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NEWSLETTER

April 2022

Whole School Update

Despite the challenges that Covid has continued to raise, our school has managed to have a fairly 'normal' term! Child absence has continued to be high, and staff have suffered badly too. It has been an amazing feat of teamwork behind the scenes to keep the school operating; Team Sandhurst has really needed every ounce of its strength.

I am so proud that, during this difficult time, we have also continued to offer events such as: Book Week, a Ukrainian fundraising appeal, Red Nose Day, Mother's Day preparations, hatching a batch of chicks, a Rock Steady concert, class photos, a netball tournament, the Year 6 residential trip and, to finish, an Easter tombola and service. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to any of these events. In some ways, it has been the most exhausting but exciting term yet!



Looking forwards, we are already starting plans for a sports day which everyone can attend all together, as well as an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Please keep the day of Friday 27th May free if you can.

Have a restful Easter holiday, enjoy the sunshine if you can and please come back to us ready for another busy term of activities and assessments. Take care and stay safe.

We look forward to seeing everyone you back at school on Tuesday 19th April.



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Potter Class Update

What an incredible Term 4 Potter Class have had! We have thoroughly enjoyed immersing ourselves in all things 'Spring' with both our indoor and outdoor learning. We embarked on a spring walk around the school grounds and hunted for signs of Spring. We noticed some blossom on the trees, the daffodils in the fields and even some bees buzzing in the hedgerows. We were lucky to welcome our 'Living Eggs' into class and have spent two weeks watching ten chicks hatch and grow. We certainly will miss their excited chirping each day!

We have made fantastic progress this term with our Early Learning Goals. We have started work on our whole school phonics scheme, 'Read, Write Inc' and we have excelled with both our reading and writing. Some of us are even writing short sentences with capital letters and full stops! In maths, we have enjoyed doubling numbers and measuring during our woodwork sessions. We have become experts at comparing lengths and weights using the correct mathematical language.

Mr Digby has been helping us to develop our gross motor skills during PE. We have been working hard on our ball skills for six weeks. We have learnt how to throw with one hand and catch with two and so many of us have become increasingly more accurate with hitting a target. Miss Beaney has also been teaching us many different styles of dance throughout this term; we have jived to classic rock and roll, pirouetted to Swan Lake and even street danced to MC Hammer.

We wish you all a fabulous Easter holiday - stay safe!



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Nightingale Class Update

This term we have loved having the sunshine and focusing on all things 'Spring'!

The children have made some fantastic progress with their reading and writing. We have used "The Snail and the Whale" by Julia Donaldson to support our lessons and we wrote some great postcards, as well as re-telling the story using lots of interesting adjectives. The children have really enjoyed our big phonics focus and have loved naming the aliens, using the sounds we have learnt so far. In maths, it has been a very practical term as we learnt about measuring weight, length and height. We have had lots of fun using practical resources.

Science has been well suited to the weather and we have been outside for most lessons, learning about common plants and trees. In RE, we have learnt all about the Easter story and we talked about how Christians today would welcome Jesus if he arrived in Sandhurst! In PE, I have been blown away by the tennis skills! The children have loved developing their skill of the sport and have really tried hard to master some tricky moves.



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Darwin Class Update

This term, Darwin have enjoyed forest school with Miss Abel. The children learnt how to use new equipment and tools and thoroughly enjoyed their time down in the woods!

Darwin broadened their knowledge about the Victorians and enjoyed learning about Queen Victoria, Victorian schools and all the different sources we use. We also linked our art to this by designing our own Victorian houses and drawing a portrait of Queen Victoria.

We have ploughed through 'time' in maths and the children are much more confident with a clock now!

We have had lots of exciting events such as World Book Day and pancake day. The children enjoyed eating delicious pancakes as well as dressing up as their favourite characters from their favourite books. During World Book Week, the children listened to stories under story tents, wrote instructions for a disgusting potion and had the opportunity to visit the book fair.



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Pankhurst Class Update



Pankhurst have enjoyed learning more facts about the Victorian era this term. We compared our typical day to a day in the life of a child in a work-house. We also researched the Foundling Hospital in London, and decided we would not have liked to have lived there in the Victorian era, mainly because they punished the children with rulers and by locking them in cupboards!

In maths, we have developed our understanding of fractions. The children have learnt about the denominator and numerator, and how to use them to work out fractions of shapes and amounts.

In PE, we have improved our tennis skills, and have participated in some amazing rallies during games.

Our science focus has been 'rocks' this term and we had great fun making metamorphic rocks out of sweets! We have also researched volcanoes – Edie said, "Did you know that not all volcanoes are cone shaped?"

Ellie told us, "Approximately 350 million people live within the danger range of volcanoes."

Phoebe discovered, "A complex volcano can have more than one vent!"

Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter break from the Pankhurst team.



Shakespeare Class Update



It has been a really fun term in Shakespeare Class! We have continued to enjoy our Victorian topic and learnt all about life for children in Victorian times and some of the horrible jobs they were made to do. We have focused on the Victorians in our art lessons too and had great fun making samplers and silhouette portraits.

In science, we have continued to learn about all the different types of rocks and how they were formed – the best lesson was when we recreated the Rock Cycle using sweets!

We have worked hard in maths on fractions, decimals and percentages and we are all masters now, although it has been a bumpy road at times. We are also doing amazingly well at our weekly arithmetic papers with some of the class already tackling the Year 6 papers.

“Cogheart” has continued to be the focus of our class book in English and we are always excited to hear about the adventures of Lily, Robert and Malkin. We read a chapter every week and then use this as a base for our Big Writes.

We love the fact that Spring is on its way and we have really enjoyed our tennis and netball lessons in the sunshine!

This week, we have had a real focus on Easter activities, learning about the events of Holy Week and debating the difference between free will and destiny. We have also been engaged in more creative endeavours such as planting cress!

Happy Easter from Shakespeare Class!



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Churchill Class Update



What a fabulous end to the term Churchill Class had with their residential trip to Bewl Water where they stayed for two nights and three days. It is fair to say that those three days were completely action-packed. Upon arrival, the whole class took to the water for team canoeing...not only did the children have to navigate rowing the canoes as a team, they then had to complete challenges which required them to move from boat to boat and jump up and down whilst aboard the canoe! At the end of the session, Churchill



Class relished the opportunity to run into the freezing cold water for a dip.

Their other activities included rock climbing, sailing, axe throwing, orienteering, archery and a challenge course. The commitment from Churchill Class to try every activity was fantastic and it turns out there are some very talented archers, sailors, climbers...and even axe throwers amongst them!

Thank you so much to all Sandhurst staff, both at Bewl and at school, who worked extra hard to ensure year 6 had an amazing experience – especially Mrs Norman, Mrs Lawrence and Miss Lett who stayed at Bewl for the two nights too.

The Churchill Class team would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.



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Sport

Well done to Team Sandhurst for coming in 2nd place at a net-ball tournament in March. The team of seven were up for the challenge and certainly did not disappoint! They had fire in their bellies and played brilliantly. We managed to win two matches and scored lots of goals. Well done, team!



News from our P.T.F.A.

The end of another term and PTFA are already planning for next term. It's been a quiet term for the PTFA but we've been able to support the school with a couple of events this term supplying the pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and the flowers for Mother's Day. We hope you all liked your little bouquets and the lovely notes the children wrote for you. A special thank you to Mrs Patridge and Mrs Reeves 2 for their help preparing the flowers and to Tesco in Tenterden for their kind donation towards the cost of the flowers.

Thank you so much for all the wonderful chocolate donations for the Easter Tombola. Hopefully all the children got to go home having won some.

Our attentions will turn swiftly to plans for the Jubilee celebrations/summer fair next term and we will be looking for help in both the planning and on the day if anyone is able to offer services. We plan to have a meeting with Mrs Norman early next term to get the ball rolling with this.

We've rather muddled through this year to date without a formal committee in place. As key members of the team move into the upper years of the school it's important to start thinking seriously about future proofing the PTFA. We really need new committee members to take the lead on planning events going forward. If you'd like to get more involved, please do let the school know.

Have a very happy Easter holiday everyone. From the PTFA.



News House Tops for Sporting Events and Sports Day

Thank you so much to Waitrose for their kind donations of £250. We have used this money to buy t-shirts in our four House Team colours—one for each child. This means that when we have sports events all children can wear a t-shirt of their House Team colour.



Ukraine Fundraising

A magnificent thank you must go to everyone in school and our local community who rushed to donate clothing, medical supplies, baby nappies and toiletries for our appeal to help the people of Ukraine. We were completely overwhelmed by your donations and were able to take five car and truck loads to various drop-off points in Cranbrook and Tenterden. All donations were sent to Poland where they will be distributed to families in need. Thank you so much.



Red Nose Day



Thank you to all our families who bought Red Noses - we managed to sell all 160 noses and raised £240.

During the day, children enjoyed wearing their noses and telling jokes to entertain their classmates and teachers!

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RUGBY TAGGERS™

Non-Contact Tag Rugby For Boys & Girls Aged 2.5 - 14 Years

SATURDAY MORNINGS
MARDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY
TINY TAGGERS - 2.5-5 YRS - 9AM
JUNIOR TAGGERS - 6-10 YRS - 10:15AM
TAG TO TACKLE - 11-14 YRS - 10:15AM

THURSDAY MORNINGS
CRANBROOK RUGBY CLUB
TINY TAGGERS - 2.5-5 YRS - 9:45AM
PRE PRIMARY AGED BOYS & GIRLS

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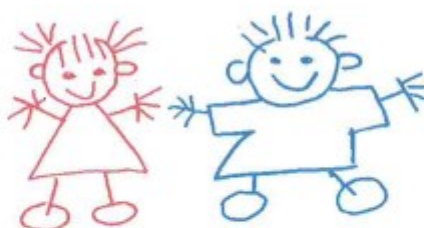
 

Easter school holiday fun for 4 – 12-year-olds!

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kid's football school in Cranbrook this Easter at Marlborough House School from **Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th April** for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is just £13 per day and all children who attend receive a trophy! Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a penalty shootout competition with prizes! We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. Should you wish to book, please vis-

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SANDHURST NURSERY SCHOOL

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We are looking for an enthusiastic and forward thinking Early Years Practitioner for September 2022. Level 2/3 Childcare qualification preferable. Please send an email requesting a job application to Angela Writer - Manager

Interviews will be held May/June

admissions@sandhurstnurseryschool.co.uk

We are committed to safeguarding children and a DBS check will be essential for all applicants.

Local News and Events

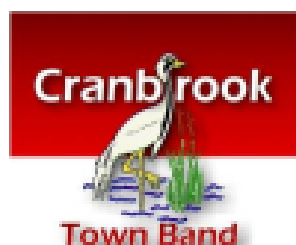
The **Cranbrook Town Band** and
the **Wealden Consort** choir
together present

A Springtime Concert



Sunday 3rd April 2022 at 3pm
in St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook

Free entrance with refreshments,
raffle and a retiring collection



www.cranbrooktownband.org.uk

www.wealdenconsort.org.uk

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Holiday Activities and Food Programme Kent
Helping families to flourish



Fun & food in the school holidays



Families of children aged 4 to 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, can access these opportunities in the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays for free.



Find out more about the programme and see if you are eligible.

tinyurl.com/HAFKent



Local News and Events

CRANBROOK MUSEUM AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

SHUSH! **CRANBROOK'S BEST KEPT SECRET
BUT NOW YOU KNOW!**

Cranbrook Museum, Carriers Road, Cranbrook re-opens its doors for the spring and summer season on 1st April. It's the perfect place for families to visit in the school holidays or at weekends. Learn about the history of Cranbrook, how the town has changed over the years, its farming heritage and how the people and children of yesterday lived and worked. Take part in the 'Wheels of Time' heritage trail for children.

There's plenty of interest for all the family and it's absolutely FREE to visit!

For more details and opening hours, take a look at the website:
cranbrookmuseum.org



Cranbrook Museum and Local History Society is the working name of Cranbrook Museum and Local History C.I.O. Carriers Road, Cranbrook, Kent. TN173JX. 01580 712929

CRANBROOK MUSEUM AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



VISIT FREE

Donations welcome
Open April to October
Tuesday to Saturday
also every Sunday in August
2pm - 4.30pm.

Three floors of Exhibits
in 15th Century building
with cottage garden

'Wheels of Time' Children's
History Detective Trail

Carriers Road, Cranbrook,
Kent TN17 3JX
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Dates for your diary

Diary Dates 2021-22

4 th Apr – 16 th Apr	Easter Holiday
18 th Apr	Children back to school
2 th Apr	Year 6 Safety In Action
20 th – 27 th May	Bike ability Year 6
27 th May	Sport's Day and Queen's Jubilee themed afternoon
30 th May – 6 th Jun	Half Term Holiday
6 th June	INSET Day – children not in school
7 th Jun	Children back to school
16 th Jun	PTFA Father's Day Sale
17 th Jun	INSET Day – children not in school
2 nd Jul	PTFA Summer Fayre
20 th Jul	End of Term
21 st Jul	INSET Day – children not in school
22 nd Jul	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day



Term Dates 2021-22

Term 1

Starts	Thursday 2nd September 2021
INSET	Wednesday 1st September 2021
Ends	Friday 22nd October 2021
Holiday	Monday 25 th October 2021 - Friday 29 th October 2021

Term 2

Starts	Monday 1st November 2021
Ends	Friday 17 th February 2022
Holiday	Monday 20th February 2022 – Monday 3rd January 2022

Term 3

INSET	Tuesday 4th January 2021
Starts	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Ends	Friday 11 th February 2022
Holiday	Monday 14 th February 2022– Friday 18 th February 2022

Term 4

Starts	Monday 21st February 2022
Ends	Friday 1 st April 2022
Holiday	Friday 4th April 2021– Monday 18th April 2022

Term 5

Starts	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022
Ends	Friday 27 th May 2022
Holiday	Monday 30 th May 2022 – Monday 6 th June 2022

Term 6

Starts	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
INSET	6th June, 17th June, 21st July
Ends	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

INSET DAYS

1st September 2022

4th January 2022

6th June 2022

17th June 2022

21st July 2022

KCC Schools Additional day off for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Friday 22nd July 2022