

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

WHO WE ARE

We are a school rooted in its community where aspirational learning and opportunities transform the lives of our pupils.

Our Mission is to transform lives and strengthen our communities to make the world a better place



Dear parents/carers

As we finish another successful half term, it is always valuable to reflect on what has gone well and think about the areas we need to continue to improve in the Secondary phase. Thank you for your continued support and feedback as we continue to focus on being a school rooted in its **community** where aspirational **learning** and **opportunities** transform the lives of our pupils.

This half term;

- Attendance has continued to improve from 89.3% to 90%, however, we are still behind the national average of 92.2%, highlighting we still have work to do to support all pupils to attend more frequently.
- Our homework completion rates continue to be the in the top 2% nationally for both Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader, however, in our pursuit of excellence, we would like to #1 in both each week.
- Our Edurio parent and pupil survey completion rates were above both national averages and our Trust averages at 32% and 81% respectively. However, we would like 100% in both moving forward. We will be analysing the results of these surveys and sharing our action plans with you.
- We have welcomed over 100 external visitors via conferences, our Trust open morning and through direct requests. These visitors have focused on our systems and processes linked to the **PERKS of being #Crantastic**, our excellent curriculum and how we use booklets to implement it and our evidence informed teaching habits. We still have work to do in each area to make them even better, but we were proud to show these visitors 'this is what we do here'.
- We have provisionally booked our activities week for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 for the last week of term and we are excited to be able to provide this excellent **opportunity** for our pupils.
- Our Community Hub – EX5 Alive, has continued to thrive and offer targeted support to more and more of our CEC families and wider community residents. We will continue to work with external agencies to grow the support on offer and reach more families moving forward.

I also want to take this opportunity to reflect on the devastating Earthquake which has taken so many lives in Turkey and Syria. Our heartfelt thoughts are with all those who have been affected and we are grateful to our PTA who have organised a cake bake today to raise much needed funds to support the rescue operation. If you would like to donate directly, please use this link: [British Red Cross - Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal](#)

I hope you have a lovely half-term break, and you get to spend some quality time together.

Take care and stay safe.

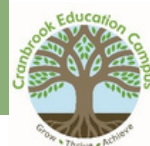
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stephen Farmer
Head of Campus/Head of Secondary

WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

School Uniform - Science Club - Pupil Parliament - MCAS
Dates for the Diary - Awards & Rewards

Community : Learning : Opportunities
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Half Term

Monday 13th February - Friday
17th February

Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd February

ICE PACKS

Both Reception and Inclusion use Ice Packs all the time for bumps and bruises. However a large number of these don't get returned. Please can you have a look at home and ask your child to look in their bags to see if any of the packs have ended up there by mistake. If they have could they be returned to reception please!

BICTON COLLEGE

Year 10 were engaged this week in an interactive talk from Bicton College. Bicton offers courses from animal care, farming and agriculture all the way to engineering, conservation and military services. Bicton is a further and higher education establishment which runs private buses for pupils who do not live nearby. They are holding taster sessions next week during half term, 13th February from 9-3.30, and full information can be found here:

<https://bicton.ac.uk/events/taster-day-at-bicton-college/>



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed a number of students that are wearing a style of trouser that is not part of our school uniform. These are trousers that are leggings material, that are tight and flare at the bottom. This is a reminder of what type of trousers are in line with our uniform policy - **Trousers should be plain grey.** They need to be classic cut; reasonably loose fitting and should not be tight or trail on the floor. They should not be skinny jeans, skinny trousers, stretchy trousers, or leggings. They should not be flared or bell-bottoms, jeans, canvas or corduroy, turn-ups or chino style. The styles pictured below are NOT ALLOWED. Please ensure that if you child has these trousers, they return after half term wearing the correct style.



PUPIL PARLIMENT

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.



TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

At Campus 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.

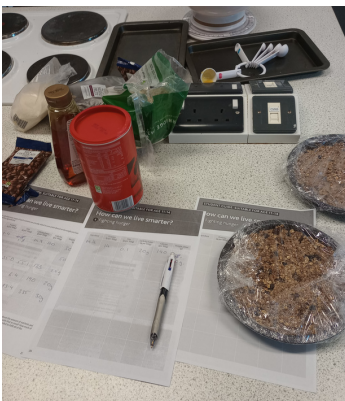
SCIENCE CLUB

Human beings are pretty smart. We have transformed the world and thought up wonderful inventions. But what will the future hold for planet earth and the people who inhabit it? Can we use innovative technology to improve the quality of our lives as well as the world we live in? Can we live smarter?

While the world produces enough food to feed everyone, many countries are suffering from hunger and malnutrition. One amazing solution is Plumpy'Nut - a peanut-based paste that is cheap, easy to make and designed to give malnourished people the nutrients they require.

In the fifth challenge of this half-term's theme, the science club developed their own version of emergency food, carefully selecting and adding ingredients to provide the vital nutrients needed by people in extreme environments.

Next half term we will be following the theme of Witchcraft and Wizardry, exploring science that is so good it could be magic!



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.



WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY

Can we make magic in the real world? How can you use science to make things change colour and state, or even disappear?

DO YOU HAVE EXCELLENT SPELLING AND GRAMMAR?



BOOKLET VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers who care deeply about spelling and grammar to help us proof-read out expertly created curriculum booklets at the Campus. If you are available between 11th & 15th March, and would be able to help review the booklets, please email reception@cranbrook.education

ONLINE ABUSE/INAPPROPRIATE MESSAGING REPORTING

There are increasing incidents of online abuse across messaging and social media apps such as WhatsApp, Instagram and Snapchat that occur when pupils are not in school.

Our advice when this occurs is always to report it to the police and the individual platform reporting methods. We have listed these links below

[Police](#)
[WhatsApp](#)
[Snapchat](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Facebook](#)



ONLINE PUPIL STATEMENTS

With the QR code we have generated, pupils can now complete statements at home on a computer, tablet or smart phone so we don't need to ask them to complete them on arrival to school.

Link:

<https://forms.gle/Ry5eQyXq3BPY.NWVF7>

AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



BRONZE

Katie Turney
Archie Isaacs
Summer Hall
Aaden Chow
Camron Carr

+2 other students



SILVER

Bea Bentley
Ollie Faulkner
Samira Nimroozi
Danyaal Mussani
Josh Carne
Georgia Sherrard
Liam Afos
Riley Randall

+ 3 other students

HOUSE POINTS



73948 Total



73034 Total



73315 Total



65286 Total



ATTENDANCE



91.01%



92.76%



93.42%



92.04%