

The CRANBOURNE Catch Up School Newsletter



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A Message From Miss Conlon...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Cranbourne Community was shocked and saddened by the news of the death of Jensen, a Year 8 student. Jensen was a well-liked, positive role model and a wonderful member of the school community, and is deeply missed by us all.

It's hard to believe we are already back at Cranbourne after the October half term and have begun the countdown to Christmas. Our students generously donated an incredible 64 shoeboxes to the Rotary's Christmas Shoebox Appeal! We have lots of festive events and activities planned – please do keep an eye on our social media pages for updates.

Our fantastic PE Department have been busy supporting our sports teams with some good results for our Football, Netball and Table Tennis teams. We have a brand new fitness suite up and running filled with state-of-the-art equipment for our students to use.

Mr Kimber is preparing for our annual Ski Trip – this year students and staff are off to the Spanish Pyrenees in December. The trip is always a huge success, we're sure the students will have a fantastic time!

Our Cultural Diversity Evening took place on Wednesday 18 October and was an amazing event where we celebrated inclusion and showcased the range of cultures we have here – did you know that across our staff and students, an incredible 44 different languages are spoken?

A reminder to all that cars should not be driven onto the school site to collect or drop of students unless you have a prior arrangement, a meeting on site or for medical reasons. If you are waiting off site for your child, please remember to turn off your engine.

Monitor Day will take place on Friday 17 November, and is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's tutor. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Finally, we would like to ask for your support in helping our Performing Arts Department secure the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme Grant so our talented students can give a showstopping performance of Legally Blonde Jr in the spring. If you shop in Tesco, you can use your token to vote for our project. Further details are inside this newsletter, thank you in advance for your support!

Miss Conlon

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REMEMBERING JENSEN AT CRANBOURNE

Our Cranbourne Community was shocked and saddened to hear about the sudden passing of Year 8 student Jensen Morrisen.

Jensen was a wonderful student who approached every day at school with positivity, diligence and a huge smile. He had represented the school as part of the football team and most recently was made a Thomson House Ambassador, taking on the responsibility with pride and enthusiasm. He was committed to his studies and thrived inside and outside of the classroom. Jensen played for Overton Football Club and was Manchester City's biggest fan!

A memory box has been created, where staff and students have written messages of support and shared their favourite memories of Jensen. The football trophy awarded during our annual day of sport has been renamed 'The Jensen Cup' to represent his love of football.

On Thursday 2 November - the day of Jensen's funeral - staff and students wore blue (the colour of Manchester City) to show our support and celebrate his life.

We have come together as a community at this very difficult time to make sense of what has happened. The loss of Jensen has impacted us all and he is very much missed and loved by his Cranbourne Family.



Grief is a hole in the heart,
An endless journey and you don't know where to start,
The sun won't shine,
And you just keep telling yourself it will be fine,
A deafening silence, no words to say,
The dark will leave and it will be day.

Forget about the hurt and the pain,
See the sun not the pouring rain,
Those up in the sky,
Know it's hard to say goodbye.

I am sorry for your pain,
And I hope you'll see the sunshine and not the rain.

- Dolly-May S, Year 8

Forever in our hearts Jensen will lay
For his sudden passing we simply can't explain
His shear smile and positivity can brighten anyone's day
As Cranbourne we stand side by side in companion

His memories will live alongside all of us
His passing was sudden news and will bring us sadness
A forever reminder to live life to the fullest because tomorrow is not promised.
He'll live within our hearts as simply the brightest

As he did, I'm sure he'll shine
His smile was simply divine
Let's not stay in sadness as that's not what he'd want
Even though his heart was truly kind and soft

So let us celebrate Jensen's beautiful soul
And cherish the memories with him as a whole
In our hearts he'll forever reside
A young bright boy, whose spirit won't hide

- Murat A, Year 10

CULTURAL DIVERSITY EVENING

Our Cultural Diversity Evening took place on Wednesday 18 October. It was a fantastic event where we celebrated all the wonderful cultures that make up our Cranbourne Community.



Our talented students gave excellent performances including dancing, songs and poems – to name a few! Henna and Face Painting were available those who came along and a delicious African themed BBQ was enjoyed by all! A big thank you to Mr Ndlovu for organising such a great event!



SUPPORTING THE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are extremely proud to have supported this year's Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Students filled boxes with an assortment of toys, toiletries and educational books ready to be delivered to disadvantaged children across the world.

We received an incredible amount of boxes this year (64!) - a big thank you to all the students who participated!

Boxes have now been collected by The Rotary Club and are being sorted ready to be sent on to their final destination.



POPPY APPEAL 2023

Poppies are now available for purchase from Reception in support of the 2023 Poppy Appeal. Any donation can be made in exchange for a red poppy. Proceeds go to The Royal British Legion, where they help to fund their ongoing work in supporting the Armed Forces community.

We also have white poppies available for £1, with proceeds going towards supporting the Peace Pledge Union. White poppies symbolise a commitment to peace and remembering all victims of war.



CRANBOURNE'S NEW FITNESS SUITE IS UP AND RUNNING

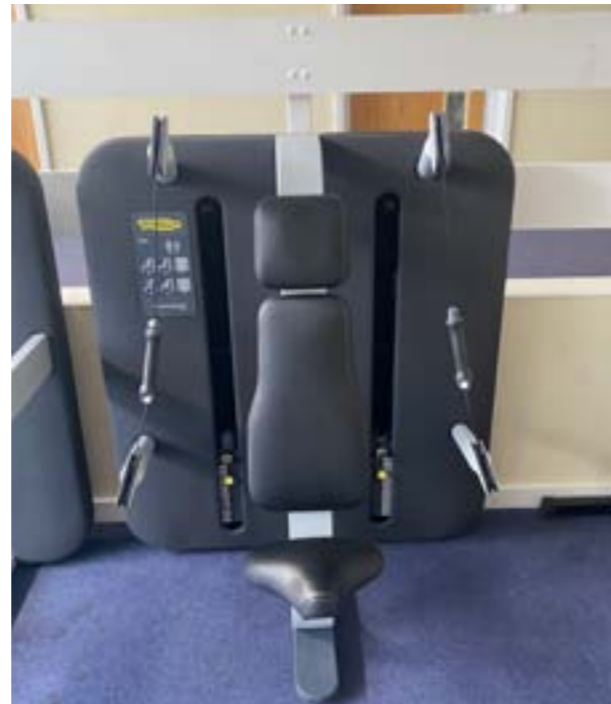
We are very pleased to say our new fitness suite is up and running, full of new equipment that brings together fixed weight machines and technique based movements.

The PE department are very excited by this equipment as it allows them to teach KS3 students the correct lifting techniques using low weights as the machines are cabled. If they can't use the correct technique, the weight won't lift!



Once students have an in-class induction, they will be able to access the fitness suite during the after school club on Thursdays.

Both students and parents are required to sign a waiver agreeing to all the terms set out in their induction to maintain safe and efficient use of the new equipment.



We are very grateful to 'Energise Me', who have helped with funding for the new equipment. Due to their help, we are now running an invite only session aimed at our ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and SEMH (Social, Emotional & Mental Health) students to allow them to interact with one another in a safe space. We are already seeing a good number of students come to this club on a Tuesday, improving physical, social and mental health along the way.

ARMY DAY AT CRANBOURNE

On Monday 2 October, the British Army Education Unit came into school to work with our Year 9 students. They learned about the opportunities a military career can bring and how there is more to the Army than meets the eye. Our students conducted themselves impeccably and fully immersed themselves in all the activities, presentation and question and answer session. The highlight of the day was trying on the uniforms of the King's guards and finding out about all their Royal duties!



PSHE AT HOME

The PSHE Department would love it if the conversations we have in class could continue at home.

We know this isn't always easy so we are sharing a resource from Dove to help facilitate conversations about self image, body confidence, the pressures of social media and bullying. This toolkit is specifically designed to help parents and carers open up conversations about difficult topics with their children and help them continue conversations we have in school at home.

Visit www.dove.com/uk/dove-self-esteem-project/help-for-parents/confidence-kit-a-tool-to-help-build-positive-body-confidence.html

If you have any feedback or any questions and concerns, please get in touch with Miss Day, Head of PSHE on p.day@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk

NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

Well done to the Year 11 Boys Football Team who put in a really strong performance in the District Cup against The Hurst.

Although we came away with a 6-2 defeat, the performance was fantastic compared to previous years! It was great to also see our new students **Kolle** and **Ndelle** represent the school for the first time since their move from Cameroon!

Both goals on the day were scored by **Isaac B. Liam O** and **Tennison AM** also getting special mentions from the Head of PE at The Hurst for their performances.

DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS

A story of near misses at the District Table Tennis Competition this year! Well done to all that competed. Our KS3 girls finished runner's up, well done to **Coral P, Isla B, Grace P, Bella B and Pehar Y**. Our KS3 Boys A Team unfortunately lost in the semi-finals, and the B team did well in the group stages. Well done to **Theo N, Ellis B, Adam E, Jose K, Oskar C, Joy P, Yury A** and **Leo P**! Our KS4 Girls also finished runners up - big well done to **Evie G** and **Lizzie G**. Our KS4 A Team also went out at the semi-final stage with the B team competing well in the groups. Well done to **Hayden C, Ethan P, Elliot K, Adam B, Amun L, Josh O, Walter N** and **Sai D**. Don't forget Table Tennis club is on Thursday with Mr G!

YEAR 10 & 11 NETBALL

Our Year 10 and 11 Netball teams have been busy playing in their fixtures and have done really well. All students worked together as a team and represented Cranbourne amazingly. Both teams came 3rd overall in their pool, which is fantastic!

Miss Triquart and Miss Alner are looking forward to continuing and developing our netball teams across school and hopefully having some more successes on court.

Year 10 Team: **Brooke S, Evie S, Mia S, Chloe S, Taylor L, Ollie B, Paige H and Lily M**

Year 11 Team: **Madi W, Amy R, Chelsy M, Olamide A, Hayley B, Lillia C-B, Grace H, Jessica H**

SEND - ALTERNATIVE SPORTS CLUB

It has been a fantastic start to our Alternative Sports club and the students that have attended so far have shown a lot of enthusiasm to the sports we have introduced, such as Indoor Curling and Pickle Ball.

It is great to see them trying out the sports, learning new skills and socialising with other students - and showing their competitive side! Mr Roberts and Miss Triquart are looking forward to introducing more sports soon.

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

We have had a great start to the year with lots of different students attending extra-curricular clubs. On one Wednesday a few weeks ago we had over 100 students spread over Basketball, Netball and Football!

PE clubs will stay the same for this half term, although Swimming Development has replaced Rugby on a Monday. Rugby will be back in the new year, once we have done more in lessons for Year 7 and 8.

Swimming Development club is invite only and is designed for pure non-swimmers. If you are the parent of a student who has very minimal swimming experience and cannot confidently swim a width in the shallow end of a pool, this club is for them. If you are interested, please contact Mr Roberts on m.roberts@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk.

PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

Half Term 2 Oct-Dec 2023



Day	Activity	Students	Venue	Teacher
Monday	Alternative Sports Project	Invited Students Only	Various	Mr Roberts/Mrs Triquart
Monday	Swimming Development	Invited Students Only	Swimming Pool	Mr Howland/Miss Rautenbach
Tuesday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Alner
Tuesday	ASD/SEMH Fitness Club	Invited Students Only	Fitness Suite	Mr Roberts
Tuesday	Girls Football	All Years	Front Field	Mrs Triquart/Miss Seymour
Tuesday	Hockey	All Years	Senior Playground	Miss Rautenbach
Wednesday	Netball	All Years	Senior Playground	Miss Alner/Mrs Triquart
Wednesday	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Howland
Wednesday	Boys Football	All Years	Front Field	Mr Kimber
Thursday	Table Tennis	All Years	Main Hall/Gym	Mr G
Thursday	Fitness Suite	All Years	Fitness Suite	Miss Rautenbach

All clubs will run from **3.05pm – 4.00pm**. If you would like any further information on any of these clubs, please come and speak to a member of the PE Department.



CRANBOURNE SHINES IN BASINGSTOKE VARIETY SHOW



On Saturday 7 October, our incredible Hair & Beauty and Textiles students participated in this year's Basingstoke Variety show at The Anvil. They collaborated with their creative skills and put together a catwalk fashion show with the theme 'old into new'. Textiles students upcycled old clothes into new outfits, supporting our Green Cranbourne vision and our Hair & Beauty students created their hair and make up looks.

This was the first time Cranbourne has participated in the show, and we were the only secondary school to be invited to take part - a fantastic opportunity for our students.

A big thank you to Mrs Simpson and Miss Welborn for organising and to all the students for giving up hours of their time to design the outfits, create the pieces and perfect the hair and make up. They gave an excellent performance at the show and should be very proud of themselves.



VOTE FOR US IN THE TESCO STRONGER STARTS SCHEME

Vote for our Performing Arts Department in the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and support our wonderful students in putting on a showstopping performance of Legally Blonde Jr.

Each time you make a purchase at any of the Tesco stores below, you will receive a token which can then be used to vote for our project until 14 January. The project with the highest number of votes will receive a grant which will go towards costumes, set pieces and more.

Please do spread the word, and thank you for your support!

- Basingstoke Express (Town Centre – RG21 7LG)
- Basingstoke Oakridge Express (RG21 5SG)
- Popley Express (RG24 9DR)
- Chineham Lychpit Express (RG24 8TF)
- Kempshott Express (RG22 5NZ)
- Basingstoke Superstore (Chineham Shopping Centre – RG24 8BE)



CARS ON SCHOOL SITE

A reminder that cars should not be driven onto the school site to collect or drop off students unless you have a prior arrangement, meeting on site or medical reason.

It has become increasingly unsafe for our students leaving and arriving on the school premises due to the amount of cars in the car park or driving up to the Reception doors.

In an attempt to make Cranbourne greener, if you are waiting to collect your child, please turn off your engine.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Year 11 mock exams will commence on Monday 6 November.

Mock exams are an opportunity to provide both students and teachers with an understanding of their current progress and identify areas for improvement ahead of their GCSE's in the summer.

The timetable is available to view on our website. Keep your eyes on our social media pages as we will be sharing our top revision tips!

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

As part of our vision to make Cranbourne more sustainable, eco-friendly and to reduce our paper use, we are now sending letters home virtually and using online consent forms. These are being sent both via text message and by email. Please make sure we have a valid email address and up to date contact number on file so you don't miss any communications from us.

ROLE MODEL STUDENTS AWARD

w/c 16.10.23 recipients

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Brooke B	Dolly-May S x2	Melissa W	Emmanuel O-A	Ruby H
Aoife G x2	Demi A	Lily S	Murat A	Amun L
Nathaniel C	Charley D	Kwasi A x3	Rajiv C	Jack H
Leo P	Tilly M	Eli E	Anushka B	
William P	Lily May G-D	Jessica J		
Ellie-Mai G	Harry N	Calvyn D		
Sean E	Maggie R			
Robin J	Amelia A			
Kamila C	Nathan F			
Yehor V	Merryn L			
Ashanti B	Yury A			
Archie S	Joseph P			
	Daisy-Rose D			
	Kacey J			
	Dylan B			



STEM TRIP TO WILLIAMS RACING



On Wednesday 11 October, our Year 9 STEM students took a trip to Williams Racing for their Enrichment Day. Here is Lily S's review of the trip!

"First, we were shown a video and when that was finished one of the walls opened, leading us into the museum which housed every car used and built in racing - including the newest models. On the newest car, the steering wheel alone cost £50,000!

Next, we were taken to a gaming room where we played a driving simulator against each other made by Williams Racing. It felt like we were in an actual race car!

Once we had done that, we completed a multitude of tasks to do with the LEGO robot, who we named Jim! The tasks included coding, marketing and designing things to do with him. We came up with the name 'Imagineers', since we want to encourage using imagination in the world of engineering.



Next, we programmed Jim to move and to detect colours and the track with a camera mounted to him. This meant he could complete different courses. We also produced a video which we then presented to the other groups. This then demonstrated all the aspects of JIM! We ended up winning hats, and certificates for our hard work. Overall we agree that it was an amazing experience and recommend it to the upcoming year 9s."



CATCH UP CALENDAR!

What's on in the weeks ahead...

Flu Nasal Vaccinations: Monday 6 November

Monitor Day: Friday 17 November

School Photo Day: Friday 24 November

Rewards Evening #1: Wednesday 6 December



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