

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers ,

Next week, is National Children's Mental Health week. We take all our children's mental health very seriously to help them learn to become healthy in mind and body. School works closely with the 'Mental Health in Schools' team to promote good mental health for all of our children. This week, our staff have received training in how to support children with low mood. This included learning about the '10 a day for mental health' strategies and how to support children in recognising how they are feeling. Children have also been taking part in emotional literacy workshops throughout this term to help them name and understand different emotions.

If you ever need any support for your child's mental health, feel free to contact Mrs Bond on primarysendco@cranbrook.education.

Wishing you all a very good weekend,

best wishes

Hazel Fox
Headteacher of Primary

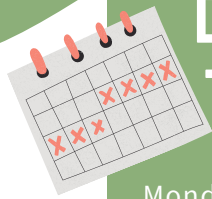



WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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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

There are no Primary after school clubs running next week as it is the last week of half term. Our full set of Spring Term clubs will resume on the wc 27th February.

VACANCIES

We currently have several vacancies across the campus including

Administration Assistants
Teaching Assistants
Playworker - Primary Phase

For more information, or to make an application, please [click here](#)

DOGS ON SITE

Please can we remind you that if you must have your dogs escort you on your morning walk to school, that they must be kept on leads, and only tied up at the delivery road entrance to the school so that there is plenty of room for everyone to move around them safely.

We should not have to remind you that you must take any dog mess home with you please. Do not leave bags tied to our gates & fences.

LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH

This February, we are celebrating LGBT+ History Month at CEC. Students will have the opportunity to hear about LGBT+ Heroes and Heroines in assembly, and our library will feature a special LGBT+ area which will showcase positive LGBT+ inclusion and visibility. We are also working on developing a photograph exhibition and gallery to mark the month and would love to include any photos of LGBT+ history and representation that you'd like to share. These could be pictures of your family at a PRIDE event, celebrations of LGBT+ weddings or even a family selfie! Please send any photos you'd be happy to contribute to the exhibition to krisha.gandhi@tedwraggtrust.co.uk



This week, Ms Easterbrook and Ms Gandhi headed to Devon Library Service to select a new range of the books for our Primary Library. Taking our new Diversity Awareness Days into account, the pair selected a range of books covering LGBT History Month+, Children's Mental Health Week, Cinco de Mayo, Earth Day, and Eid-Al-Adha. Picking 200 new books means that we will see a new range of both non-fiction and fiction. Our students absolutely love reading series of books, so we also made sure to pick up as many of these as possible! We are looking forward to their imminent arrival to school and can't wait to share the books with our pupils.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Dress Up as a Word! This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. The theme for the day will be 'I am a reader' and the children will take part in a number of reading and book based activities throughout the day. As part of the day, children are encouraged to dress up as a word to celebrate the day with prizes available for the best efforts! There will be no charge to dress up.



In Pre-School and Nursery, children will be having a World Book Week, so that all children get a chance to dress up when they are in school. They will celebrate their love of stories every day and children can dress up whatever day they attend, if they attend 5 days they can dress up every day or just Friday if they prefer. Please see some great examples below of this theme to inspire your choices!

There will be no charge for dressing up for any part of the World Book Day celebrations this year.



MEET THE GOVERNORS

Iain Ford - Co-Opted Governor

Having moved to Devon after graduating from university, I am passionate about improving educational outcomes for young people. My career to date has been working in education and data analysis. I have worked for a local education company for five years, before recently moving to a teacher survey company gathering teacher opinions nationwide. I hope to use these experiences alongside my data analysis background to help make Cranbrook thrive. I look forward to playing my part in the growth and success of Cranbrook Education Campus and the community that it serves.



ABSENCES

In any case of absence parents/carers should contact the school by one of the following methods:

Email from an agreed account (i.e registered home email address) to Attendance
attendance@cranbrook.education
By phone to campus. You can also cc year groups emails if you like but the priority is the attendance email.

Thanks in advance.

TERM DATES

We have a small change to the 23/24 term dates and Primary will be returning on 4th January 2024.

We have also removed the grey boxes for the next academic year. Please [click here](#) to see the term dates for 2023/24

ROUTES FOR ROOTS

East Devon District Council's Routes for Roots have produced this promotional video celebrating the Clyst Valley Regional Park.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4i2Ax2x5fcl>

GOODLUCK

We would like to say a temporary goodbye and good luck to Mrs Clements as she goes on maternity leave (slightly earlier than planned). Best wishes for a wonderful maternity leave with your new baby! To cover Mrs Clements, after half term our lovely Mrs Way will be teaching in Donaldson full time Monday-Friday.

SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is an app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. It's important to know that users of Snapchat should be 13 years and above so no CEC primary children should be using Snapchat.

What happens on Snapchat?

Snapchat allows snaps – photos and videos - to be sent to and seen by others. This can be for a quick period or can last in the stories section for 24 hours.

If you have older children or family members on Snapchat, or if younger children may be exposed to the platform in the home environment, there are some factors to be aware of:

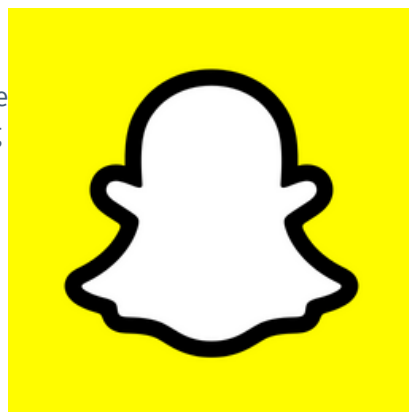
- Who is your child / children / family members talking to online?
- Who does your child / children / family members consider their friends. Do they talk to 'online friends'?
- Are they in any groups on Snapchat and do you know all the people in these groups?
- What are their SnapMap settings? I.e. Are they sharing their location settings and, if so, with who?
- Do they have a streaks? This is a number of consecutive days two people have been sending Snaps to each other. Streaks may increase pressure to respond on Snapchat daily.
- Due to the nature of the app, your child / children / family members could be exposed to content which is not appropriate. Do they know to tell you about this and / or how to report it?
- Even if a picture or video shared on Snapchat is only online for a small period, it can be screenshot by a viewer meaning that it could be shared wider and is no longer in complete control of the original creator. Those using Snapchat should take care in selecting what it is they are choosing to post.

Does bullying happen on Snapchat?

All platforms online, Snapchat included, have the potential to be used for cyber bully. It's extremely important that those using such platforms know how to block and report other accounts if necessary.

Top Tip:

Talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online. Remind them that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult (e.g. class teacher) if they have any concerns about what they have seen or experienced online.



YEAR UPDATES

PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre-School children have been creating their own Supertato using collage materials. They tried a range of fruits and vegetables and had to record whether they liked or disliked them. Children enjoyed a story called Mix It Up! all about colour mixing, they then explored what happens when they mixed certain colours! In our Numberblocks we have been learning about number 7 and the seven colours of the rainbow. Our Makaton sign of the week is white. Our Nursery Rhyme of the week is 5 Current Buns in a Bakers Shop.



RECEPTION

This week the children have been working hard on their hand writing practise every day and some of them have been having special certificates for their concerted efforts! Please practise letter formation with them at home including using lowercase lettering in their names (apart from the initial letter of course)! The children have been learning where to put capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in sentences and they are making wonderful progress. In maths they have using the song '5 Currant Buns' to separate whole numbers into parts using our part whole model and then saying the number sentence aloud ' $2+3=5$ ', the children are really beginning to understand how to break numbers down into smaller parts and put them back together again! The children have also been using the creative resources to make sea creatures and different types of boats as part of our pirate theme this term.

YEAR ONE

This week, the children have been practising their Year 1 assembly. The children have shown great enthusiasm with their singing and we can't wait for you to see their performance next week! In English, the children have planned their own fairy tale story and included lots of exciting adjectives. In Maths, the children have split numbers to 50 into tens and ones. In History, the children have learnt about Tutankhamun and drew what they might see in his tomb. In Science, we talked about rubbish and how important it is to keep our beaches clean. We had a go at sorting out different objects based on their materials.

YEAR TWO

We have had another busy week in Year 2. We are finishing off our Literacy topic - Poetry Pie, and have been creating our own poems. In History we have been learning about the Priestess Fu Hao, exploring who she was and learning lots of interesting facts! We are all really looking forward to creating a fact file about the Shang Dynasty and documenting what we have been learning.

YEAR THREE

In Year 3 this week we have been working very hard learning about poetry. We have been looking at different styles of poetry and enjoying the fantastic Poetry Pie by Roger McGough. We've been listening to poetry being told and acted out whilst coming up with our own ideas. Next week we are looking forward to learning about concrete poetry and beginning our independent writing.

We have also spent time learning how to create magazine covers in Computing, many of the children have been working independently on chrome books to make and edit their designs to promote some form of technology. We cannot wait to see their final pieces come together next week.

YEAR FOUR

In Maths this week, Year 4 have started their topic on Area and will move on to Fractions next week! In Science, we have conducted a science experiment all about evaporation. We explored where in the classroom the best place was for a t-shirt to dry. In English, we have finally started writing our alternative stories and so far, they are all looking fantastic! Next week, we have our trip to Escot on Monday, which we are all looking forward to greatly!

YEAR FIVE

In Year 5 this week we have been working really hard on publishing our work in English making sure our handwriting is the best we can. We have based this writing on Kenuke's Kingdom. In maths, we have been working hard on our long multiplication and moving on to short division (bus stop method). 5 Rauf have been working on their gymnastic skills and 5 Blackman have been working with Premier Sports coach Josh. We also had a Emotional Literacy workshop this week focusing on the children's feelings and emotions and how to make us feel better, who to talk to and how to stop the bad feelings taking over us. We have been really impressed with the amount of homework we have had.

YEAR SIX

This week Year 6 children have been printing patterns using the blocks they designed last week. In maths, the focus has been calculating percentages and applying the inverse to find missing amounts. Children have also enjoyed writing poetry and descriptions using personification. We have also been exploring Anglo Saxon locations across the UK and how their names have influenced the current names.

AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

+2 other students



SILVER

Dagny Siu
Joshua Saji
Hanna Hayward
Mia-Rose Stewart
Willow Long
Daisy Langdon
Finley Maddaford
Charlotte Frood
Finlay Smith
Scarlett Saupe

Sienna Byrne-Sylvester
Skyla Vaughan
Alfred Tomlinson
Evie Way
Catewyn Tellem
Albert Creese
Freya Bain
Kada Farley
Poppy Tomlinson
Oliver Ashley
Autumn Moore
Issac Burrell-Squires
Lucas Nicholls
Noah Ashelford
Samuel Martin
Max Hale
Saskia Prowse
Ethan Watts

Harvey Taylor
Jake Skinner
Alfie Clarke
Alice Fowler
Seth Watts
Oliver Watts
William Rogers
Aston Needs
Isla Stoneman
Oscar Andrews
Oscar Busby
Riley Spry
Martha Every
Finley Perryman
Zachary Cooper
Ivan Raynor
+22 other students



GOLD

Sophie Russell
Charlie Hall
Evie-Mae Shaddick
Ava Rodrigues

HOUSE POINTS



69348 Total



69022 Total



68811 Total



61237 Total



ATTENDANCE



90.87%



92.72%

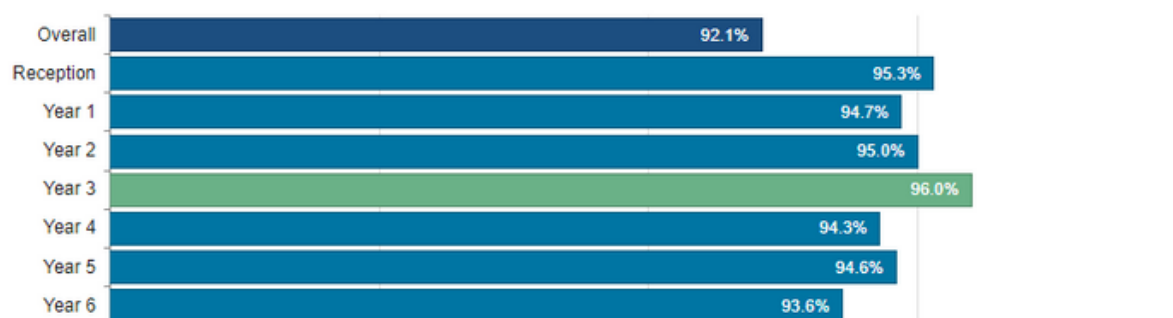


93.37%



91.92%

Overall



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

If you attend a community group that you feel may benefit other parents, please email the details to reception@cranbrook.education

Are you aged 13-18? Would you like to have a voice in research?

Want to know more? Come along to a online meeting on February 7th at 4pm and find out about this great opportunity.

We are researchers from health, history, literature, law and geography at the University of Exeter and we would like to learn from young people how you would like to be involved in research and explore ways we can work together on projects that interest you. We are interested in young people's mental health and narratives of wellbeing, environment and health and care experienced young people.

We are looking for 15-20 young people (aged 13-18) to attend up to 6 meetings over the next year, you will be acknowledged for your time. We would like to hold two of these meetings in person at the university (travel expenses will be reimbursed). You do not need to have any research experience to take part in this group, just an interest in research and a willingness to get actively involved.

Quote from one of our members: "This entire experience is a great opportunity, not only to be able to discuss the things you are passionate about, but also to work alongside a Russell group university. I am really enjoying working within this group"

I am interested, what do I do?

Talk with your parents/carer and get in touch with Camilla Forbes on: c.a.mchugh@exeter.ac.uk for more information.

Please note that we will need to ask your parent or guardian for consent prior to you joining the group.



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The Way We Talk

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Online Family Sessions

A safe space to explore the communication needs of your 11-25 year old

Discover what your young person needs to better understand you, and to feel understood...

When: Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, on Zoom

Parents and carers of young people; attend our FREE, friendly and interactive 2 hour online workshop sessions, to explore how to support 11-25 year olds with their communication needs.

Every week, our short sessions will focus on one of the following questions:

How do I look after myself, to better look after my young person?

How can I communicate effectively with my young person?

What's going on when my young person disengages or behaves in a way that I find challenging?

Sign up to our sessions as an individual, or in small groups of 2-4 people.

Scan the QR code, to see our session timetable!

To attend our FREE sessions, contact:

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info@youngdevon.org



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