

The CRANBOURNE Catch Up School Newsletter



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A Message From Miss Conlon...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I reviewed the articles in this newsletter it reminded me of how busy School life is at the moment, for all our community. The exciting opportunities that students have opted into by visiting the Houses of Parliament, learning about apprenticeships in technology, participating in sporting events, being Young Leaders and supporting in our Cluster Schools as well applying themselves in the classroom and in mock exams.

It has been fantastic to see so many parents attending the various Parent and Option Evenings and we have embraced Green Cranbourne by going paperless at some of these events. At the Year 9 Option Evening we trialled signing in using a QR code and the booklet was emailed out rather than printed; we managed to save almost 5000 pieces of paper by doing this!

This week we went live with EdulinkOne, our new parental information and communication system. At present only some of the functions are working but over the next few weeks you will be able to see not only attendance and timetables, but homework, house points, clubs and trips, progress reports and more. There is a noticeboard where we will upload letters and documents and

a link into our catering system too. Any questions please contact the school on a.pope@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk

An Update on RAAC; we continue to work with the Department for Education following the closure of the Drama Studio and plans are moving forward. The work on the changing rooms is due to be completed in April so we look forward to having these facilities back especially the swimming pool.

As we move towards the summer term, a quick reminder that students may wear shorts, as sold by Skoolkit, replenish equipment they need for lessons and collect as many house points as possible to secure their invitation to the end of year rewards trip.

Miss Conlon

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VISITING THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On Tuesday 20 February, students from our Diversity and Inclusion team travelled into London to visit the Houses of Parliament, where they were given a tour, learned lots about the history and met Maria Miller, MP for Basingstoke.

Year 7 student Aoife has written a full report on what they got up to:

"Leaving early at 8.30 in the morning, we walked to the train station to catch a train to London Waterloo station. From there, it was only a short walk - we passed the London Eye, Westminster Abbey and the Jubilee Gardens! We arrived at the Parliament Education Centre where we met our guides, Lorry and Nathan. Upon entering the building, everybody had a security check for safety – which went smoothly – before starting the tour.

Firstly, we were led into a room with some comfy seats and white walls. A video was projected onto the walls talking about the history of Parliament and how it began. To summarise, the idea of Parliament was started by the power-reducing treaty, the Magna Carta. It was created to let the Barons have a say in the King's choices and, from there, it has slowly progressed into the Parliament known today.

After the video, we were led into the houses where we started the tour at the Sovereigns entrance, where the Monarch enters each year. From there, we went to the Royal Gallery where the UK's Monarchs are presented in portrait form, including Queen Elizabeth II and King Henry VIII - but there isn't one of King Charles III yet! A couple of paintings depicted battles that we won, like the Battle of Waterloo. After the Royal Gallery, we made our way to the Princes Chamber where Henry VIII's famous six wives were displayed as cool paintings.

Next, we went to the House of Lords, and saw the seats where the Lords and Baronesses sit. We weren't even allowed to sit on them as they are very important seats! We then went to the central lobby, and at the end of that room was the House of Commons, where a meeting was taking place.

We were now at the end of our tour, ending at the Westminster Hall. However, there was still one thing - to meet Maria Miller, MP representative of Basingstoke! We asked her some questions about her work, what she enjoys about it and what she is most proud of. She was very proud of being part of the legalisation of gay marriage. She is currently working on securing funding for a new hospital in Basingstoke. Finally, we took some photos to commemorate our trip.

Overall, it was a great trip and we learned a lot of interesting facts about the UK Parliament!"



MANICURES IN THE SALON



Last week, our Year 9 Hair and Beauty students were visited by an ex-Cranbourne student Olesya, who is now a self-employed Nail Technician.

Year 9 have been learning all about the nail structure and how to give a basic manicure. Olesya shared her top tips on how to improve their technique and answered all of their burning questions.

A big thank you to Olesya of Olesyanailss for visiting us and sharing your knowledge!

PROGRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY VISIT

At the start of February, students from our Resourced Provision had the opportunity to visit engineering company Progressive Technology in Newbury.

They learned all about the apprenticeship schemes on offer, the companies they work with and what they do, such as making Formula One car parts and prosthetic limbs for the NHS!

David Simmonds showed Mrs James and the students around their workshop, where they observed 2D and 3D laser cutting machinery, identified different F1 car parts and tried to guess which order was for Mercedes, Ferrari or Red Bull.

It was inspiring for the students to hear about the bonus of being dyslexic in engineering and how their brains are valued. An apprentice student spoke about his journey into engineering, his go-karting team and gave them some career advice. The students could relate to the tales about his school days!

ENTERING THE ENGINEERING WORLD AT BCoT

On Friday 23 February, some of our Year 10 students were invited to BCoT, where they had the opportunity to learn what the world of engineering had to offer.

Here's what Lenox H had to say about the activities throughout the day:

"At BCoT we got the chance to explore the school and its very lovely buildings. I remember when we got there, some of us felt ecstatic to see what the world engineering had to offer.

The first thing we did was to listen to a presentation about engineering jobs and how different they were from each other. We also learnt some interesting facts about engineering - for example, 20% of the UK population work in the industry!

After the presentation we got the chance to do a team building exercise which was quite difficult but we learned how to communicate with one another and got the job done.

Secondly, we went to the mechanical side of engineering where we had to remove the tires from a car with drills that F1 teams use! We got our hands dirty, but it was worth it. We then proceeded to name the car parts we were shown and examined some of the other parts.

Next, we walked over to the designing section of engineering, where we were shown 3D printers and computers used to make prototypes of all sorts of things. We also saw the welding sights and the equipment they use, and for our final activity we designed a face. I did not know what I was doing but I gave it my best!

Overall, it was a wonderful experience and gave us the chance to understand engineering and how we can enter the industry and which ones we would be interested in."



BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR LEGALLY BLONDE JR

Cranbourne is nearly ready to turn pink! Our talented cast of Legally Blonde Jr are working hard to deliver a showstopping performance for you all.

We have three performances on sale which take place on 20, 21 and 22 March.

Performances will be in the Main Hall and start at 6pm - get ready to bend and snap!

Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school



TEXTILES AT CRANBOURNE

Year 7 have just come to the end of their project inspired by graffiti artist Jon One. They have done a fantastic job at creating their own graffiti inspired Applique patch, learning a variety of new skills such as, designing, template making, hand embroidery and sublimation print. They are now preparing to start their new project where they will be researching textiles artist Holly Levell and making their own confectionery inspired pencil case.



Year 8 have been learning about the native African tradition of Mudcloth and have just completed making their own Mudcloth inspired drawstring bag.

The students have done a great job at mastering the sewing machines, learning how to create a hem, seam and drawstring channel to construct a successful product. They are now moving onto their next project inspired by Day of the Dead where they will refine and develop these skills even further.



INDOOR SPORTS ATHLETICS EVENT

At the end of January, we welcomed students from St Marks, Winklebury, Cliddesdon, North Waltham, Kings' Furlong, Manor Field, St John's and Park View Primary schools for our indoor athletics event.

Our fantastic student sports leaders supported our visitors in competing in a number of different activities including long jump, triple jump, javelin, target throwing, speed bounce, sprinting events and more.

Our sports leaders were excellent ambassadors for Cranbourne, giving encouragement and coaching the primary students through each activity, demonstrating excellent behaviour throughout the afternoon.



FOOTBALL AT KINGS' FURLONG JUNIOR SCHOOL



Year 9 students and Cranbourne star footballers Dan I, Joe C, Fin R and Louie D have been busy coaching students at King Furlong Junior's after-school Football club.

The boys are showing real promise and working hard to enhance the skills of the Year 5 and 6 pupils. It's wonderful to see them making fantastic progress in learning to be leaders and developing relationships with our Cranbourne Community. Well done, boys!

GREEN CRANBOURNE

In our efforts to make Cranbourne greener, we placed new recycling bins in the outdoor areas of the school and canteen back in January. In Cranbourne, you are now never more than 20 metres away from a recycling bin. Every fortnight we empty around 4,400 litres of recycling - that's the equivalent of 14.5 bathtubs full!

Since September, we have recycled a whopping 10kg of batteries which would have otherwise ended up in landfill. Both of our compost bins are now full and we have made our own out of leftover pallets from deliveries. This is filled with compostable waste from the canteen, staff room and Gardening Club.

The Gardening Club have been hard at work litter picking and clearing pathways and blocked drains of leaves. After storm Henk, they managed to fill four wheelbarrows with tree debris! Gardening Club takes place every Wednesday after-school. If your child is interested in joining, please see Mr Targett.



ROLE MODEL STUDENTS AWARD

w/c 19.02.24 recipients

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Solomon A	Louie B	Alice D-R	Richie H	Ruby H
Maddy B-M	Ismail C	Leland S	Tylin M	Chelsy M
Kamila C	Esmee W	Melissa W	Nathan M	Katie R
Florence C	Nathan F		Charley P	Calum T
Ellie-Mai C	Sam M		Ethan P	Madison W
Isla M	Isla S		Macey W	
Ellie M	Dolly-May S			

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

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 a medical reason. This is to keep our students safe when arriving and leaving the school premises.

All students must bring their Yondr Pouch with them to school everyday, even if they do not bring their phones to school. Pouches are a part of the essential equipment students are expected to bring to school.



CATCH UP CALENDAR!

What's on in the weeks ahead...

Year 9 Parents Evening: Wednesday 6 March
New Intake Evening: Wednesday 13 March
Legally Blonde Jr: Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 March
Good Friday: Friday 29 March



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