

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers ,

Lighter mornings, evenings and the end of the first Spring half term already ! I do hope the weather holds up for the holidays and that you and your children enjoy some half term adventures.

So much has happened during the term, there has been lots to celebrate. I was particularly proud of Pupil Parliament this week, speaking and sharing ideas with the Campus Governing Body , the primary pupils joining in really well with their secondary counterparts and certainly held their own. They discussed playground space , future plans for the school and explained about the role of the Pupil Parliament as well as asking about what the Governing Body did.

At school we have been shocked and saddened to follow the terrible news of the tragic earthquake that took place in Turkey and Syria. Several children have had lots of questions and have been upset. At Cranbrook we would like to take positive action in coordinating a collection to go to the National Disaster Emergency Committee . Across the Campus we are asking children/students to earn or collect silver coins , 5p, 10p , 20p or 50p over the half term break. We will then collect the coins in the first week back after the holiday. The donation will be marked by laying the coins out in the hall within enlarged maps of Turkey and Syria on Monday 27th February for all to see and appreciate before they are donated.

Implications of future Strike Action

- Due to the upcoming strike action on 2nd March, we have decided to re-schedule one of our parents evenings. This will now mean that there will be one parents evening on Tuesday 28th February, as originally scheduled, with the second parents evening taking place on Thursday 9th March, a week later than originally scheduled. Booking for both evenings will open the first Monday of term.
- I am able to reassure parents of Year 1 that the planned school trip for March the 16th will go ahead

Year Group Assemblies

Year 1 performed a super year group assembly on the Egyptians this week, much enjoyed by many parents. I have however spoken to a couple of parents who told me there had been mixed communication from school about the start time. We very much apologise for this . The dates for Year Group Assemblies are on the refreshed 'Fridge Letter' all Year Group Assemblies will be starting at 9am . Parents are welcome to wait in the hall from 8.30 am.

Finally, thank you for your support in trying to maximise attendance for your children at school, it is much appreciated. I completely understand that children must be away when they are ill and I understand how tough it has been to deal with so many viruses and bugs around this winter. I just want you to know that if we can help in any way at any time by for example working with health professionals etc we are always very happy to support .

Thank you - wishing the children a lovely holiday



Hazel Fox
Headteacher of Primary

WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

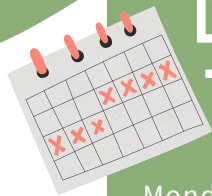
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Half Term

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February

Non Pupil Day

Monday 5th June

12pm finish

Friday 21st July

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

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.

MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

MCAS roll out has been completed. Please can you check over the half term break that you are able to access the system. You can log in and check the details we hold for you and let us know of any changes. There are so many things that MCAS can do but we need to make sure that everyone can access their accounts before we use its functions fully.

PUPIL PARLIAMENT

Pupils from Primary and Secondary Pupil Parliament share their thoughts with our Local Governing Board. On Wednesday, pupils from both our Primary and Secondary Pupil Parliament attended our Local Governing Board meeting to take questions from our Governors about their experience at CEC, what they felt was going well, what they felt could be improved and the impact they have made as a Parliament. We were very Proud of all the Parliament members who attended and contributed to the discussion. The Governors are looking forward to hearing their updates again in a future meeting.



E-SAFETY

Over the past half term, we've been sharing information with parents on how to nurture an environment of e-safety at home. This week, Safer Internet Day fell on Tuesday 7th February, and schools around the country used the opportunity to reiterate to pupils key information about staying healthy online. Whilst some of our younger students read Hanni and the Magic Window, which you can read at home for free here, our older pupils considered the milestones in their internet journeys and their personal internet preferences. If you'd like to continue Safer Internet activities at home, why not have a go at writing a review together of one of your child's favourite things to do online. Children could choose to have their favourite app, game, streamer, or website reviewed with you. Together, you can make notes and score it out of five for things like fun, creativity, safety features and information. Feel free to share your reviews with us either by messaging [Ms Gandhi](#) or sharing with classroom teachers after half term. We'd love to see what top suggestions CEC families have for fun and safe activities for children to engage with online.

Hanni and the Magic Window



Written by Amy Lockwood
Illustrated by Saba Lasheei

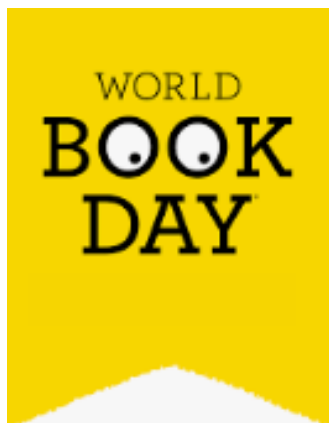
WORLD BOOK DAY

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.



PRIMARY PE DAYS

MONDAY

Carle
Sharratt
Wilson

TUESDAY

Rosen
Evans
Jeffers
Murphy
Tomlinson

WEDNESDAY

Blackman
Rauf
Rowling
Rundell

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

*Not including Preschool & Nursery

THURSDAY

Donaldson
Lewis
Milne
Dahl

FRIDAY

Ahlberg
Pullman

CHANGES TO PE

As part of our PE curriculum, all children in years 1-6 will be taking part in a half term of kickboxing instruction delivered by martial arts coaches from Exeter Self Defence Academy. This week, children from 4 Rundell took part in a taster session with the coaches which they thoroughly enjoyed. Children in year 4 and 5 will be beginning their sessions in term 4.

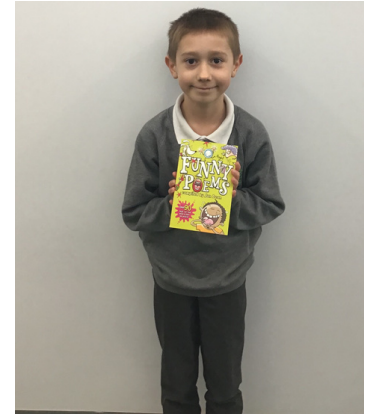


In this week's assembly, Mrs Fox kick started our week by guiding KS2 through a very helpful breathing technique. Showing students that smelling in the scent of flowers and blowing out the candle was a nice way to breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth, our hall full of students felt very calm.

After sharing tips on how to support our emotional health through following the 10-a-day, we then explored the life of Catherine Duleep Singh - a women's rights activist and a heroine of LGBT+ History. Our pupils learned about how she, and her partner Lina, secretly assisted many Jewish families to safety during the Second World War.

READ TO SUCCEED

On Friday we held our Read to Succeed assembly where one child from each class won a book after their read to succeed ticket was drawn from their class box. The children gain their tickets by logging a read on Boom Reader. Well done to all our winners and keep reading!



SPARX OF THE WEEK

Week ending 10.02.23

Sharratt Cohen M

Dahl Patrycja D

Murphy Gracie A

Pullman Mia-Rose S

Lewis Amelia D

Rowling Natalia D

Rundell Maisie K

Rauf Harry B

Blackman Oliver D

Evans Saskia P

Wilson Harvey R and Mia W

5 Blackman, 5 Rauf, 6 Evans and 6

Wilson 100%

SCIENCE WEEK! 10TH- 19TH MARCH 2023

Nearly all innovations in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) are built on connections so, this year, the official theme of Science Week is: **'Connections'**.

To celebrate STEM, this Science Week we are going to hold a STEM Fair (pupils only) at school on Monday 13th March! This will be an exciting day with lots of opportunities to showcase the science resources we have at school and to share our pupils' science journey so far.

So how can your child get involved? Whilst all primary school students will get to visit the fair, some may want to be active participants in it too. That's why we are setting the **challenge** for budding STEM enthusiasts to create their very own STEM investigation linked to 'connections' to showcase at the STEM fair.

What do you do if your child is interested?

Encourage and support your child to start a STEM investigation or experiment during half term either by themselves or with friends and complete by 12th March. Make sure to document the process with pictures, videos and notes.

Where can I get ideas for a STEM investigation/experiment?

Please note these are suggested websites and we encourage students to be as curious, creative and safe as they can with their investigations. As always, please read through the websites before sharing with your child.

- [50 STEM Activities](#)
- [Rasmussen University Activities for STEM](#)
- [7 Ideas for STEM week](#)
- Alternatively, search STEM activities for children to do at home

How do I share my STEM investigation/experiment at the STEM fair?

It is important that all students participating in the STEM Fair let Mrs Stephens know by Monday 6th March 2023 to ensure sufficient allocation of tables and display boards. Please email: year2@cranbrook.education to secure your child's spot.

What should your child bring in and when?

Children showcasing experiments and investigations in the STEM Fair on Monday 13th March will need to

- Share what they did
- Explain what they discovered
- Include any pictures, QR codes to videos or diagrams clearly set out on paper
- If possible, bring in their investigation or experiment. (see photos below for ideas).

We look forward to seeing some amazing STEM investigations and experiments.

Good Luck and have fun!

How else can you get involved?

STEM request: It would be amazing if anyone who works within a STEM related job would be willing to come in and share what you do. This could help inspire and enthuse our children's interest in STEM fields. We would love to hear from you and would be happy to work with your schedules to find a way for you to visit CEC (during science week or any other time) and share your experiences with our students!



YEAR UPDATES

PRESCHOOL

This week in Pre-school children have been: creating Worry Monsters, making marks in paint bags, and playing Jenga! In our Numberblocks we have been sorting objects into 8 and not 8. Our Nursery Rhyme of the week is 10 Fat Sausages. The Makaton sign of the week is sweet. For internet safety we enjoyed a story about Smartie the Penguin and how they kept safe on the computer, as they were not sure how to use it, Smartie says "Before you tap and click, you need to stop and think and tell someone." Have a lovely half term. We'd love to see your thoughts of what you get up to on Tapestry!

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been enjoying exploring sea creatures as part of our Treasure Island Topic. We have been using non-fiction books to find out facts about them. We have also been drawing and writing about them using our finger spacing, capital letters and fullstops. In Maths this week we have been extending our learning of number bonds to 5 by beginning to work on number bonds to 10. These are the pairs of numbers that can be added together to make 10, eg: 4 and 6 or 5 and 5.

In our outdoor learning we have been enjoying some early Valentines Day fun, making friendship potions in the mud kitchen and making kindness hearts to give to people who are showing kind behaviour.

As part of Safer internet Day we have also been exploring the adventures of Smartie the Penguin who has introduced the children to some ways in which we can stay safe when using the internet at home and in school.

The Children have worked so hard this term and we really hope you have a fabulous rest and break over the holidays. Reception Team

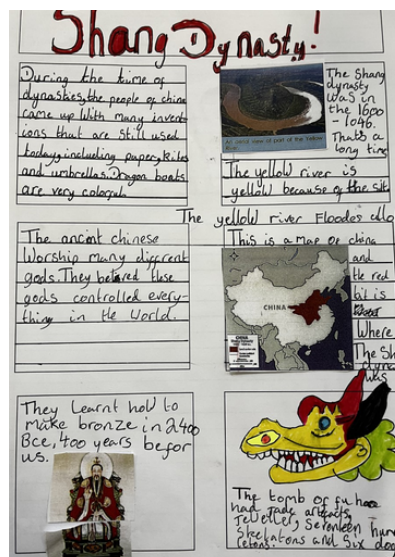
YEAR ONE

What a performance! Thank you for your support with the Year 1 Ancient Egyptian Assembly. The children loved dressing up and performing their Egyptian songs. Throughout the week, the children have written an essay all about Ancient Egypt. The number of interesting facts they know is incredible. In computing, the children have debugged a Beebot, investigating where the problem was in the algorithm and correcting it. In art, the children have created a landscape of the pyramids in the style of Paul Klee using cut up paper. In Maths, the children have practised counting in 2's and 5's both forwards and backwards.



RECEPTION READING BOOKS

In Reception we love reading! We have had a lovely delivery of new Little Wandle Reading books, these are to enjoy as well as your Ebook and library book (as some people prefer a paperback!). If you have any problems accessing the ebooks please let a member of the Reception team know. Please remember to return your book each week so that it can be changed. Please have a look for any reading/library books that need to be returned to school so others can borrow them. Thanks in advance for your support.



YEAR TWO

We have been working super hard creating a Fact File all about the Shang Dynasty to summaries our learning in History this half-term. The children have created their own piece of art work inspired by Kandinsky. The children have enjoyed using different medias such as oil pastels, pencils and water colour paints to create. We have created our own poems in Literacy and have enjoyed sharing them with the class, some of them were very amusing! We hope you have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you in a weeks time!



YEAR THREE

This week we have been working on finishing our poetry unit. The children have created and performed their cleriheew poems in class and today we finished the unit by creating shape poetry and drawing the outline of our favourite season, food or even game to bring our poems to life.

We have really enjoyed Art this half term where the children were studying the colour wheel to create artwork full of complimentary colours. They looked at the styles of Kandinsky to layer their final pieces on top of their previous weeks learning and showcase their understanding.

We know the children are very much looking forward to their half term break and we hope you all have a wonderful time with family, friends and loved ones.

YEAR FOUR

This week Year 4 went on their school trip to Escot! We had an amazing time looking at Anglo-Saxon woodwork, cooking and metal work. We also saw the animals including the wolves, wildcats and arctic foxes and of course we ran around and completed the maze! In Maths, we finished our area topic and have now moved on to fractions, which we will continue next half term. In English, the children have published their final write for their alternative story and all of them will be going on our Crantastic wall! In History, we have consolidated all our learning in our end of topic essay. In Art, we have been creating tie-dye t-shirts! We will continue doing tie-dye shirts after half term for those who did not get to do one this half term. Have a great week off!

YEAR SIX

Year 6 have enjoyed tie dying this week and have waited patiently for their new t-shirts to be ready. Children also had a brilliant time on our visit to Escot where they experienced what life was like in Anglo Saxon times. They were taught how to forage safely and even spotted some of the wildlife including arctic foxes, owls and a wolf pack. In Science, children researched the famous scientist Jane Goodall and were impressed by her discoveries and lasting impact on research. What a brilliant role model!

HOUSE POINTS



73948 Total



73034 Total



73315 Total



65286 Total



ATTENDANCE



91.01%



92.76%



93.42%



92.04%

AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

Archie Carrier
+ 3 other students



SILVER

Daisy Fort
Jaxon Hanley
Poppy Osborne
Leo Lowe
Freya Ficken
Ava-Grace Baylis
Winifred Goulding
Elora Lister
Layla de Sousa Augusto
Isobelle Maddaford
Keira Schofield
Mia Morkevicius

Bella Morris
Ava Berry
Thomas Smith
Sienna Morgan
Summer Smith
Gwen Verbinnen
Amelia Pospiech
Ada Cuthbertson
Tia Jury
Mia Stringer-Owens
Antoni Dudkowiak
Mia Bourne
Chloe Rostron
Dylan Payne
Bobby Tregale
Isaac West
Oliver Way
Jackson Williams
Austin Mobbs

Isla Ballett
Dylan Smith
Evelyn Smith
Terri Watson
Thomas Cheung
Riley Nutt
William Yorke
Edward Cox
Eliana Roper
Talia Obee
Fletcher Robertson
Oliver Martin
Sonny Taylor

+ 12 other students



GOLD

Shelby Cox
+ 2 other students

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

FREE
Valentine's Day
Card Making
Monday 13th Feb
10:30am - 12pm
Younghayes Centre
Cranbrook

