



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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your
light
shine

Welcome back and I do hope you had a safe and happy half term break. Thank you so much to all those who attended our Harvest service at the end of last term, for all your positive comments and for all the wonderful food gifts that you sent in with the children. The ladies from the Yateley Pantry were extremely grateful for our donations when they collected.



Yateley Community Pantry is located at Mill Lane, Yateley and has been set up by the Council to help families who need extra support to manage their budget by providing food, grocery, and some hygiene/cleaning items at reduced prices. Membership is available to anyone who needs it. Shoppers pay a £5 membership per visit and can choose food, grocery, and hygiene/cleaning items worth at least £15, although this is often much more. If you need a bit of help with your budget to get back on your feet, please do pay them a visit. This service complements food banks who can provide provisions in emergency for people in crisis. We have planned a mufti day for a donation to the foodbank at the end of this term to support those in need through the Christmas period.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

I was delighted to receive the following:
I was so touched when, last weekend, Hector and I bumped into Mrs Garrett and Miss Portch in the charity shop. They were looking for pop-its for school. I could barely believe how kind it was that they'd given up their Saturday mornings to go out searching for these for our children (and pay with their own money too). I think this often but it was just a little reminder about how fortunate us families are to have such amazingly dedicated staff at Cranford Park school! Thank you all.

Daily Reading Rewards

I have been monitoring the number of reads our children have done since we started our new reward scheme. As you know, we count the *number of days* which children read on towards their rewards. Those children who have read every single day since we started now have well over 400 reads! Well done to them and to all those doing their best to read every day. A reminder that daily reading is part of their *homework*, is fundamental to their wellbeing and academic success and does need to be done. Thank you for your support with this.



Class Hamper Competition

As you will know, each class is collecting for a hamper on a theme. While there is absolutely no obligation to contribute, we would be very grateful for your contributions. The Hampers will be auctioned off at our Christmas Fair, with a prize going to the class with the most creative hamper and to the class whose hamper raises the most money! Please ask class teachers for more details and thank you for your support.



Class Attendance

Congratulations to Y6 who won the trophy for a second month with 95.2% attendance. Please help us to keep our attendance high! The results for each class are shown below:

YR	94.7%
Y1	94.6%
Y2	90.4%
Y3	92.7%
Y4	93.4%
Y5	91.1%
Y6	95.2%



Individual certificates for 100% in October are on their way to you!

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Safari

Cook Class had their binoculars at the ready for their Safari Day adventure at the end of last term!



They used a map of the school grounds with animals marked on, they planned their route of where to go first and set off... They couldn't believe their eyes when they spotted an elephant, a brown bear, a polar bear, a rabbit, a puppy, a dog, a tiger, a snake and their class bear Freddie teddy with the treasure! Strange safari I know.



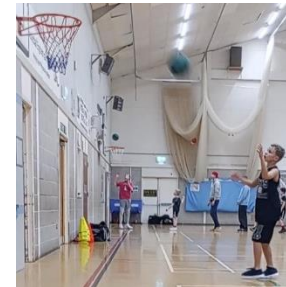
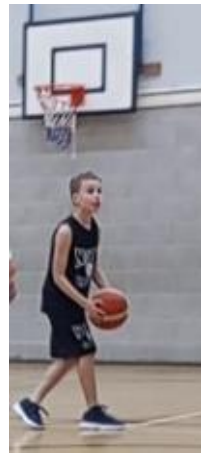
Apologies to those who were alarmed to see all those animals on the school field. Apparently we caused a bit of a traffic hold up with our dog! 😊



The children also weighed and mixed ingredients to make cupcakes and decorated them as Safari animals 🐯 🐼 🐵



Letting their Light Shine!



Here is Zack letting his light shine playing a new sport - basketball. He even got a few balls in the hoop in one go!



Ayden and Ashley James in Year 4 have started playing for the yateley warriors under 9s team. They have won their last two games 4-2 against the Badshot Lea Hawks and 4-0 against the Camberley Town Rascals. Well done to them!

Don't forget to send me details of your children letting their light shine outside of school! 😊

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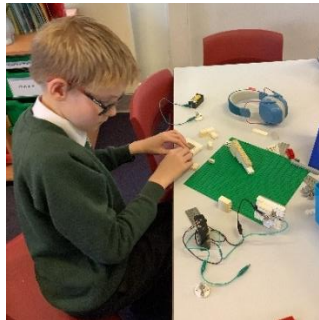
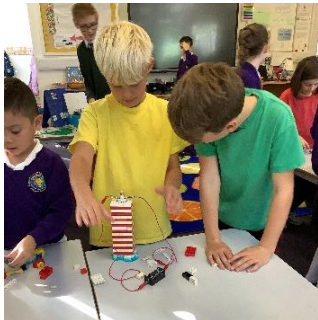
University Spotlight

Literally letting our light shine!



The faculty of technology were letting their light shine quite literally and showing their creativity in their construction project.

They had to either create a building or a vehicle, with a working electrical component! 😊



Can you help us?

We are seeking to build more links with businesses and the real world! We are currently looking for those which **use I.T.** in many ways. Do you use I.T. in your job? Could you spare some time to speak with our children about it? Please **contact Miss Singer** for more details!

Our Year 4 children have been thinking about what makes a good growth mindset! We pulled together some of their poem ideas to make a class poem:

GROWTH MINDSET

by Year 4

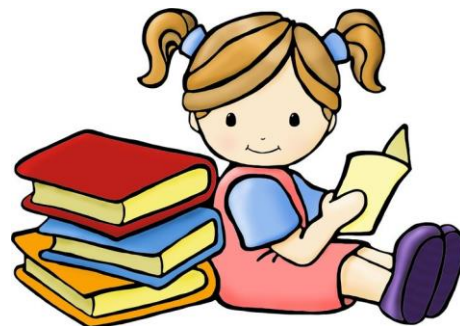
Growing my brain makes me smarter
Resilience is never giving up
Open your mind to achieve
Wisdom comes from trying
Transforming my thoughts is good
Hide easy things to open more challenges

Making mistakes is good
Improving step by step helps you learn
Never give up!
Determination pays off
Success comes from saying, "I can't do it YET!"
Encourage new ideas to light up the world
Taking risks leads to great discoveries



*"Only the children
with books
can read, and only
the children who
can read can thrive."*

—Pam Leo



We want all of our children to be able to choose a book to read when at home. Please **talk to us** if you need help to get more books into your home!

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New universal family behaviour change service launched...

Hampshire Healthy Steps

Barnardo's is excited to be working with Hampshire County Council to launch a three-year pilot behaviour change programme known as **Hampshire Healthy Steps** for families with children aged 2 to 12 years, with the vision of promoting healthier childhoods. HCC has commissioned Barnardo's to develop a bespoke, evidence-based **six-step programme to engage and empower families**, and support them to set, achieve and celebrate their own goals and achievements. The programme will support families to explore and build new healthy habits. Barnados Family Health Coaches will offer advice, information and support about healthy eating, how to get more active, how to sleep well, ways to keep teeth healthy and how and where to access activities and support in the local area. They will give families ownership of the changes they wish to make, create shared family values and be offered in safe, welcoming community settings. There will also be the option to join the programme online. The groups are **designed to be fun**, interactive and to

encourage children to get involved. Barnardo's will also offer families one-to-one support and a positive and safe space to discuss concerns or worries, identify goals and to celebrate successes along the way.

Families can enquire/self-refer, or we can share your details with your consent. Enquiries can be made through the online enquiry form at: <https://forms.office.com/e/yaDJ2wJkL2>
 Email: healthysteps@barnardos.org.uk
 Telephone: 08081 671 674
 Website (coming soon!): hampshirehealthysteps.org.uk

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NHS England Pharmacy First

Pharmacy First is a new service launched in Jan 24 which enables community pharmacies to provide treatment for common medical conditions.

For more information see [Pharmacy First NHS page](#).

The Healthier Together app which is also a great source of information for parents and carers. The app can be easily downloaded, provides information to help keep your child safe and healthy, as well as helping you decide what to do when your child is unwell. See the [Healthier Together](#) website for more information.

THIS HALF TERM'S WORSHIP THEMES

This half term we are learning about Festivals and Special Events in our worship. Themes include Bonfire Night, All Saints Day, Remembrance, Road Safety Week, Advent and of course, Christmas! Each week we will be listening to music featuring a different musical instrument.

II Pause for Reflection and Fun

Each half term we have a 'Pause Day' when we come away from the curriculum entirely. An example many of you will be familiar with is our Easter Fun Day. In our most recent Pause Day, the children created collages representing 'the Bible' with each class taking a part to reproduce.



The finished result is going to be displayed outside our music room. Do come and see!



A-tissue appeal!




Still lots of snotty noses here and we are out of tissues once again! Please could you find it in your hearts to throw an extra box or two into your trolley this week? Please bring donations to the school office. Many thanks.



Creation

1. What can you see?
Alfie 'green sun' *Billie* 'white sugar'
Albie 'red strawberries' *Summer* 'smiley faces'
Charlie 'lots of water and trees'
Liam 'a big snake'
Finn 'blue places'
Finn 'black shiny thing'
Rohan 'stars'
Jenson 'I saw some paintbrushes'
Edie 'a giraffe'
Deliana 'pink'
Dylan 'pink bubble gum'
Isla 'leaves'
Sophie 'a jar of purple and people that have changed colour'
Wulf 'fish' *Jenson* 'balloons'
Turelly 'trees' *Rohan* 'red jelly'
Arthur 'green and yellow seahorses and blue 'beach''



3. What are your favourite things in the natural world to include in a paint pot?
Alfie 'rainbow' *Billie* 'clouds'
Finn 'blue sky' *Summer* 'friends'
Charlie 'animals' *Liam* 'fish'
Finn 'stars' *Finn* 'family'
Rohan 'books' *Jenson* 'water sea'
Edie 'the sun' *Deliana* 'plants'
Dylan 'flowers' *Isla* 'the moon'
Sophie 'trees' *Wulf* 'birds'
Turelly 'rain' *Jenson* 'bugs'
Rohan 'lobes' *Arthur* 'rainbows'

2. We looked more closely at the picture and realised it is paint pots full of things Christians believe God created in the world.

4. What can we do to look after God's creations?
Sophie 'water the plants and trees'
Isla 'be careful' *Billie* 'be safe'
Jenson 'play with pets'
Finn 'take care of things'
Rohan 'feed animals'
Jenson 'don't squish bugs'
Sophie 'put rubbish in the bin'
Roe 'be kind to everyone'

'They say Autumn is the most honest season. Leaves and flowers fall away to reveal what lies beneath.'
Trudi Makhaya

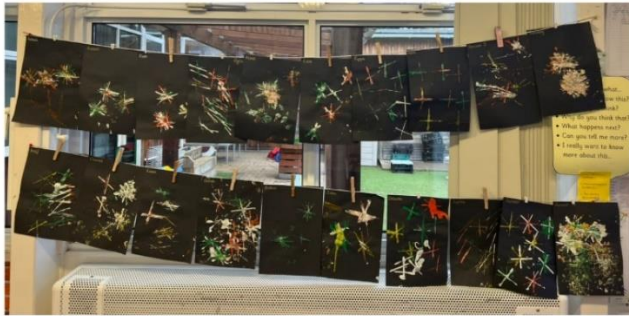
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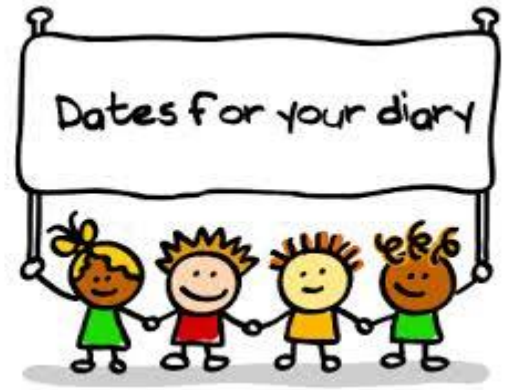


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FIREWORKS AND FUN



Whilst learning about Bonfire Night, year R practised their fine motor skills to create some different artwork! Using pipettes to make a bonfire, ripping crepe paper to make a firework and pinching lolly sticks to print sparks in the sky. What fun! Miss Portch reminded us all in an assembly how to keep safe with fireworks.



New and changed dates are given in bold

- Tues 5th Nov: Y5 & Y6 Steel Band Workshops
- Fri 8th Nov: Y6 Cake Sale after school
- w/b 11th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week
- Tues 12th Nov: Y5 & Y6 Steel Band Workshops
- Tues 12th Nov: P.T.A. Meeting 3.15pm in hall
- Wed 13th Nov: Open Morning 9.30am: prospective parents
- Fri 15th Nov: Y1 class assembly 8.50am parents welcome
- Fri 15th Nov: Y5 Cake Sale after school
- Fri 15th Nov: BAG2SCHOOL Clothes Donation
- w/b 18th Nov: P.T.A. Raffle goes live!
- w/b 18th Nov: Flu jabs
- Fri 22nd Nov: Y3 and Y2 Cake Sale after school
- Fri 29th Nov: School 'DECS Day' – details to follow
- Fri 29th Nov: Cake donations for Christmas Fair please!
- Fri 29th Nov: P.T.A. Christmas Fair
- Sat 30th Nov: Yateley Lions Christmas Fair
- Thurs 5th Dec: Y5 visit to Winchester Science Museum
- Thurs 5th Dec: EMTAS Coffee Morning – by invitation
- Fri 6th Dec: Y4 Cake Sale after school
- Mon 9th Dec: P.T.A. Elfridges Sale
- Mon 9th Dec: KS1 to St Peter's Church - Home Alone
- Tues 10th Dec: P.T.A. Elfridges Sale
- Tues 10th Dec: P.T.A. Meeting 3.15pm in hall
- Fri 13th Dec: Y6 class assembly 8.50am parents welcome
- Fri 13th Dec: YR and Y1 Cake Sale after school
- Tues 17th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- Tues 17th Dec: Christmas Dinner Day
- Wed 18th Dec: Pantomime visiting school!
- Thurs 19th Dec: KS2 Xmas Service at the church 1.30pm
- Fri 20th Dec: MUFTI Day for Foodbank donation
- Fri 20th Dec: Break up for Xmas holiday at 1.15pm
- Mon 6th Jan: INSET DAY
- Tues 7th Jan: Children return to school from 8.30am
- Mon 13th Jan: Choir to sing at St Peter's – Home Alone
- Fri 17th Jan: World Culture Day – please speak to Miss Portch if you can teach us about another culture
- Wed 22nd Jan: Y5/Y6 Cross Country Event
- Tues 28th Jan: EMTAS Coffee Meet 2.30pm – by invitation
- Fri 31st Jan: PTA Ballsy BINGO 7 – 9pm
- Tues 4th Feb: Y5/6 Choir to Young Voices at the O2
- Fri 7th Feb: Save the date for PTA kids event
- Tues 11th Feb: Safer Internet Day
- Fri 14th Feb: Break up for half term
- Mon 24th Feb: Children return to school
- w/b 3rd March: Book Week
- Tues 4th Mar: Bounce for Books sponsored event
- Thurs 6th Mar: World Book Day – Dress up day
- w/b 10th Mar: STEM Week
- Wed 19th Mar: 8.30am EMTAS Meet Up – by invitation
- Wed 2nd April: EASTER FUN DAY
- Fri 4th April: 9.30am Easter Service at St Peter's
- Fri 4th April: Break up for Easter at 1.15pm
- Tues 22nd April: Children return to school
- Tues 22nd April: Y4 Residential Visit to Minstead