



THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Primary Update - 19th April 2024

Dear CEC Families,

This week has been filled with highs and more highs! Yes, that's right—it's been wonderful to be back on campus and see our pupils learning with big smiles on their faces. Here's a rundown of some of the **#Crantastic** moments on campus this week:

On Monday, I stepped into Y6 where I heard pupils discussing their different thoughts on what it means to be strong. I walked in just as one pupil was explaining the strength of our NHS workers during Covid times—a reflection I found particularly thoughtful. Pupils discussed and wrote about the importance of different kinds of strength and which examples of these have been inspirational in their lives.

On Tuesday, I met with one of our Y5 pupils who showcased their computing learning and coding skills to me. They had learned so much on our Scratch programme that they were teaching me to code—and doing so with clarity of instruction, confidence, and kind feedback too.

On Wednesday, I saw our Y2s having a brilliant time during their WW2 hook day—so many pupils came up to me reciting facts and enjoying their role-play experiences. Our Pupil Parliament also met to discuss additional reward opportunities for those pupils who go above and beyond platinum in House Points.

On Thursday, many pupils started accessing our grass fields and trim trail during playtime while enjoying the glorious weather. Seeing the wider grounds being used during lunchtime brings such happiness and joy to playtimes.

On Friday, I met this year's CEC Team Green for our annual Ted Wragg Trust Innovation Competition. This year, our team will be designing a new sustainable airport, and I can't wait to

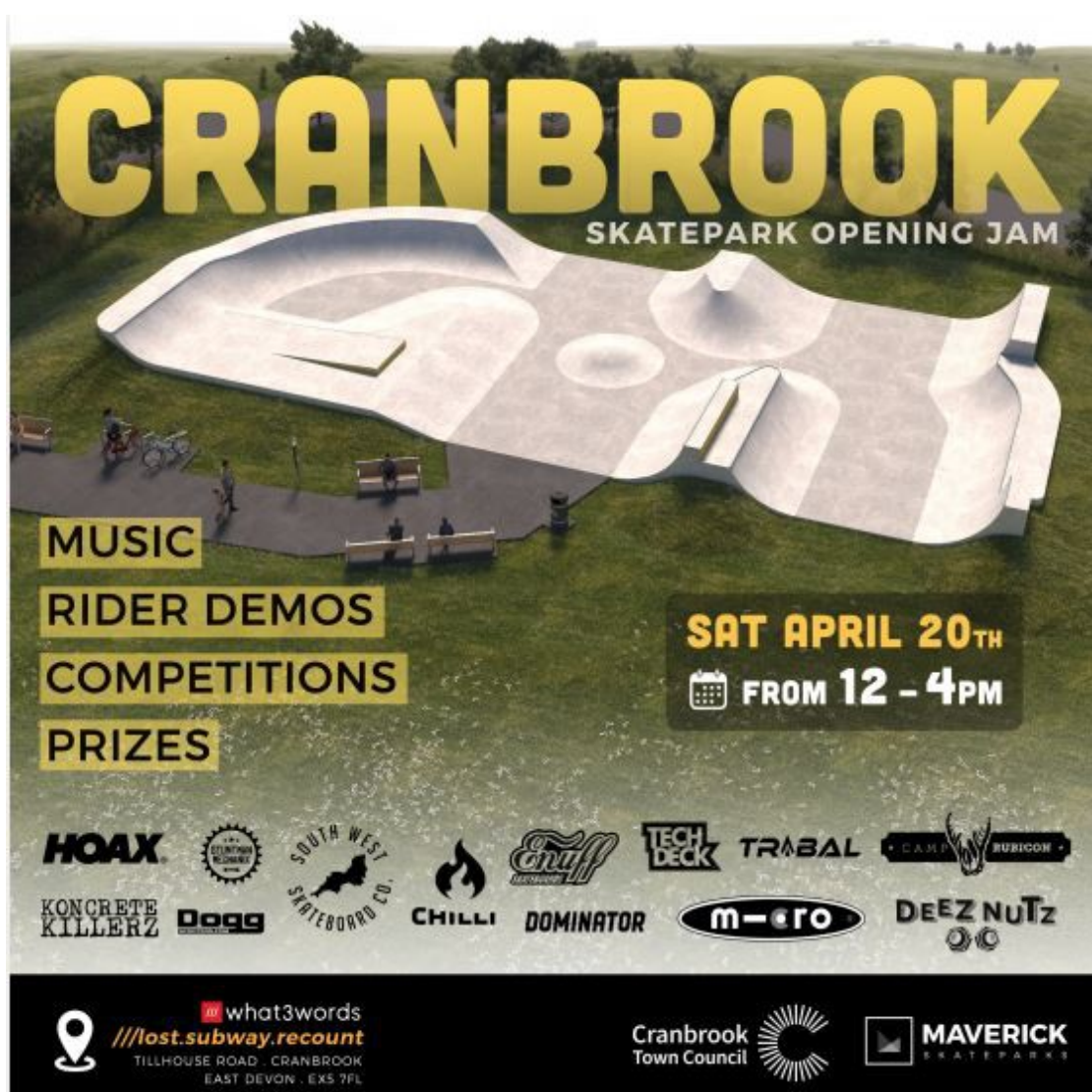


hear their thoughts and plans as we prepare to represent CEC.

As we look forward to next week, I encourage everyone to think about what they can do to support attendance and prompt arrival at school. I recently learned that when a pupil is late by 15 minutes each day, it's the equivalent of missing two weeks' worth of school. We really love seeing all pupils on-site, engaging in their learning, and experiencing our full campus offer. I'm excited to celebrate our excellent Primary attendance next week.

Official Skate Park Opening

We are looking forward to a sunny and dry weekend for the official opening of the skate park on Saturday! It makes us proud to know that several of our students will become Skate Park Ambassadors and help to inspire the local community.



Reminder – Nut and Peanut Free School

A gentle reminder that we continue to be a nut and peanut free school. We have a number of staff and students who have a severe allergic reaction to nuts and peanuts and it is important that we keep them safe.

Nuts and peanuts can cause severe allergic reactions in a wide range of ways. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts or peanuts to have a severe reaction, this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. Severe allergic reactions result in anaphylaxis and can be fatal.

We ask that students, staff and visitors do not bring products containing nuts and peanuts into school. Items that are found to break this rule will be removed and disposed of safely.

What products will not be allowed in school?

- Peanuts and nuts and products containing peanuts or nuts.
- Peanut butter or peanut based chocolate snacks (Snickers/ Reece's pieces, Nutella etc).
- Items where peanuts or nuts are listed as main ingredients
- Nut or peanut based oils or products.

What products are allowed?

- Items that "may contain nuts" and "may contain traces of nuts" or "made in factories that use nuts". These present a low risk and are not direct ingredients in the products.
- All other non nut based snacks and food stuff.

All pre-packaged food sold within the EU, including the UK, must declare and highlight the presence in the ingredient list of 14 major allergens even if they appear in small quantities. These 14 allergens include peanuts and common tree nuts (almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, cashew nuts, pecan nuts, Brazil nuts, pistachio nuts, macadamia nuts and Queensland nuts).

To find out more information about nut and peanut allergies please follow [this link](#)

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe in school.

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[Click here to find out more about Nut and Peanut allergies](#)

Year Group Updates

Nursery Update

We have had a great first week back in Carle Class after half term, the children have settled in well and we have had our lovely new children coming in for visits and starting. We hope they all have lots of fun with us in Carle Class.

Our rhyme of the term is 'The wheels on the bus' we have been creating buses using tissue paper

and glue the children have enjoyed singing the rhyme. Our book of the week is 'The train ride' we have been colouring pictures of trains and even watching the trains go past school! Please keep posting pictures of your sunflowers we will announce the winner at the end of term. As the weather starts to get warmer please can you put a named sun hat in your child's bag as our garden is lovely and sunny particularly in the afternoon!

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Preschool Update

Welcome back preschool! We have thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about your Easter holidays, please do feel free to add photos on Tapestry for your child to share with the class. This week we have been celebrating the end of Ramadan with a belated Eid celebration by creating Henna patterns, making Eid Mubarak cards and wrapping presents for our friends. We have also been thinking about how we can be kind to others and thinking about how we can help other people. Alongside this we have begun our new topic 'People Who Help Us'. We have been looking at different occupations and the children have been drawing pictures of themselves in different roles that they might like to do when they grow up! Next week we will be visited by an ambulance and a police car! We will also be transforming our roleplay into a dentist's surgery whilst we learn about the importance of looking after our teeth. If you have any photos of your child visiting the dentist please share it with us via Tapestry to include in our roleplay display. In maths this week we have been consolidating our understanding of positional language to describe where things are. We have been spotting the Big Bad Wolf from our story Little Red Riding Hood around the classroom using the language 'behind', 'in front', 'under', 'on top' and 'next to'!

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Reception Update

We have had a brilliant first week back in Reception! The children have settled back into routines very well and have demonstrated our school perks. On Monday we had our book hook. The children went outside to discover an extremely muddy car in our playground! How did it get here? Why is it so muddy? The children shared interesting ideas, and have enjoyed reading our new text, Mr Gumpy's Motor Car. Linking to the story, we have looked at cars through history and identified similarities and differences. Maths has been all about counting on from numbers within ten. The children have improved with their confidence to use the language first, then and now when sharing a number story. In Phonics we have started Phase 4 and have begun learning new tricky words again! Tricky words are a real focus for our children and they have been really engaged with our lessons and linked activities.

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Year One Update

Year one have a had a great week of learning. We are flying with our phonics. We have exploring making equal groups and counting up in 2s, 5s, and 10s in maths. In English, we have ben reading all about 'Traction Man' - which is a fiction text, written in a comic book style. In history we have

been learning all about the Olympics and are looking forward to researching some sport stars from history. We have been loving the sunnier weather - which has been perfect for getting outside to build up our tennis skills in PE. A great beginning to the term. Whoosh year one!

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Year Two Update

We have had a great start to the term, all the children look very smart and have shown that they are ready to learn.

In maths we have started our learning on fractions. We have looked at what a whole and a part is and looked at shapes to see what is half of the shape and what is a quarter of a shape.

We have started a new book in English 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' we will be focusing on instructions and understanding the importance of the correct order of events and using imperative verbs.

In science we are learning about plants. This week we learnt what all plants need: oxygen, right temperature and water.

A polite request: if possible could you send in on Monday- 1 clean **yoghurt pot** (or something similar) that we could use as a plant pot. As next week we will be planting seeds. Thank you in advance.

We are hoping to hold a sunflower competition across Year 2 across all the Trust schools.

History - We had an amazing day on Wednesday for our World War II day, the children looked fantastic. We learnt lots of interesting facts, listened to music, sirens, Spitfire engine and we looked at some artefacts/replicas from 1940 (loaned from Tiverton Museum). We even pretended to be in an Anderson shelter!



The children were brilliant and we hope they enjoyed themselves.



Year Three & Four Update

What a great week we have had in Year 3 and 4!!

We have continued our learning about decimals in Year 4 and the Year 3 children have just started their learning about time.

In English, the children have been introduced to our new class text 'Arthur and The Golden Rope' in which they have become immersive readers and looked at dialogue within the text.

We spent Science starting to learn about different forces and how they are classified (non contact and contact) including friction, air resistance and up thrust.

In History, the children have started their learning on the Anglo Saxons focussing on who the Anglo Saxon were.

Have a great weekend.

Year Five Update

Year 5 have had a brilliant first week of the summer term.

We have continued learning about decimals and percentages in maths.

In English, we have been reading Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, learning about adverbs, conjunctions and prepositions. The children also had a go at re-writing a chapter of the story from a different characters' viewpoint

We spent Science learning about different fields of study and also researching different scientists, the children have found this fascinating.

In History, we are learning about the history of Exeter, so far the children have learnt about the Dumnonii people and the Romans.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Year Six Update

Our Year 6 students have shown so much resilience this week, attending a couple of extra Maths and English sessions in the afternoons. These sessions have allowed us to support Year 6 to feel more confident in the run up to SATS and deepen their understanding of some tricky topics. Every student should feel so **proud** of the effort that have put in.

In English lessons this week, we have been researching the famous palaeontologist Mary Anning and writing a biography with our findings. All of us are now experts on her life and discoveries. In History, we have begun a new topic titled 20th Century conflict. Over the coming weeks, we will learn about the causes of, and significant events, during WW1 and WW2. In our first lesson this week, we learned about the state of Europe before the wars and the major alliances that formed. Well done for all your hard work Year 6 and for staying **ready** and **engaged** this week.

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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Awards & Rewards

Due to an unprecedented amount of badges being awarded this year we have run low on stock, more have been ordered and pupils will be awarded their badges when they arrive.

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

Bronze Awards

2 students



Silver Awards

Charlie Corrick
Charles Cox
Ava Berry
Leo Silcock
Louie Baitup-Squires
Holleigh-Ellen Walbridge
and 4 other students



Gold Awards

Ivan Raynor
Noah Ashelford
and 1 other student



Platinum Awards

Taylor Lovering
Scott Godfrey
Terri Watson
Jack Page
Layla Newcombe
Isaac James
Abigail Parsons
Tsz Chan
Natalia Dabrowska
Jenson Smith
Kia Nimroози
Samuel Martin

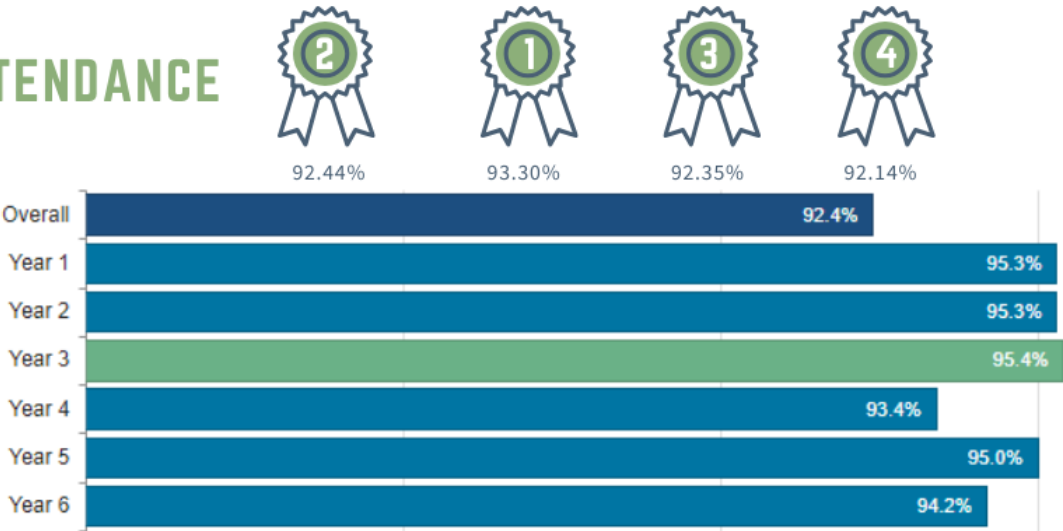


Oliver Ashley
Milo Carlton
Charlie Roberts
Aston Needs
Kyle Saxton
Mimi Stewart
and 5 other students

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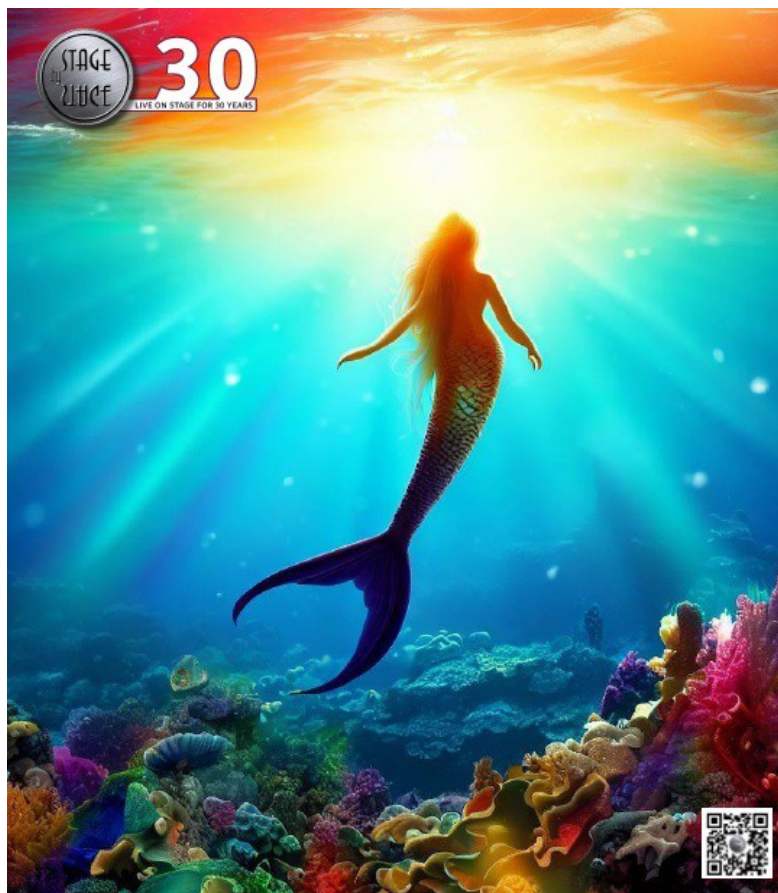


ATTENDANCE



Community Notice Board

We are proud to have several students involved in the product of The Little Mermaid at the [Exeter Northcott](#) at the start of May. Please do go along if you can.



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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>

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

6th July 2024
Cranbrook Country Park



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 start back from next week.**

Year 6 SATs - w.c 13th May

Year 5 Haven Banks Trip - 23rd May

Half term - 25th May - 3rd June (3rd June is a Non Pupil Day)

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,



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Head of Primary

