

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers ,

Unfortunately a few wet playtimes this week, but lovely to see the sunshine today. The children are great in 'wet play' - there is a mixture of activities, films, board games, drawing, writing. I've been really impressed with how independent and cooperative the children have been, even the youngest, on these dark January days.

On Monday and Tuesday we had our External Trust Review. They were a team of 4 reviewers including an Ofsted Inspector. The team watched lessons across all subjects, looked in books, reviewed our behaviour records, interviewed staff and approximately 40 children from all age groups. Our report will be a little while yet but overall I can share with you that strengths included:

- the way that we include and are ambitious for children with additional special needs and disadvantage
- the teaching of reading across school
- Early years provision
- the team found that- children's behaviour across school was good and where children struggled it was well dealt with

Our area to improve was to focus on ensuring the consistency of strong practice across and within the wider curriculum other than Maths and English throughout school. The reviews are really useful in enabling us to pause, take stock, recognise progress and push on to further school improvement . Overall the team did comment how blown away they were with your children's lovely manners and they were right the children were great.

External feedback is a vital part of school improvement, in that light please could those who have not managed yet to fill in the [Online Parent Survey -currently live](#), it closes on Monday 16th January. The results of this will be shared and it will feed future school improvement. We are close as a Trust of schools in Ted Wragg Academy Trust but it is a poorly kept secret that there is healthy competition between us. So in a less serious vein, Cranbrook are trying to get the most response from parents of any other school in the Trust- so we'd be very grateful if you could help !!

Have a lovely weekend - thank you for your continued support .

Best wishes



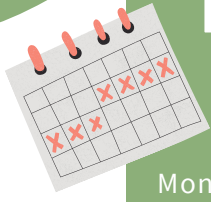
Hazel Fox
Headteacher of Primary

WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

Parent/Carer Survey - World Religion Day - Parent Forum - Clubs - Term Dates
CEC Lionesses - Bubbles - Dates for the Diary Year Updates - Dates for the Diary

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Half Term

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February

Non Pupil Day

Monday 5th June

12pm finish

Friday 21st July

CLUBS

Thank you to everyone who has completed their applications for the Spring Term After School Clubs. These start back W/C 9th January 2023.

The sessions will run on the following weekly dates W/C

16th January,
23rd January,
30th January,
27th February,
6th March,
13th March
and
20th March.

MEET MRS FOX

Wednesday 18th January 2-3pm is the next Primary Parents Forum and all parents/carers are welcome. Please note that the focus for this particular forum will be on children in receipt of pupil premium funding. We would love for as many families to attend as possible. You can attend in person or email jemima.scott-hake@cranbrook.education for a Microsoft teams link to attend virtually.

IMPORTANT DATES

As promised find attached the 'Fridge Letter' updated with key dates for the remainder of the year. We will send this out in paper form so that it can be put up somewhere at home as a reminder. School Trips are set out for you all to see. We've been mindful of balancing cost and educational value and hope children will have memorable, enjoyable and strongly educational visit without overburdening families too much financially.

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a simple dress up request, but won't be asking for money for Red Nose day. The two are very close in the diary and we feel families can engage with Red Nose Day as they chose rather than have additional pressure from school.

WORLD RELIGION DAY

This week, Key Stage 2 students attended an assembly about World Religion Day. Celebrated on January 15th 2023, World Religion Day was originally started by the Bahai Faith as a way to celebrate the similar concepts all religions share - such as treating people with care and respect.

We zoomed in on learning about Sikhism and listened to two stories about Guru Nanak. In one story, the Guru Nanak proved that there would always be more room in the world for goodness. He did this using a bowl, that was full to the brim with milk, which represented goodness, and demonstrated that a jasmine flower could be added to it without the milk overflowing. A few trusted volunteers tried this out in our assembly - this time choosing for our rose to represent kindness - and, again, the glass of milk remained in tact even when adding our flower. We agreed that there is always room for more kindness in our community.

As we continue to learn about World Religion Day, we will keep adding to our tabletop display. If you have any books or artefacts, you'd be happy to contribute to this, please let us know.



TERM DATES

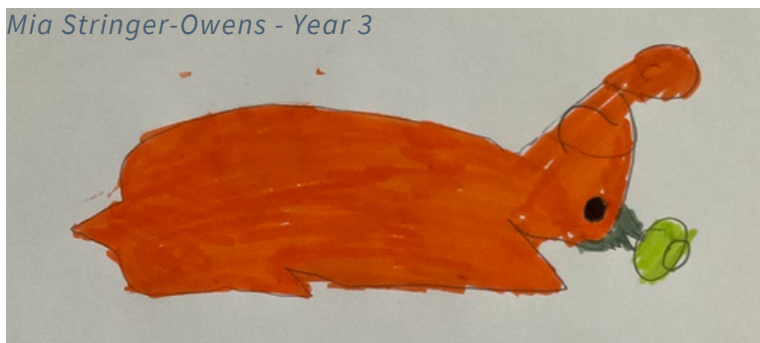
We understand that the greyed out boxes on our term dates were causing some confusion and have managed to have them removed for the next academic year. Please [click here](#) to see the term dates for 2023/24

INTRODUCING BUBBLES THE HAMSTER!

Just before the Christmas break, CEC primary school welcomed its new addition, Bubbles. Bubbles is currently housed in the Key Stage 2 corridor and has been making friends with our students. He has a healthy diet and gets a fair amount of sleep though has started to experiment with his hamster wheel! Students have been extremely kind to Bubbles being quiet when he is sleeping, changing his water and keeping his food clean. Look out for more Bubbles updates as he continues to be a part of our school.



Mia Stringer-Owens - Year 3



CEC LIONESSES

This week, we continued with our CEC Lionesses Football Club. This takes place on Wednesday mornings from 08:00-08:30 and is a chance for Year 4, 5 and 6 girls to start the day with casual and enjoyable football in a safe space to learn and grow. Hanna and Willow both joined our group for the first time this week and shared their reflections:

"It was a great way to start the morning with exercise before learning. Usually, I feel quite tired and I'm yawning in the morning, but after football I felt really awake."

- Hanna, 5 Rauf

"I enjoyed practicing my dribbling and not playing in a rough way but playing with lots of passing."

- Willow, 5 Rauf



PRIMARY PE DAYS

MONDAY

Carle
Sharratt
Wilson

TUESDAY

Blackman
Evans
Jeffers
Murphy
Tomlinson

WEDNESDAY

Rosen
Ahlberg
Rowling
Rundell

THURSDAY

Donaldson
Lewis
Milne
Rauf

FRIDAY

Dahl
Pullman

Primary children must come to school in their school PE kit on the day that they do PE please

CHANGE TO PE DAYS

Please see above changes for this terms PE lessons.

CAR PARK ACCESS

Please can we remind all parents that unless you have authorisation, our car park is not to be used during drop off or collection. We have seen an increase in vehicles using the car park during these times which means that those families who need safe access or medical reasons are being put at risk. There is plenty of parking on the main road outside of the school.

HOUSE POINTS ERROR

We are aware that the majority of pupils across the Campus were awarded 100 house points linked to the Secondary focus week last week. This was an error with the ClassCharts intelligence event as we were only supposed to issue 20 house points to Secondary pupils who had met the focus week expectation of being on time to school and every lesson. We have flagged the error with ClassCharts, who are investigating. The 100 points will not count towards House Point Badges. If you have questions about this specifically, please contact [Pupil Services](#)

IS YOUR CHILD PLAYING FORTNITE?

Safety is one of our PERKS at CEC and whilst staying safe online may feel like a daunting process, it's a vital conversation that we must have both at home and school. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing information on E-Safety in bitesize chunks starting with Fortnite.

Fortnite is rated 12+ by PEGI for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. This means that if your child is at CEC Primary School, they should not be playing Fortnite.

There are different versions of Fortnite including a free-to-play Battle Royale game where up to 100 players can compete. It's important to be aware of this risks that come with this - particularly, talking to strangers and exposure to inappropriate language and content. Within the game, players often use guns, swords and grenades as a form of fighting and attack.

If you have older children at home who may play Fortnite - meaning younger children could be exposed to this second-hand - please do ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour. For your financial safety, we also recommend that you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases. Importantly, Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. To find out more about parental controls for Fortnite, please [click here](#).

We will continue with an E-Safety section next week. If there is any particular area of this topic you'd like support with or more information about, please drop Krisha Gandhi a line at Krisha.Gandhi@tedwraggtrust.co.uk



YEAR UPDATES NURSERY

In Carle Class this week we have been creating sheep we have explored various different ways to create our sheep by using paint and cotton wool balls. We have been singing our rhymes 'Baa Baa Sheep' and 'Little Bo Peep' during our circle times this week. We have also been using good fine motor skills to create our own sheep using play dough and pipe cleaners.

All of our new children have settled really well into nursery and we hope they all enjoy their time with us.

PRE-SCHOOL

This week in Pre-School we have been writing shopping lists before going to the supermarket. We have been making shape pizzas using paper but also in playdough! We were showing super cutting skills by cutting out items to put in our lunchboxes we made. We have been sorting food into healthy choices and choices we have as a treat occasionally. Outside we have been loving the mud kitchen no matter the weather! We have been consolidating our Numberblocks learning of making 5. Our Nursery Rhyme this week is Pat a Cake!



YEAR ONE

This week year 1 have been very busy looking at the River Nile in History and talking about why it is so important. The children discovered that everyone lived near the River Nile during ancient times and it gave them food, water and a way to travel. In maths, the children have been adding numbers to 20, using their number bonds to 10 to help. We have used number lines and whiteboard pens to show how many we have added from a given number. English has been really busy this week too! We have continued to look at the story of Snow White. The children have used adjectives to describe the evil queen and Snow White as well as time adverbials to describe when the key parts of the story took place. In computing the children have been using an online beebot to create an algorithm in preparation for next week. Well done to everyone for some fantastic writing and listening this week!

YEAR TWO

The children have settled really well after the Christmas break and are fully back into the swing of things! We are really enjoying our new text 'The Dragon Machine' and have used our prior knowledge to produce some lovely writing they should be very proud of! In Numeracy, we are learning all about multiplication and are practicing our times tables- it would be great if your child could practice these at home, too! The children are enjoying using paints and other media to explore being creative in the style of Kandinsky and Mondrian. We just want to take this opportunity to express just how proud we are of your children and how hard they are working. Well done Year 2, keep it up!

YEAR THREE

This week in Year 3 we have continued our learning using multiplication and division in Maths. The children have been working hard to recognise different multiplication and division facts associated with both the 3 and 4 times tables.

We've had great fun in Science looking at different materials and working with our material monster 'Polly' to categorise different materials whilst recognising their properties.

YEAR FOUR

This week, Year 4 have been looking at different tie-dye patterns in art. Soon, they will be creating their own tie-dye. In English, the children wrote some amazing description settings about a traditional tale using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication and next week we will move on to division. In Guided Reading, we started our new book Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet, which the children absolutely loved! They have all work super hard this week in the first full week back after Christmas!

YEAR FIVE

This week in Year 5 we have been working hard on 'area and perimeter' in maths which we have been learning how to measure and calculate perimeter as well as area. We have also been enjoying our English and looking in more depth about Kensuke's Kingdom. In History, we have been learning more about the Medieval Monarchs looking closely at the Battle of Hastings. This has also been a link with our Art and the children have been learning about 'quilling'.

YEAR SIX

This half term, year 6 are returning to computing. Students are very excited about designing and creating their own website over the next few weeks. In Maths, the focus had been on decimals and we are impressed with the hard work of every student. During our English lessons we have been writing diary entries from the perspective of the characters in our new book Flood. We have been using thesauruses to find new and interesting vocabulary to describe their emotions. Perhaps at home you could have a discussion about our new book?

AWARDS AND REWARDS

Another huge congratulations to our pupils who obtained their House Point Awards in the past week.



Mia Webb
Nel Zarzycka
Eddie Latcham
Harry Smith
Aimee Bailey
Tanya Tai
Alice Diogo
Brooke Taylor
Ethan Griffiths
Jack Maddaford
Jacob Tomlinson
Finley Nicholson
+7 other students

HOUSE POINTS



61012 Total



60933 Total



60753 Total



54177 Total



ATTENDANCE



90.71%



92.53%



93.11%



91.65%