



NEWSLETTER

15: November 2023

We have been enjoying the very strange weather and making the most of those last moments of sunshine. I had a wonderful



moment last week when two of our year one boys came running in to me SO excited and chattering non-stop, they told me to 'Come and see the beautiful rainbow.' I do

enjoy sharing those moments of 'awe and wonder' which our children experience about the simplest things yet we, as adults, can sometimes take for granted.



Our Reception Class have been exploring the Human Body and there have been some interesting 'operations' performed, but luckily all the patients survived! To see more of our learning, please follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. We still have a surprisingly low number of followers and would love more 'likes'.



Our Year 6 children did us proud last week by showing around a huge number of prospective parents. They were all

very positive about the school and our wonderful children. Please do recommend us to anybody with a child starting school in September 2024.



Another reminder that we **do not allow any PRIME** or other energy drinks in school. Children should bring their water in a transparent **plastic** bottle. Other drinks are for lunchtime only. Thank you

Know somebody looking for a new opportunity?

We're looking for a School Business Manager and also for an HLTA.

We are looking to appoint a highly efficient School Business Manger to a new full-time role to ensure the smooth running of the business function of our school, including all finance, HR, health and safety and premises. Experience of finance or business management is essential. Knowledge of school finance would be an advantage, but no school experience is necessary to apply.

We are also looking for a part time HLTA for one or two days a week to cover classes as required. This role would suit a highly experienced TA or a teacher who is currently looking to step back from the demands of teaching.

To find out more about either role, please contact adminoffice@cranfordpark.hants.sch.uk.

Congratulations!



In true democratic style, our staff and pupils in colour teams got together last week to hear the speeches prepared by our children wishing to hold a post of responsibility as Head Boy, Head Girl or team leaders. Our congratulations to the following children who were voted in:

- Head Boy: Daniel with Deputy Beau
- Head Girl: Tessa with Deputy Elisha
- Team Leaders
- Red: Izzy and George,
- Blue: Ellfie-Mae and Aleks
- Green: Amelia P and Archie
- Yellow: Leon and Ruby

Remembrance Services 2023

It was lovely to see so many of our children involved in the Remembrance service and parade at the weekend. My thanks to all those who stood out in the rain with us to represent the school. You did us proud!



On Monday 13th November, we held a special Remembrance collective worship in school where we explored the idea that those in the armed forces are 'normal people' with families and friends, who sacrifice a lot to protect us and who demonstrate compassion and courage in what they do.



FOOTBALL FUN!



Some of our Year 5 and 6 girls recently went to the Chelsea 5000 project at Chelsea's training ground in Cobham. The project is aimed at getting more girls playing football. Some of the girls have reported below!



On Friday we were invited to a Chelsea Girls football event at Chelsea's training ground. We learnt some cool football tricks, dribbling, movement games, shooting, played some matches and met lots of Chelsea coaches. We also met some very exciting visitors – Aniek Nouwen and Johanna Rytting Kaneryd – who play for Chelsea Ladies First Team. We asked them some questions and they told us about how they got to where they are. We were even given a "goodie bag" from Chelsea. We had an amazing and exciting experience.



By Isobel, Tessa, Ruby and Ellfie-Mae

Well done to the girls, who represented the school brilliantly!





Our children enjoyed Judo taster sessions, a BUPA coding day and a Science Boffins performance last week. Boffin Mark took us through several exciting Science experiments before launching a rocket in the playground! Hopefully they had some extraordinary conversations with you at home about it all!



Letting their light shine!

Lottie, Talia & Grace all took part in a gymnastics competition on Saturday. Lottie came second in vault and floor. Talia came 3rd in vault and Grace came 2nd in vault in their groups. Here they are showing all their medals!



Congratulations to Fraser, pictured here with the trophy he was awarded during judo camp. It was awarded for always being good natured and always having fun on the mat. What a wonderful award to win! Well done, Fraser!

Please do let me know if your child achieves something outside of school that we can share and celebrate by emailing:

headteacher@cranfordpark.hants.sch.uk.

Many thanks!



BUILDING RESILLIENCE

Tips for building independence in children

Our natural instinct is to protect our children and so it can be difficult as a parent to balance building independence with keeping our children safe. Bright Horizons have come up with some hot tips for parents:

- **Pick your battles.**
- **Offer choices.**
- **Provide flexibility within structure.**
- **Support growth.**
- **Encourage healthy risk.**
- **Embrace mistakes.**
- **Set up the environment for success.**

They say to think about the experience of parenting as slowly releasing responsibility over time. For more details of each hot tip visit:

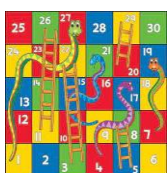
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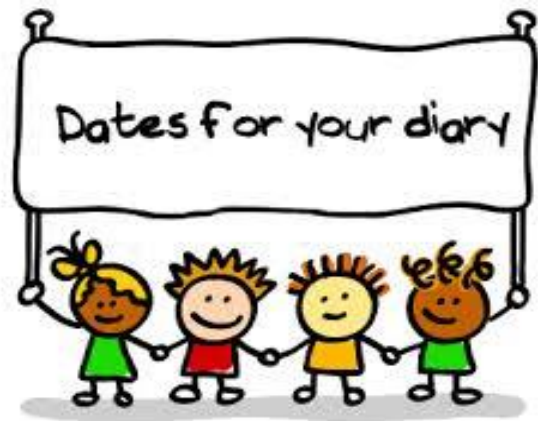
Raise Resilience helps parents and their children to thrive

Parents want to support their children to grow and develop with the mental resilience they need to not only face the setbacks that inevitably will come, but also be able to thrive in life.

Through Raise Resilience, parents can support themselves and their children to communicate effectively, develop empathy, nurture a growth mindset and understand emotions. *This course offers six self-paced sessions, a parent handbook and activities to use at home. For further details go to: <https://bounceforward.com/our-courses/raise-resilience/>*



Don't forget to join us straight after school on Tuesday this week for a Family Games Night in the school hall! **Free games** given to those who register!



New and changed dates will be given in bold

- Tues 14th Nov: Family Maths Games in the Hall 3.15pm
 Friday 17th Nov: Children in Need Day – coin of their own
 Friday 17th Nov: Y4 Class Assembly
 Friday 24th Nov: Y2 Class Assembly
 Friday 24th Nov: PTA Mufti for Chocolate/sweets/bottle
 Sat 25th Nov: Lions Christmas Market – PTA stall
 Friday 1st Dec: Y6 Class Assembly
 Friday 1st Dec: PTA Mufti for mince pies & sweets
 Friday 1st Dec: PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR after school
Sunday 3rd Dec: Christingle Service at Yateley Manor
 Mon 4th Dec: PTA Elfridges gift sale
 Friday 8th Dec: KS2 Christmas service at the church
 Mon 11th Dec: KS1 Production 'Born in a Barn' 2.00pm
 Tues 12th Dec: KS1 Production 'Born in a Barn' 9.15am
 Wed 13th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
 Wed 13th Dec: Christmas Dinner Day
 Thurs 14th Dec: Panto in school! Cinderella
 Friday 15th Dec: Break up for Christmas holiday 1.15pm
 2024
 Tues 2nd Jan: INSET Day
 Mon 29th Jan: NSPCC SOSS Assemblies
 Friday 2nd Feb: NSPCC Number Day – coin of their own
 Mon 5th Feb: NSPCC SOSS Workshops Y2, Y5, Y6
 Tues 6th Feb: Online Safety Day
 Friday 9th Feb: Break up for half term
 Monday 19th Feb: Children return to school
 Tues 20th Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening
 Thurs 22nd Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening
 Fri 1st March: Y2 'Nightwalk' 5 – 8pm
 w/b 4th March: Book Week
 Wed 6th March: Bounce for Books event
 Thurs 7th March: World Book Day – dress as character
 Fri 15th March: PTA Mufti for Chocolate Eggs
 Mon 25th March: Class photographs
 Wed 27th March: Easter Fun Day with Easter tea
 Thurs 28th March: Wear a hat day (Brain tumour research)
 Thurs 28th March: Break up for Easter Holidays 1.15pm
 Mon 15th April: Children return to school
 Mon 6th May: May Bank Holiday
 w/b 13th May: Year 6 SATs Testing week
 13th to 15th May: Y5 Residential to Runways End
 Friday 24th May: Break up for half term
 Monday 3rd June: INSET Day
 Tues 4th June: Children return to school
 Fri 7th June: Y3 Residential Sleepover
Wed 19th June: Y6 to Winchester Cathedral Y6 Leavers' Service
 8th-9th July: Y4 Residential Bushcraft Experience
 w/b 15th July: Y6 Residential Week
 Tues 23rd July: Break up for summer holiday 1.15pm