



# Cranford Park C of E Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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10: July 2023

Well we made it to the end of term! On a personal note, my thanks to those families who kindly gave me gifts and cards at the end of term. It was greatly appreciated, thank you! There is lots to tell, so settle down in a comfy chair with a cool glass of something yummy and here we go...

### SPORTS DAY



We continued our afternoon races with the relays on an alternative

afternoon, just for the children. That allowed us to add up all the scores from the various activities! The scores were ridiculously close for all the teams and there was only **one point** between the first and second place.



Congratulations to the **GREEN TEAM** who were the overall winners of the event, closely followed by blue!



We had a wonderful Sports Day morning and the children really enjoyed all the team activities. They worked together beautifully in their mixed age teams and it was lovely to see the older

children caring for the younger ones so well. We even managed to have the picnic outside, but then down it came. It was certainly the wettest sports day afternoon I have ever seen! Thank you so much to all of you who stuck with us, brollies at the ready. I was very aware that for many of you, having taken the day off



work, you would not be able to take another day, which is why we soldiered on. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the resilience of our children, who were truly amazing. Well done to them all!



### REPORTS

You should all now have received your child's annual report and I hope you found a chance to speak to the teachers if you needed to. If not, we will pick this up next term. THANK YOU to all those who wrote such lovely comments on the report reply slips. Your positive feedback really means a great deal to the staff, so never underestimate how grateful we are to those who set pen to paper. If you haven't yet returned your slip, please do hold on to it and return it when we come back to school. Many thanks.



# ATHLETICS

On 30<sup>th</sup> June I had the privilege of escorting a large number of our children to the Hart District Athletics Event at Aldershot's Athletics Stadium..Seven schools took part and we were one of the smallest, yet we took 53 children along to participate. It was a fine display of resilience and I was so proud of our children for



the way they conducted themselves. We certainly showed ourselves to be good sports, cheering on any stragglers from the other teams as well as our own. There was a wonderful atmosphere and it was a great experience for our children, who represented



the school brilliantly. An extra special well done goes to Lottie, Talia and Gianna who all won a medal for their events.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Rees for organising it all and to all the staff, parents and other volunteers who helped out.



We are keen to get ourselves a bespoke sports kit for future events. ***If your company would be interested in sponsoring this, please do get in touch.***

**We are now recycling print cartridges!  
Please save them for us and tell all your friends and workplaces! Thanks!**



# Anyone for Cricket?

Our girls in Years 1 to 4 were recently treated to a taster session with Yateley Cricket Club. Who knows? We might have the future England team right here at Cranford Park!



## Bonjour Madame!



We are delighted to welcome to the staff Madame Raby, our new French teacher, who is...French! What better way to give our children a good start to their

language speaking than to have a native speaker teaching them? Madame Raby is experienced in teaching primary aged children and will be teaching years 3 to 6 each week. She will also be offering a French Club to any KS1 children who want to get a head start with their studies!



# PARENT POWER



Dangerous TikTok challenges are back in the news again. A teenager in France has died while trying the viral "scarf game" on TikTok – a variation of the deadly "blackout challenge" – that has claimed several lives over the last year.

And a mother has issued a warning about the viral "tap out" challenge – also known as the blackout game – after she discovered youngsters playing it in a playground in the UK.

There's also a concerning new report out that's found children spend the majority of their free time on their computers or devices. Over half of youngsters aged five to 13 are spending 23 hours a week – almost a whole day – online.

Parents may be interested to know that TikTok has introduced a new feature that allows them to control the content their children can view on the app. Part of the platform's family pairing functionality, the feature enables adults to connect their account to their teenager's and manage settings such as screen time limits.

Last year, the app added a tool that automatically filters out videos with words or hashtags users may not want to see on their screen. Now the new update means that parents and guardians can set these content filters for their children.

"We're bringing this tool to Family Pairing to empower caregivers to help reduce the likelihood of their teen viewing content they may uniquely find jarring," TikTok wrote

In other news, if you come across a Facebook post that appeals for information about a missing five-year-old girl called Sofia, disregard it. It has been declared a hoax. This can be used to teach children how to use critical thinking skills. Often the content of these posts are edited and completely changed once they're going viral!

# OUTDOOR FUN!

We are very excited to announce that we have arranged for our own Mrs Martin to complete her Level 3 Forest School training early in the Autumn term. All of our classes will then have a lesson in our on-site woodland area every week throughout the year. So keep hold of those old clothes for the moment! You might be needing them! We would also be grateful for any donations of waterproof trousers or jackets that your children have grown out of. Most classes will go half at a time to their sessions, which will also provide the teacher with some highly valuable time for targeted teaching with the remaining group. That's what you call a win-win!



Hampshire County Council's Multiply team are supporting schools to access **FREE maths training** for parents, grandparents, and childminders to support them to help our children grow in numeracy confidence. This will be a coffee morning with a difference. You can come along for coffee and cake whilst playing games, improving your numeracy skills and will even get some freebies to take home! We are currently trying to arrange this here at Cranford Park for our school community, so watch out for details.

## Staff News

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Roxburgh at the end of term. A firm favourite with staff and children, she has decided to venture back into her comfort zone and is returning to secondary education. 😲



We welcome to the team Mrs Hastings and Mrs Reynolds, who will be joining us a few weeks into next term.



## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

Our sincere congratulations to **Daniel**, who achieved an impressive distinction in his Grade 3 ABRSM violin exam this term! Well done, Daniel! 😊  
Don't forget to share your achievements with us!



Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept: Children return to school  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Yateley School Y6 Taster Day  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: Yateley School Open Evening  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Yateley School Open Morning  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yateley School Open Morning



# JURASSIC JOLLIES!

The fun continued in the Reception class as they continued their exciting dinosaur project.



Our thanks to Annie Cooper for washing and organising all of the donated uniform to go to the orphanage in Zambia. Her house was turned into a laundrette for a few days! It was a wonderful use of the unwanted items. Well done Annie!

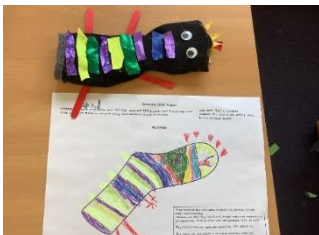


A huge thank you to all of our wonderful PTA who have worked incredibly hard this year to raise funds for our school while keeping us entertained at the same time! If you have any time at all to spare to help them out, please do let us know, as all help is greatly appreciated!



Those cheeky fellas had left footprints and dino droppings all over the school!

Luckily, the Dino detectives were on hand to seek out the prints, find and dissect the dino-poo and do lots of research!



*Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer break!*



They rounded off their project by designing and making their very own dino sock puppets! Fabulous! 😊



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**YOU'RE IT!**  
  
**LOVE, TEACHERS**