



Dear Parents and Guardians,

## FROM THE HEAD

This week saw a parent workshop on the safe use of technology by children, delivered by Kate at ID You. She was certainly compelling and provided a lot of food for thought. For those unable to attend, you can access a recording [here](#). Kate also gave us a steer towards a very practical website – [Teched Off](#) – which contains a whole heap of video guides on parental controls. Well worth a visit.

At the other end of the technological spectrum, the boarders took to our orchard for their part in a traditional 'wassail' to celebrate the goodness of the earth. An old English tradition, this was led by Mr Leamon from the Senior School (thank you!) but got an ear-ringing endorsement by our guys. Altogether now...WASSAIL!

Both of these seemingly unrelated events took place during Children's Mental Health Week. The first is a protective measure and I think we would all acknowledge the potential harm caused to our children through misuse of technology and the internet. The second is on the front foot and the benefit of connecting closely with nature – and each other – is equally well known. Moreover, boarders enjoy a phone-free experience while they are with us and I cannot help but think that is no bad thing.

Have a super – and mentally healthy – weekend!

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# CLASS HIGHLIGHTS:

## SCIENCE

Form 1 have been testing their scientific skills – which size of beaker will allow the candle to burn the longest?



## HUMANITIES

Continuing their study of all things Amazon Rainforest this week, Form 1 researched the Huli tribe to find out about people living deep in the rainforest.



This week's Humanities lessons culminated in the making of headdresses and a green screen visit to the Amazon.



# MATHS

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Form 1 have enjoyed learning all about fractions this week – Can they find the equivalent fractions?

Mr Newman joined in and got all the questions right!

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# DRAMA



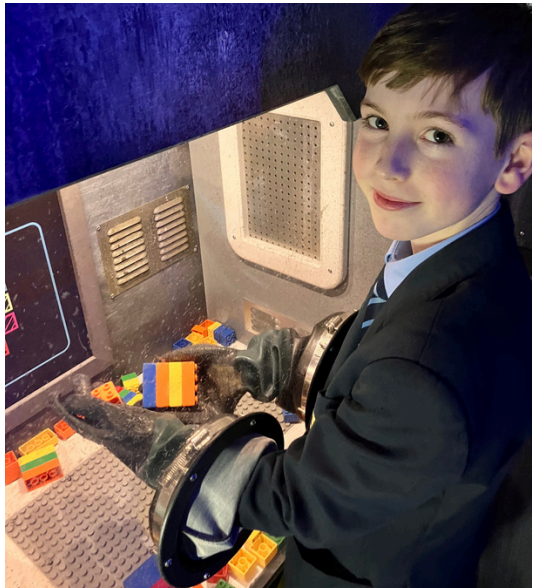
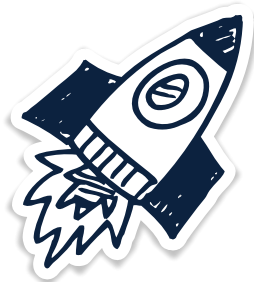
Form 2 have been making 'Twits' of themselves in Drama exploring the wonderful world of Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'!



## WINCHESTER SCIENCE TRIP

On Tuesday, Form 5 took a trip to the Winchester Science Centre to explore our solar system and discover how rockets are launched. The highlight of the visit was an incredible tour of the Milky Way, where we learned about the planets and their moons. We also got hands-on with Newton's third law—'for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction'—by launching rockets in the lab using a rapid combustion reaction.

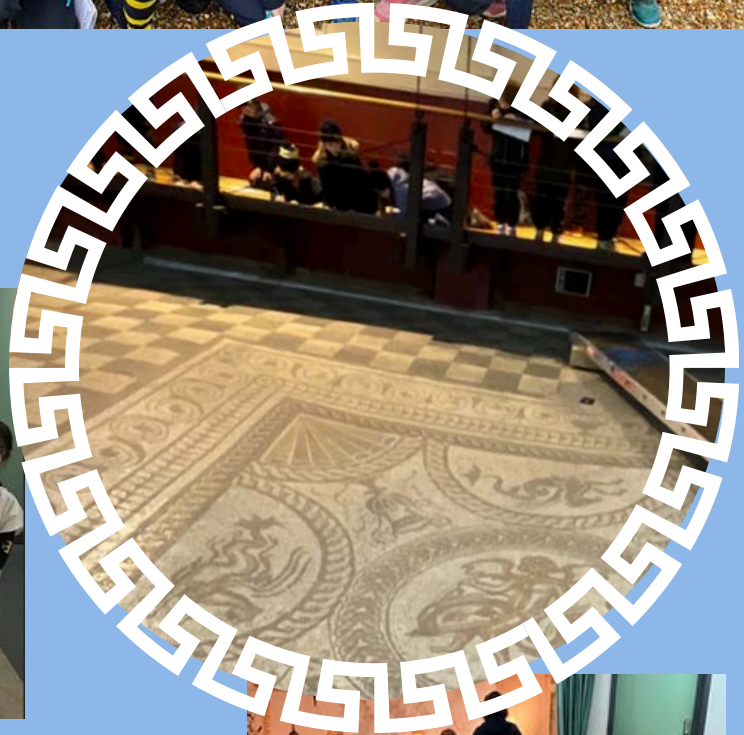
[See more pictures](#)





## TRIP TO FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE

Form 2 are in the midst of an exciting unit on the Romans, in Humanities. This week they visited Fishbourne Roman Palace near Chichester. They participated in exciting workshops to learn all about Roman lives and pastimes, which included writing and making mosaics! The absolute highlight of the trip was seeing the famous 'Cupid Riding on a Dolphin' mosaic: the best preserved Roman mosaic in Northern Europe.





## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS:

This week has seen both the U11 and U13 girls compete in the Regional IAPS Netball qualifiers. Attending events that we host is a wonderful way to show off our amazing facilities and we often get comments about how impressed parents are. Both squads played exceptionally well, qualifying from their group stages and making it into the cup competition. A narrow quarter-final loss and a 3rd place finish seems a little hard for the performances they put in, but that is sport at this level!

Our cross country runners continue to impress and took home three out of the six possible team events from Pennthorpe on Tuesday. A fantastic event – CPS will definitely attend again.

Wednesday was busy – our Netball teams travelled to Brighton and Hoe Bridge and we visited Charterhouse and Edgeborough with the U10 and U11 Hockey teams. We also hosted 10 Hockey fixtures against St Edmunds, King Edward's Witley and Hoe Bridge. The highlight was the boys' 1st team drawing 3-3 with a very good Edgeborough team, coming back from 3-9 down at half time – Mr Pearn's inspirational half time team talk did the trick!

Yesterday, whilst the U8 and U9 boys travelled down to Westbourne House, it was the girls who held their own in some festival style hockey matches against a number of local schools, including Womersley and Shamley Green primary school, who are now regular attendees of our events. All of the girls played exceptionally well and enjoyed some friendly competition. Some of our older swimmers joined Cranleigh School's swimming team for the final Swimming League fixture at Eastbourne College – we will have to wait and see if it will be good enough for us to qualify for the Finals in March (and hopefully to retain our trophy).

Last Saturday we enjoyed a feast of sporting matches. Netball, Hockey and a parents v pupils Fives competition created the morning's entertainment. Special mention must go to the Netball 2nd team who went to a very difficult Priors Field tournament and came home as overall winners!

Mr Stone, Director of Sport







## NETBALL

On Saturday the 2nd netball team took part in the annual Prior's Field Tournament. Coming up against seven other teams, the girls remained undefeated, scoring an impressive 67 goals. They then went on to achieve first place. Well done on a great result – the girls showed determination, sportsmanship and the ability to work as a team.



The 1st team had a mixed morning: a defeat against a strong Emmanuel side, then a win from Tormead and a draw against St Teresa's. It was local rivals Hoe Bridge next and Cranleigh finished with a two goal lead. Then one more win against Reading Blue Coats, a new opposition for us. Finally we lost against St George's Weybridge and Latymer. Due to injuries we ended up having to play with six players for the last half. The girls showed real grit and determination and we were very proud of their performance.



On Tuesday Cranleigh hosted the regional round of the IAPS National Netball competition. Cranleigh Prep School 1st team topped their group winning matches against Highfield, Godstowe and St Andrew's, then won the quarter-final against Broomwood Hall. The semi-final was a closely contested game but the pressure got to the Cranleigh side and they lost 4-7. The third/fourth place play off was another closely fought battle and Cranleigh won by one goal to take third place. Congratulations on a great result!

[Find out more about IAPS](#)







Although our scheduled Fives fixture against Berkhamsted was cancelled, it presented us with a wonderful opportunity to host our first-ever Sons & Parents Fives session. We were delighted to welcome three enthusiastic dads who joined their sons on the court, eager to learn and experience the game.

The morning was filled with energy, laughter, and plenty of competitive spirit as the dads were put through their paces, quickly picking up the skills and techniques of Fives. It was a thoroughly enjoyable session, filled with memorable moments and camaraderie.

A heartfelt thank you from Mr Halstead and Mr Thomas to everyone who attended and helped make the morning so special. We look forward to hosting another Sons & Parents Fives session in the future!







## CROSS COUNTRY



On Tuesday Pennthorpe held their Cross Country relay event for U9-U11. CPS took six teams of four runners, and hopes were high after strong performances at the Seaford and Wellington College Prep events. In a relay-style race, where all runners ran one lap each, consecutively for three laps, the lactic acid build up in the legs was evident – a great lesson in the importance of quick recovery between intervals.

With seven competing schools, it was an incredible achievement for all of our teams to be placed in the top two schools in each of the six categories. A great event and we look forward to entering again next year.

### PENNTHORPE RELAY PLACING

	U9 Boys	U9 Girls	U10 Boys	U10 Girls	U11 Boys	U11 Girls
1st	Hawthorns Time: 19:58	Cranleigh Time: 21:38	Hawthorns Time: 19:25	Hawthorns Time: 19:59	Cranleigh Time: 18:23	Cranleigh Time: 19:28
2nd	Cranleigh	St Hilary's	Cranleigh	Cranleigh	Dorset House	Hawthorns
3rd	St Hilary's	Lancing Prep	Pennthorpe	Hurst	Pennthorpe	Hurst

We are on the hunt for old newspapers for our Art department. If you can help we'd be very grateful!





## BOARDING

Our Boarders took part in the annual Cranleigh Wassail on Wednesday, recreating an ancient English tradition which included cheering, singing and the loud banging of pots and pans!

This traditional blessing of orchards ties us to the land and the cycles of growth that sustain us all (no matter how separated from this we may feel in today's modern world).

Not only are orchards useful and beautiful, they are perfect for pollinators, and fruit trees age quickly which creates essential deadwood habitats. They offer both food and shelter to thousands of species, some of which have high conservation priority.

Our orchard is worthy of a wassail celebration and our pupils enjoyed the warm apple juice too!



## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School has really enjoyed the focus on Children's Mental Health Week. It's always a priority at Cranleigh but this week we've added lots of activities such as yoga sessions and a group mindfulness session in assembly. Wednesday's Wassail celebration was a fun way to connect our community with nature and the importance of gratitude. Everything has been designed to show the pupils the importance of grounding, switching off and quietly reflecting in the midst of busy lives and next month we will be highlighting the practice daily as we celebrate Mindfulness March jointly with our international schools.

It was a great pleasure to spend last Saturday evening with so many Cranleigh parents at our Big Band Supper Dance and the Music team worked hard all week as everyone enjoyed a fabulous Winter Festival of concerts.

Senior School newsletter





# WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK



KEY EVENTS	
Tues 11th Feb	16:00 – 18:00: 7+ Explorers: Wild About Britain
Weds 12th Feb	18:00 – 20:15: Year 7 Parents Welcome Dinner
Thurs 13th Feb	16:00: Parents Forum – Form 6
Fri 14th Feb	16:30: Long Leave begins

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SPORTS FIXTURES	
Weds 12th Feb	<p>14:15: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th VII vs Bedales &amp; St Edmund's. Boys U11 A/C vs Halstead St Andrew's. Boys U10 B/C vs Copthorne Prep)</p> <p>14:15: Netball Fixtures (1st – 6th VII teams v Feltonfleet, Hoe Bridge &amp; Highfield and U11 A/ C vs Highfield School)</p> <p>14:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Girls U10C vs Ripley Court School)</p> <p>15:00: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys 4th/6th/8th VII vs Bedales and St Edmunds. Boys U11B/D vs Halstead St Andrew's. Boys U10 A vs Copthorne &amp; Girls U10A/B vs Ripley Court School)</p> <p>15:00: Netball Fixtures (Girls U11 B vs Highfield School)</p>
Thurs 13th Feb	<p>14:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys &amp; Girls U8 A/B and U9A-C vs Edgeborough &amp; Ripley Court School)</p> <p>15:00: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys U9 B vs Edgeborough)</p>

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