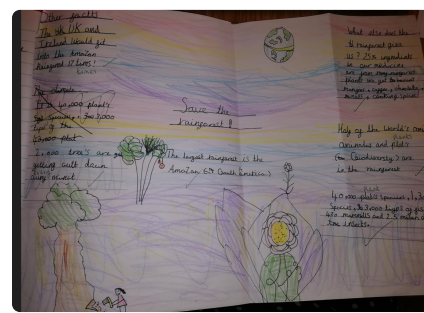
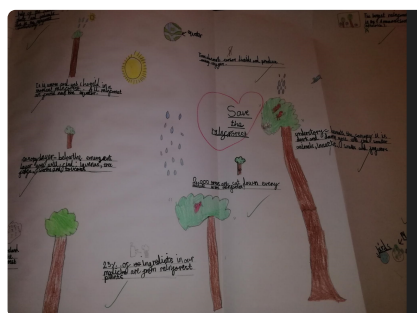
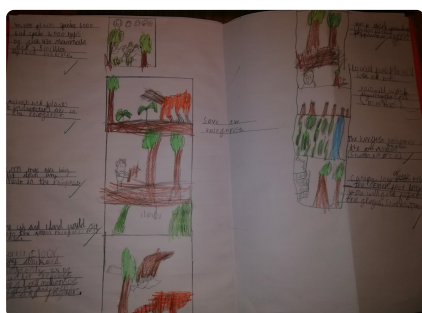
Year 1 have had an incredibly busy last week of term. We have been learning all about dragons and everyone has written a fantastic factfile detailing their dragon's appearance, habitat and how to look after them. We have now finished our exciting Geography topic of 'Exeter and Beyond' where the children learnt all about their local area and even had some great suggestions on how to improve it! In Docherty Class we welcome Hana Snowdon, a PGCE student from Exeter University, who will be with us until late June. Have a lovely and restful break.

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Year Two Update

We have had a great term of learning about forces in science, rainforests in geography, shapes and problem solving in maths and writing lots of letters in English pretending that we are animals or classroom stationery objects!

This week we have finished our fact finding on rainforests and children have produced beautiful and interesting fact posters. The children have thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the rainforest and are passionate about saving the rainforest.



It was lovely to see so many of you this week looking through your children's books with them, the children are very proud of their work.

Thank you for your support and we hope that you all have a very enjoyable Easter holiday.

Year 2- A note about next term:

In history we will be focusing on World War II. On **Wednesday 17th April**, Year 2 will be holding a **World War II (WWII) themed day**. The children will re-enact a day in the life of a child during the war and will take part in activities such as:

Looking and researching WWII artefacts, listening to a range of music from WWII and other activities. Your child is invited to come to school dressed as a WWII evacuee or wearing clothes from the 1940's.

Possible suggestions for 1940 clothing:

Boys could wear a shirt, tank top, jumper, blazer, long socks, knee length shorts or trousers, a cap or woollen hat.

Girls could wear a knee length dress or skirt with a blouse, cardigan, beret, headscarf or hat.

These are suggestions only and dressing up is not compulsory and not intended to be costly or onerous task.

Year Three & Four Update

In the final week of Spring Term the children in Year 3 and 4 have had a CRACKING time learning about 'Kennings' in English leading up to the children writing their own kenning.

In Maths, the children have been EGG-CITINGLY continuing their learning about decimals in Year 4 and fractions in Year 3.

The children have finished their learning about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes culminating in the children showing off their learning through a quiz, we have all been impressed with their knowledge.

In Science, the children have also finished their learning all about plants and they have really enjoy learning about what plants need to survive and how they can adapt in different environments.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Year Five Update

Well done to Year 5 for such a fantastic half term! You have shown us how proud you are to be a member of Cranbrook Education Campus.

This half term you have learnt about fractions and decimals, you have written your own 'Cracking Contraption' invention manual, you have researched and designed geodesic domes, learnt about gravity and have learnt many many more things!

You have shown perseverance and an increase in confidence during your swimming lessons.

We are so proud of you for your fantastic year 5 assemblies, well done!

Have a great Easter holiday and we will see you next term!

Year Six Update

In our final week of the Spring term, Year 6 have been exploring superlatives and hyperbole in English lessons. We are using these skills to write reviews that are either glowing or scathing.

Over the next half term, students can look forward to even more writing opportunities such as biographies and speeches. Miss Shelbourne will also be leading a creative writing club for any aspiring authors. To help with revision for our upcoming SATS on the week of May 13th, all students can log in to LBQ to for extra Maths and English practise. We encourage everybody to login over the break and have a go. We will also be sending home a Parents'/carers guide to help prepare children for the spelling, punctuation and grammar paper.

Year 6 should be so **proud** of everything they have achieved this term. Well done!

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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1.7 MB

Awards & Rewards

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

Silver Awards

Dexter Corrick
Summer Smith
Thomas Smith
+1 other student



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Gold Awards

Teddy Tarr
Zachary Cooper
+3 other students



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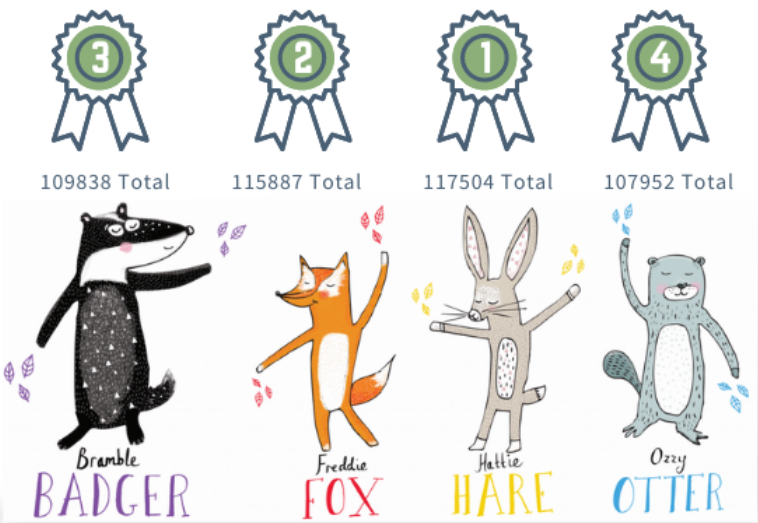
Platinum Awards

Molly Ryan
Keira Schofield
Olivia Cowans
Benjamin Williams
Emily David

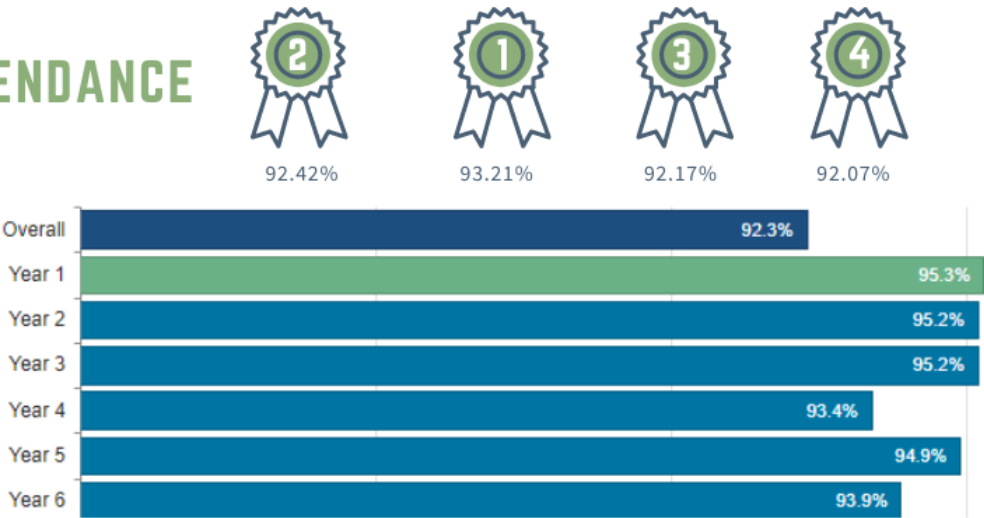
Archie Carrier
Yevhen Yatsiv
Oliver Rayner
+8 other students



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ATTENDANCE



Community Notice Board

Questions about Cranbrook?

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Kevin Blakey, Kim Bloxham and Sam Hawkins - working together as Cranbrook Voice

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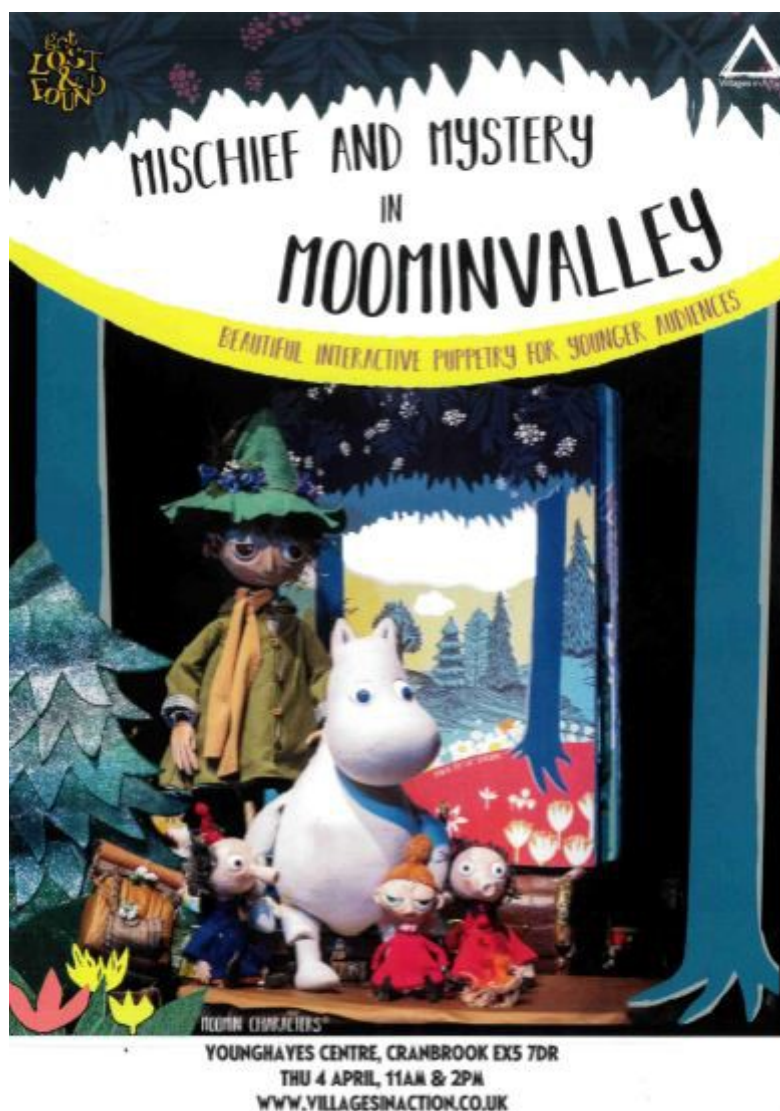
Cranbrook Town Council **MAVERICK SKATEPARKS**

Join us for Cranbrook's first colour run!

If, when you think of running, you think of very serious looking people, lycra clad, sprinting along paths and anxiously looking at their smart watch, you need to think again. Our partners in Cranbrook, Move More Cranbrook, are putting on a running event with a difference, and it's one that you won't want to miss. The Colour Run (and summer fete) will take place in Cranbrook on Saturday 6 July and guarantees to be a fun day for the whole family. The running events consist of a 2km fun run and a 5km. Organisers say that this isn't about how speedy you are, it's all about

people of all ages having fun and getting stuck in. More here:

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



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

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 - Easter Holidays (HAF Project)
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Littleton Honiton - Easter Holiday Club (HAF Project)
[Download](#)
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Easter Soccer School (HAF Project)
[Download](#)
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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 **TODAY** Thursday 28th March.

No clubs will be running in the last week of term.

Last Day of Spring Term - Thursday 28th March

First Day of Summer Term - Monday 15th April

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