

# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers ,

It has been a busy start to term and we are all welcoming the lighter mornings and longer evenings that are starting to creep in. The children have come back with lots of positive energy and have been working very hard across the curriculum.

A particular highlight this week has been hearing the preparations for the much anticipated 'A Night at the Musicals' which will be taking place as this newsletter is sent out on Friday evening. The children have been working so hard and their voices ringing out through the school has been a joy to hear. A big thankyou must go out to Mrs. Ratibb and Miss. Crosby for all their efforts in supporting and coaching the children in the lead up to the event.

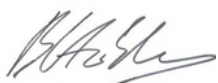
We are also excited to be hosting the first of a range of inter-school sports tournaments this evening, with Cranbrook taking part in a football tournament hosting 5 other schools at the Campus. This will be the first of a number of inter-school sports events hosted at the campus including further football, dodgeball and athletics fixtures.

We would also like to thank you for all your kind Silver Stream donations towards the terrible earthquake in Turkey and Syria and further information on how much we have raised will be released shortly. We will continue to welcome any further donations.

Next week promises to be another busy week with extra-curricular clubs back up and running, Parent Meetings on Tuesday 28th, a Year 4 assembly based on the Anglo Saxons on Wednesday and our dress up for World Book Day on Friday 3rd March, where children and staff are encouraged to dress up as a 'word' for the day.

At the time of writing, 60% of parents have booked an appointment at one of our Parent Evenings. Please ensure you follow the link that has been sent out to [parent-bookings.co.uk](https://parent-bookings.co.uk) to arrange an appointment if you haven't already. If you are unable to access the link for whatever reason, please either call or visit the school reception who will be able to book an available appointment for you.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to another busy term ahead. I wish you and your children a restful weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at Parent Meetings on Tuesday evening.



**Ben Hobbs**  
Deputy Headteacher of Primary

## WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Primary Parents Evening**  
Tuesday 28th February &  
Thursday 9th March

**World Book Day**  
Friday 3rd March

**Last Day of Term**  
Friday 31st March

**Back to School**  
Monday 17th April

### CAR PARK ACCESS

A reminder that our Car Park is not to be used during drop off or collection unless you have prior agreed access and **it should never be used by pedestrians to access the school site.**

You may have noticed that we have recently had new fencing installed and will shortly be activating the locked gates at the front of the site during school hours. This will mean that any visitors will need to call before being given access to the campus. Further information will follow regarding this.

### RAINBOW DAY

Aspens Rainbow Day was a huge success today with pupils having the option of either Rainbow Pizza Baguettes or Rainbow Picnic Pie with wedges and Rainbow Slaw, followed by either a fruit salad or Rainbow cookie!



### STRIKE DAY

Many of you will be aware that there is Strike Action taking place next Thursday and the following information has been sent out regarding the altered arrangements for the Primary Phase on this day:

The Campus will be open for the following pupils Primary Phase:

- o Nursery, pre-school & Year 6 pupils
- o Pupils with an education, health and care plan (EHCP), Children who are in care and children who are being supported by a social worker
- o We will also be open to the children who attend CEC of staff who work at the Campus

You will receive an email from the school confirming if your child is able to attend school prior to the day along with information on how children can access learning online if they are staying at home.

### BEHIND THE LENS

This week, we opened our debut exhibition in the CEC gallery. Entitled 'Behind The Lens', the exhibition, which coincides with LGBT History Month, highlights moments of joy, pride and acceptance for the LGBTQ+ community alongside reflections of photographers and those within the photos.

So many students and staff have commented on the creative use of wall a previously unused, the incredible diversity within the exhibition itself as well as the potential for future exhibitions.

We are meeting with a series of artists over the coming months to explore CEC being a space to share other local artwork. If you know anyone who would be interested in contributing to the gallery, we'd love to hear from you and them. Please get in touch by writing to [krisha.gandhi@tedwraggtrust.co.uk](mailto:krisha.gandhi@tedwraggtrust.co.uk) if you're interested in hearing more or indeed contributing.

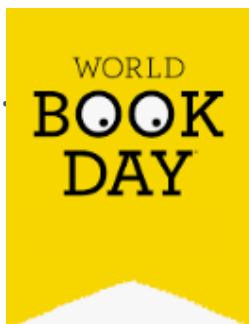


## WORLD BOOK DAY

**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.



Hatch



Onomatopoeia



Blizzard



Fragile

## MEET THE TEAM

*Holly Pike - Year 4 Class Teacher*

This is my first year at Cranbrook Education Campus. I teach Year 4 in Rowling Class. I am a year 1 ECT, meaning this is my first teaching post. I completed my teacher training with an amazing PGCE course at the University of Southampton, where I also did my degree in History and Archaeology. I am from Devon, and have recently moved back from Southampton.

My first few weeks at Cranbrook have been very enjoyable (although a little challenging at times) as I begin to settle into school life. I have particularly enjoyed teaching PE and getting to know both Year 4 classes every Wednesday afternoon! Wildlife is a passion of mine, and I try and get outdoors onto the moor with the dogs as much as possible in my spare time! Having recently moved back to the area, I am also looking to join a new sports team. During my time at University, I have tried and play a range of sports including netball, rugby and golf!



## MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

We have now completed our roll out of parent access to MCAS and all parents will have received an email with the codes to access this new communication portal.

In order to streamline our communications, Xpressions is no longer being used so please make sure you are able to access your MCAS account.

If you have experiences any issues logging in, please raise these with [Reception@cranbrook.education](mailto:Reception@cranbrook.education) urgently so that you do not miss any important communication

## DOGS ON SITE

Dogs that are brought to school at the start or end of the day must not be brought onto the school site or left close to any walkways in or out of the school. There is a designated zone for leaving dogs at the front of the school near to the large front gate. Any dogs being left at the Country Park entrance should be left in the Country Park and not in the walk way.

Thankyou for your support in this.



## PRIMARY PE DAYS

**MONDAY**  
Carle  
Sharratt  
Wilson

**TUESDAY**

Rosen  
Evans  
Jeffers  
Murphy  
Tomlinson

**WEDNESDAY**  
Blackman  
Rauf  
Rowling  
Rundell

**THURSDAY**  
Donaldson  
Lewis  
Milne  
Dahl

**FRIDAY**

Ahlberg  
Pullman

Primary\* children must come to school in their school PE kit on the day that they do PE  
\*Not including Preschool & Nursery



### **NIGHT AT THE WEST END**

Tech Rehearsal DONE. We are super excited for our first live show in two years, A Night at the West End. We are very proud of all the pupils taking part and the hard work they have put in so far. Our dress rehearsal takes place tomorrow then Friday is SHOW TIME. Tickets are sold out! Well done to everyone involved in organising.



## YEAR UPDATES

### NURSERY

We have had a great first week back after half term, we hope you all had a lovely break.

Our rhyme of the term is 'Humpty Dumpty' this week we have made our very own Humpty Dumpty's to put on our lovely display, we have used lots of different styles of hair, eyes, clothes to make our creations. We have also been creating our very own Humpty Dumpty's using pink play dough using pipe cleaners and Pom poms. Our rhyme of the week is 'Little Peter Rabbit' we have made rabbit ears to wear at circle time to sing our 'Peter Rabbit' song.

### PRESCHOOL

This week children were immersed in their new topic Dinosaurs. Children visited the library on Tuesday and Friday, to enjoy a story as a group, look at books individually but also to borrow some lovely dinosaur books for our classroom. We had PE on Tuesday and Friday but have also been playing lots of games throughout the week. Children have been drawing dinosaurs and practicing writing their name beautifully underneath. Children have been making binoculars to go on a dinosaur hunt. In our Numberblock learning we were learning about number 9 and practicing counting to 9. Our Makaton sign of the week is happy. For this topic the children have decided they want to learn lots of new dinosaur names and paint some dinosaurs. We are collecting toilet rolls and kitchen roll tubes please for our junk modelling area (as the binoculars were very popular) so would appreciate if you could bring in any from home thanks so much.

### RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been busy exploring our new topic Splendid Safari. We put on our imaginary binoculars and went on safari down the corridor spotting clues about what we would be learning about. We have also been writing about what we saw in our literacy lessons, using our sentence skills (full stops, capital letters and finger spacing). We are looking forward to starting a new book in Literacy next week all about a Selfish Crocodile. In Themed learning this week we have been learning about the similarities and differences between African life and life where we live. We have begun to explore the different landscapes and wildlife so far.

We have been practicing our pancake tossing in our outdoor area this week and have been making Safari animal small worlds and habitats in the construction area during our busy learning. We have been very excited to explore our new Safari Camp out and Vets role play areas.



## **YEAR ONE**

This week, the children have been introduced to our new literacy story 'Daisy Doodles'. They have wrote what they like and dislike about the story and created beautiful story maps to help them remember the structure. In maths, the children have practised measuring the height and length of different objects using items, such as blocks, pencils, footsteps and rulers. In Science, we categorised animals into their groups, whether they were amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds or fish. In Geography, the children have thought about Cranbrook, how it is changing and what was here before? In RE, the children have learnt about Holy Week and what happened on each day.

## **YEAR TWO**

We have had a lovely week back in school this week. In Literacy we have started our new book "Grow your own lettuce" and we have planted our own lettuce seeds, focusing on the step-by-step instructions from the book. In Maths we have been working on statistics, putting data into tally charts, box diagrams and pictograms. In PE we are focusing on gymnastics and we are excited to learn more!

## **YEAR THREE**

In Year 3 this week we have been looking closely at instruction writing in literacy. The children watched eagerly whilst their teacher made jam sandwiches in front of them, they were then tasked with instructing their teacher on how to remake the sandwich from scratch. As a reward some of the children even got the try apricot jam for the first time and they loved it! In Geography we have been looking at our new topic 'Our food, our world' The children learnt about the process of getting milk from a cow to the supermarket and just how quickly this happens! We are very much looking forward to learning more about where food comes from and the impact this has on farmers and consumers whilst recognising food miles.

The children have been given their home learning grids for this half term. Should you have any questions about this please do let us know. We look forward to welcoming you to parents evening next Tuesday.

## **YEAR FOUR**

This week Year 4 have been practising for our assembly! Rehearsals have been going well and we are all looking forward to performing to you all on Wednesday! In PE, we had a visitor come in to teach us kickboxing! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and we will be doing this every week in PE this term! In Geography, we have started our new topic on Migration. In Maths, we have been continuing with fractions and learning how to simplify them. We look forward to seeing you all for our performance next Wednesday!

## **YEAR FIVE**

In Year 5 we have had a great week.

We have started our new PE which is kickboxing, the children were really respectful and listened very well. We have also started our new topic in English 'Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions' where the children have been learning all about expanded noun phrases, time adverbials and formal and informal writing. We have also started new topics in both Maths and Geography which are 'Fractions' and 'Earths Biomes' which the children seem to be enjoying.

The homework grids have been set and handed out, we were really impressed with the homework we received last term and we are looking forward to receiving more this term.

## **YEAR SIX**

This week, Year 6 children have been busy continuing their work on algebra in maths. Equations have been solved and formulae written and displayed using the bar model. Our new topic in Geography is rivers so we have been using a map of the UK to locate rivers across Great Britain. In English, our new text is called 'Weslandia' and follows a boy creating his own civilisation. We can't wait to start planning some creative writing based on this excellent text. Science this week has been focused on gravity and there has been plenty of debate and discovery surrounding Sir Isaac Newton's law.

## HOUSE POINTS



76995 Total



76346 Total



76287 Total



67240 Total



## ATTENDANCE



90.95%



92.78%



93.51%



92.04%

## AWARDS AND REWARDS

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



### SILVER

Mason Tarr  
Ellis Powell  
Layla Newcombe  
Peggy Chapman  
Nancy Smith  
Charlie Boden-Hammond  
Louie Baitup-Squires  
Finley Curtis  
Izaak Moore  
Benjamin Williams  
Theo Coles  
Amelia Petherick

Clara Hewitt  
Annabel Davies  
Kyle Saxton  
Sophie Wilson  
Elsie Sheard  
George Boden-Hammond  
Emilia Redmill  
Ted Creese  
Amelia Parsons  
Daniel Drake  
Jaxon Spry  
Samuel-James Shaddick  
Taylor Lovering  
Harry Cullen  
Freddie Newcombe  
Penny Smith  
Chiara de Sousa Augusto  
Charlie Corrick  
Dexter Corrick

Grace Osborne  
Charlotte Cox  
Teddy Taylor  
Sonny Andrews  
Adam Mussani  
Ava Williams  
Myla Edworthy  
Harriet Cooper  
Harley Edmonds-Brown  
Jenson Edworthy  
+ 14 other students



### GOLD

Mia Webb  
Charles Williams  
Aimee Bailey  
Casper Ng  
Nel Zarzycka  
Ethan Griffiths  
Michael Drake

+ 3 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](mailto:reception@cranbrook.education)

## EX5 - ALIVE!

CRANBROOK COMMUNITY HUB –  
ON YOUR DOORSTEP  
JUST NEXT DOOR TO CRANBROOK  
EDUCATION CAMPUS EX5 7EE

Last week, our EX5 Alive – Community hub was featured in a report by the centre for social justice titled 'Cracks in our foundations: addressing the longstanding attainment gap in England's primary schools' which you can find on page 37 here: <https://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/library/cracks-in-our-foundations>

Cranbrook Town Council are recruiting

**Cranbrook  
Town Council**



### Ranger

Hours: Full time, 37 hours per week, including occasional weekend and evening work  
Salary: £24,948 to £26,845 per annum  
(representing spinal column points 13-17 in 2022-23 National Joint Council national salary award)  
Contract: Permanent  
Start date: As soon as possible

### Cleaner

Hours: Part-time and flexible, 18.5 hours per week (0.5 full-time equivalent) Exact working hours by mutual agreement; duties may include attendance at evening meetings and/or work outside normal office hours  
Salary: £20,258 - £21,189 pro-rata per annum  
(representing spinal column points 1-4 in 2022-23 National Joint Council national salary award)  
Contract: Permanent  
Start date: 1 April 2023

All the details, including how to apply, are available on our website at <https://www.cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk/jobs/>.

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