



THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Primary Update - 26th April 2024

Dear CEC Families,

This week, I want to celebrate Ayda Groves in 3 Favilli, who displayed remarkable engagement in her learning grid homework. When I visited her class, Ayda confidently described how she used primarily sustainable materials to bring her homework to life.



Similarly, I'm immensely proud of the Preschool team for their collaboration with our police and ambulance services, providing our young learners with wonderfully memorable learning opportunities. Students had the chance to interact closely with vehicles and hear from professionals who serve in these essential services on a daily basis.

Our enrichment programme is back in action, signaling the approach of summer as Cricket excitingly returns to the schedule. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the staff, our community partners, and volunteers who contribute to our brilliant range of clubs.

I'm also pleased to report that our attendance has shown improvements this week, with multiple classes achieving days of 100% attendance. Currently, our Primary at CEC ranks 2nd among the Ted Wragg Trust schools for attendance. Our pupils frequently inquire if we are leading the way, and with more weeks like this one, I'm confident we'll be challenging for the top spot.

Beyond the healthy competition, consistent attendance is essential for our community of learners. From learning to read to fostering social interactions, from accessing high-quality instruction led by teachers to developing confidence in skills like Oracy that will support future careers, attendance at school is paramount. Thank you to everyone who has supported our increased attendance this week, and I look forward to seeing our numbers continue to rise as the term continues.

Skate Park Opening

It was great that so many pupils and families from CEC attended the official Skatepark opening event on Saturday. You can find a lovely video from the day on the [Town Council Facebook page](#)



Cycling to school

A polite reminder to families that cycle or scoot to school that these should not be ridden anywhere on site. We ask please for you to dismount from your bike / scooter at the school gates and use the shelters provided. Thank you

Year Group Updates

Preschool Update

Preschool have had an exciting week with visits from an ambulance and a police car! The children had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and even go inside the ambulance! The paramedics demonstrated how to use the stretcher with one of the children lying down on it pretending to be a patient and we were able to see some of the children's heart beats on the defibrillator monitor. Alongside this we have been learning about other occupations such as being a dentist in our role-

have drawn on our playground. Please could we have any photos of people in your family at work to share with the class? We are especially looking for any occupations from older generations so we can compare their jobs to modern day jobs.

This week in maths we have been exploring 3D shapes and how their sides can look like 2D shapes. for example a rectangle on the side of a cuboid. Can you spot any 2D or 3D shapes at home with your child?

Have a wonderful weekend!

Reception Update

This week in Reception we have had a big focus on People Who Help Us. The children have absolutely loved dressing up and taking on the role of Policemen, Paramedics, Mechanics and more! On Tuesday we had a visit from the South Western Ambulance service. They informed the children all about their job, what they do and how they help people. The children were extremely engaged, even asking questions to further their understanding. Afterwards they got to go inside the ambulance and see all of the different features! We also had a visit from Police Officers on Friday who shared with the children how they help people and keep everybody safe. It was brilliant for the children to hear about all that they do, not just putting 'baddies' into jail! In Maths we have been busy counting back using various strategies including using a number line and using our fingers. We have learnt that we do not count the number that we start on. The children have impressed their teachers when writing sentences about Mr Gumpy's Motor car. They were able to use language from the text and remember the main parts brilliantly. Well done Reception!





Year One Update

Let's go year one! We are all working super-hard. Traction Man has been a big hit - we are describing character this week and getting ready for getting into role next week. As a reminder - We ask that children come to school on **Wednesday 1st May** in bright coloured clothes (ones that you don't mind getting a little messy) so we can transform each child into their own superhero action figure in preparation for our writing later on in the topic. We have been sorting light sources in science and honing our ball skills in tennis. Lots of doubling and skip counting in maths, so any opportunity to practice counting in 2's, 5's and 10's at home would be fab. Well done year one!

Year Two Update

This week in maths we have been working hard on fractions learning about half and a quarter of an amount, also a quarter and three quarters of a shape.

In English, we have learnt about how to use a possessive apostrophes and how to use imperative verbs within our writing.

The children in science enjoyed planting their sunflower seeds and we look forward to seeing them grow over the next few weeks.

In our PE sessions children are learning the skills to control a tennis ball on a racket and bouncing the ball and trying to catch it on the racket.

The children are reading so well in our reading practise sessions and hopefully you can hear a real difference in their reading at home.

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing the children next week.



Year Three & Four Update

In Year 3 and 4 this week we have been having a lovely time getting back into routine showing our teachers how proud we are to be a part of CEC. May children have been awarded their Platinum house point certificates which is such an achievement. We have been learning skills in rounders around, throwing, catching and batting. The children are showing great maturity around being team players and are improving with their listening skills.

We have seen great work come through for home learning including Lego models and oat cakes. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy your family time.



Year Five Update

Year 5 have had a brilliant week this week! We enjoyed our kick boxing lesson on Wednesday, where we were working on a combination. In English, we have been creating our independent writes based on the story 'Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone' - the children have enjoyed the challenge of coming up with their own tasks and magical objects. In maths, we have been continuing to learn about decimals, focussing on adding and subtracting. In Science we have been exploring different scientists, including Alexander Fleming and Marie Curie. Have a lovely weekend, see you all next week!

Year Six Update

This week, Year 6 have shown great focus and commitment to learning. In our English lessons, we have been reading our new book Survival at 40 Above. This book follows animals in the Australian desert from dawn until dusk and details how they adapt to survive in a harsh environment. The book features excellent illustrations and is packed full of fascinating Science knowledge. Next week, Year 6 will use what they have learned to write their own survival guides.

The new Science topic this term is all about electricity and circuits. So far, both classes have learned about the most important components in a circuit and the difference between battery powered and mains powered devices.

Well done Year 6, keep it up!

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

3 students



Silver Awards

Eshal Quadling
Ava H Williams
and 4 other students



Gold Awards

Henry Anderson
Lily Matthews
Jack Bourne
Jody McWilliams
Evie Way
Catewyn Tellem
and 2 other students



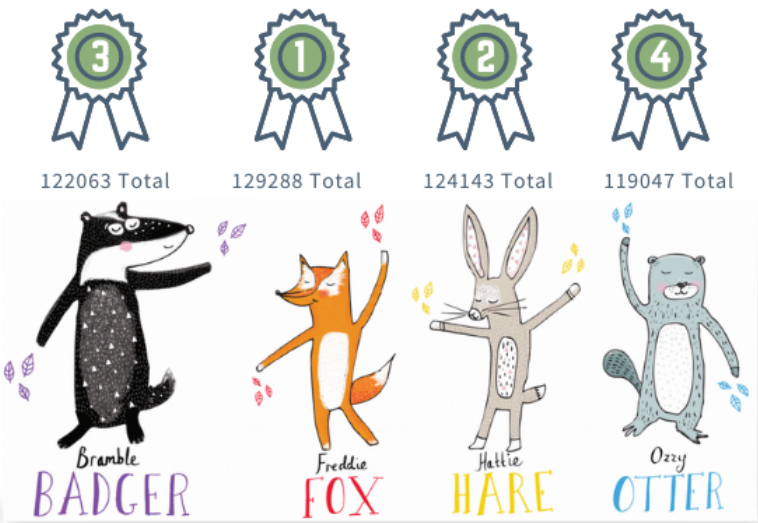
Platinum Awards

Jaxon Spry
Theo Coles
Mason Tarr
Rhys Verbinnen
Ada Cuthbertson
Oliver Saunders
Ernest Toms
Tobias Davies
Lucas Nicholls
Riley Nutt
Amelia Davies

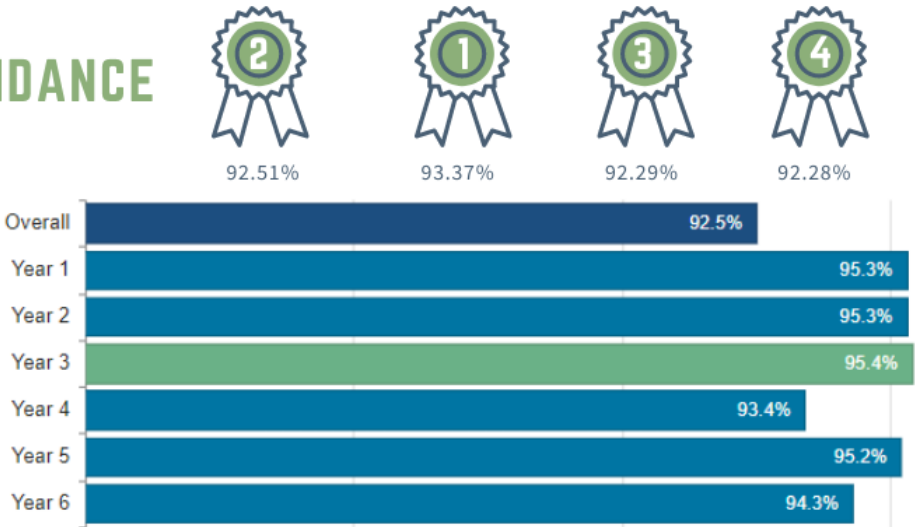


Joey Castle
Eliana Roper
Emma Cox
Tori Stewart
and 11 other students

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ATTENDANCE



St Georges Day Parade

Some of our local Brownies took part in the St George's Day parade on Sunday.
Well done to everyone who took part we are very proud of you!

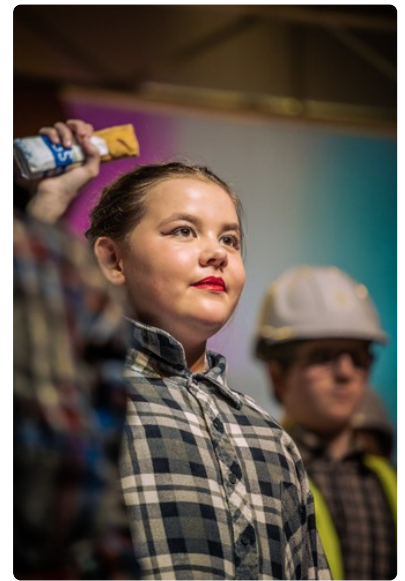
Trampolining Superstar

Holleigh-Ellen Walbridge from Fletcher class competed in Exeter Trampolining Academy's Annual Competition last weekend in the Level one 8 Year old category. She absolutely loves trampolining and has had a Trampoline since she was three. Having joined the academy last year when the family moved to Devon, Holleigh-Ellen has competed twice at the Annual events. We are incredibly proud of her - Well done!



Gang Show 2024

Congratulations to Nyla Rattenberry in year 5, who has been on stage giving it her all with the Gang Show this year. We are so proud of you Nyla.



Community Notice Board

The Big Step transition programme are now sponsoring CEC PE department.

The Big Step offers year 6 transition programmes for any new student transitioning from primary school to secondary school. More information can be found at <https://thebigstep.org> We are really proud to support an amazing programme. <https://thebigstep.org>



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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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Axminster Guildhall Events

There are a few family fun events planned for the coming months. Please see the posters below for details on how to book



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>



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

CEC Primary Key Dates 2023-2024 (4).pdf

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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,



Krisha Gandhi

Head of Primary