

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH



Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh Prep School parents/guardians



FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week I spent two days at another Prep School as part of an ISI inspection team. Though it's hard to take time out of such a busy environment, it's an important role for Heads, not only in ensuring that all schools are compliant and accountable but to give time to reflect on our own school and ensure we are ahead of the curve in providing a first-class pupil journey.

Huge congratulations to our U13 Boys' Hockey team who were crowned National Champions at the IAPS competition. An incredible accolade, but just as importantly we were delighted to hear from IAPS how well they and our younger teams behaved, both on and off the pitch. Such praise makes us really proud of the children. We'll be focusing on values again on Friday with our 'Kindness' mufti day to raise awareness of inclusion and remind our whole community that kindness is what binds us together.

Lastly, we have been overwhelmed by the response to our announcement about opening our Pre-Prep and delighted to report that places are filling up quickly.

Wishing you all a wonderful family weekend.

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CRANLEIGH ARTS CENTRE CONCERT



Our musicians have enjoyed a particularly busy week. On Tuesday the Senior School Big Band entertained our younger pupils as part of the Lower School Concert Series. They played a variety of pieces from jazz standards to the theme tune from Austin Powers! The pupils absolutely loved the concert and were enthralled throughout. It was especially wonderful to see so many former CPS pupils in the Big Band, who started their musical journeys in the Prep School. Well done to Mr Eaglestone and the Big Band for such an inspiring concert!

The following day featured a joint Music 7-18 concert in the Cranleigh Arts Centre. The Lower School Choir started the concert with an energetic and engaging performance of 'The Rhythm of Life' which was the perfect start to the evening. Our pupils were then treated to various inspirational chamber music offerings from Senior School pupils. The CPS Chamber Choir sang towards the end of the concert and their polished performance of 'Sing, Sing, Sing!' was a highlight of the evening. This event was a brilliant showcase of music throughout the school.



With another two weeks before the Easter holidays we still have some big musical events to look forward to. The Merriman Concert on Friday 21st March will feature the CPS Chamber Choir alongside the Senior School Choirs, Cranleigh Choral Society and the professional musicians of the Merriman Orchestra.

Last but certainly not least, we are all very excited about the House Singing Competition with the theme of TAKE THAT! Rehearsals are in full swing for the competition on Thursday 27th March.

MUFTI DAY



Today, we had a Mufti Day in school with the focus will be 'kindness through colours'. Pupils were asked to wear something to school that represents an element of kindness:

Donations were in aid of our Middle School charity, [Shooting Star](#).

Pink: Comforting and compassion

Blue: The colour of trust and peace

Purple: Unconditional love and selflessness

Yellow: Happiness and warmth

Green: Harmony and self-respect

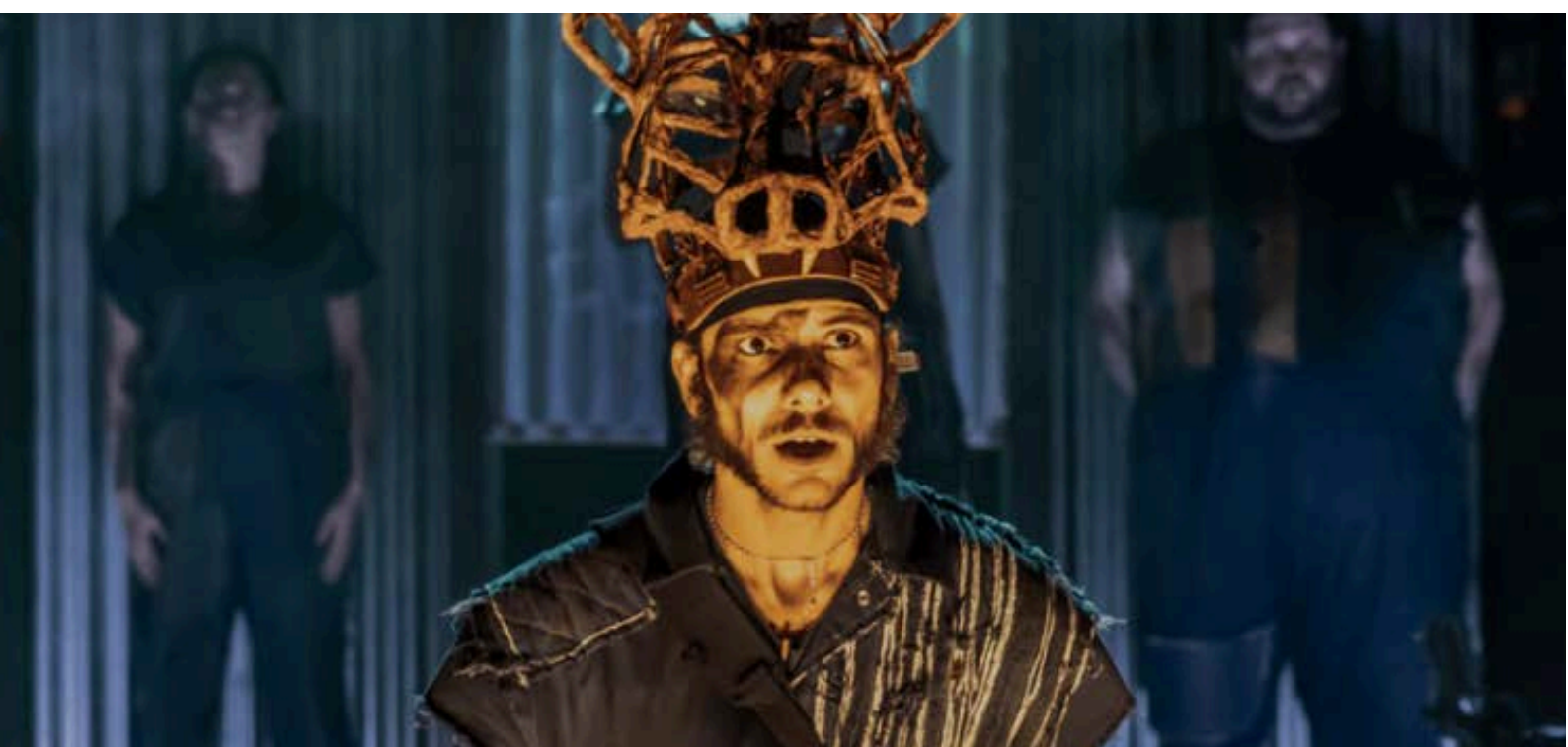


There was a Charity Cake Sale this morning, so we hope everyone enjoyed a treat or two.

We will update the total raised in next week's newsletter.

ANIMAL FARM THEATRE TRIP

Some of our pupils went to The Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford to watch Animal Farm, a powerful re-telling of George Orwell's chilling and timeless classic.



CRANLEIGH TAKES ON SURREY HALF MARATHON!



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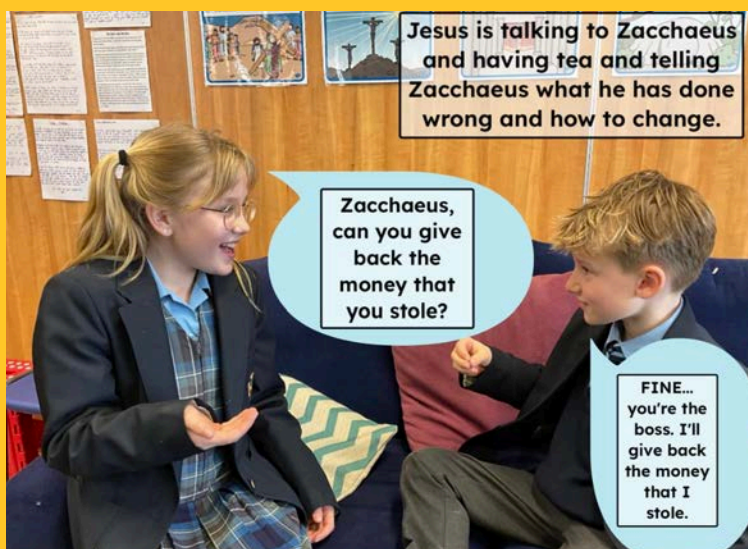
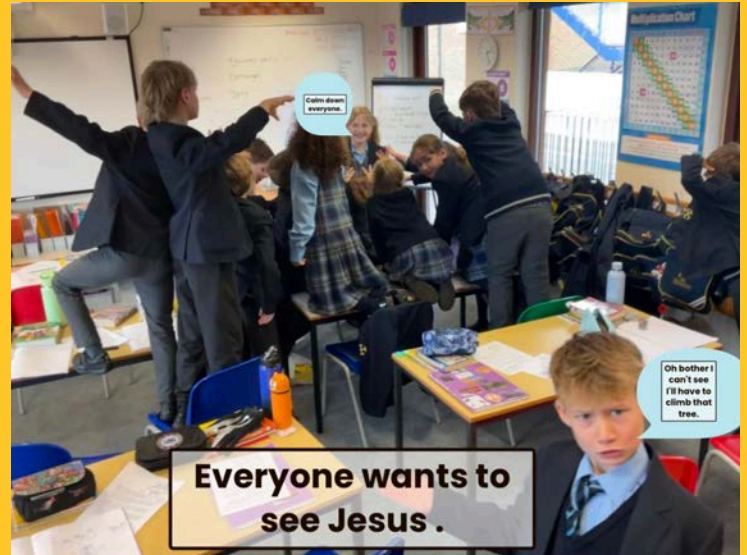
On Sunday 16th March a team of 55 Cranleigh School community members, including Mr Halstead, Miss Jolly, and Mr Stroud from the Prep School, will participate in the Surrey Half Marathon.

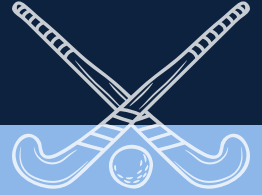
They are raising vital funds for Sarcoma UK, The Royal Marsden, The Max Windle Memorial Trust, and Dementia UK. We extend our best wishes to all runners.

Click on the link above if you'd like to to sponsor the team and contribute to these important causes. Thank you for your support.

FORM 2 BIBLE STUDIES MEETS PHOTOGRAPHY AND STORYTELLING

The Parable of Zacchaeus, the Tax Collector as told by Form 2. The pupils used freeze frame photography and then added captions to understand and then retell this biblical story





This week was all about tournament sport! Monday saw the U11 Hockey boys head to Framlingham College in Suffolk to play in the National IAPS finals, where they played against some incredibly stiff opposition and played out of their socks throughout the entire day. Tuesday was a day to remember for the U13 Hockey boys, also competing in their National Finals day. It is with great pride that I can write Cranleigh are now the IAPS National U13 Boys' Hockey Champions! Mr Pearn has coached scores of children during his tenure at CPS and he deserves a lot of the credit to have gotten the boys to the level at which they played on Tuesday. By all accounts, both squads of Hockey boys this week, conducted themselves exemplarily as our coaching staff received a number of comments about their behaviour. This makes our successes all the more sweet!

Wednesday saw block fixtures against St Edmunds, Farlington and Wellington College Prep (Hockey) and Hoe Bridge, Barrow Hills and St Edmunds (Football), with CPS winning over 80% of matches. The girls' 1st and 3rd teams entered Pennthorpe's annual football tournament and again showed the quality in depth of footballers we have at the school. The 1st team came 2nd out of seven teams, losing out on 1st place by a last minute goal in the final match, whilst the 3rd team won every one of their games and didn't even concede a goal!

Thursday had more U8 and U9 Hockey and Football matches that were interrupted by some rather striking hailstorms – but like the young Cranleighans they are, it didn't stop them from playing and enjoying themselves whilst doing it.

The 11 swimmers who join the Cranleigh School swimming team have yet to return from today's Swimming League Final, so updates on their successes will have to come next week.

Tomorrow morning we have two big blocks of Hockey against a strong St George's Weybridge school and Football against a Westbourne House school that have recently joined the Saturday morning pool of available fixture blocks. I would also like to wish the U13 Rugby 7's squad the best of luck in tomorrow's tournament at Feltonfleet.



Mr Stone, Director of Sport

1st Team Girls' Football



3rd Team Girls' Football



HOCKEY - U13S WIN IAPS NATIONAL HOCKEY FINALS!

Our U13 boys' hockey team was crowned the IAPS National Champions on Tuesday during the finals day held at Merchant Taylors' School, demonstrating remarkable resilience against exceptional teams from across England and Scotland.

Cranleigh began strongly with a 3-0 victory in their opening group game against St Peter's School, York. The second game wasn't so successful against Durlston College and the match ended in a 1-1 draw. With one match left in the group, a win was essential to secure a top spot and a place in the cup competition. The boys delivered their most complete attacking performance, winning 5-1 against King's College Prep, which allowed them to advance to the semi-finals.

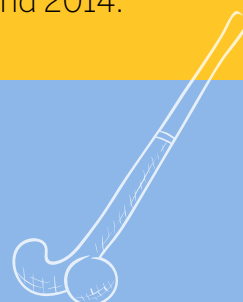
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The final against Framlingham School turned out to be the highest quality game of the day. Cranleigh took an early lead, but it was never comfortable against a talented attacking team from Suffolk.

Framlingham hit the post from a penalty corner and came close on another occasion. Cranleigh also struck the crossbar before Framlingham equalised with only three minutes remaining. To their credit, the boys quickly overcame their disappointment and scored their best team goal of the day to take a 2-1 lead with mere seconds left on the clock, sealing a memorable and jubilant victory.

This is the Prep School's first National Boys' Hockey title! The U13 Girls' team won it twice, in 2011 and 2014.



HOCKEY — OUTSTANDING PLAY BY THE U11S

On Monday 10th March, our U11 Hockey team competed in the National Hockey IAPS Competition at Framlingham College after their impressive regionals performance at Ashford Prep School. Adding to the occasion, the squad stayed overnight and enjoyed a fantastic couple of days, representing Cranleigh Prep to their best.

Placed in a challenging group, the team competed well in every match, and progressed to the plate competition, where they narrowly missed out on a place in the final after a tense golden goal defeat to Cargilfield School. Finishing 12th in the country, the team can be immensely proud of their performances. Remarkably, they never lost a match by more than one goal throughout the day and only fell 1-0 to the eventual winners.

The team's progress this season has been outstanding, as well as their commitment and determination. Mr Weaver and Mr Thomas are incredibly proud of them — well done, boys!

Cranleigh's exemplary conduct was once again recognised by the umpires, with one commenting, "You have a really lovely team and a great group of boys."



BOARDING

In honour of international Women's Day on March 8th, the girls were treated to a luxurious pamper evening. We enlisted the services of Annabel, one of our former matrons, who now runs her own beauty salon. The girls were able to relax, have fun, and learn some important steps on how to look after their skin properly.



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL



Professional networking with the opportunity to catch up with old friends, and listen to a debate on topics such as problem solving for start-ups, harnessing investors that fit your business, and sustainability and growth in a post-brexite world.

Tickets £15 including refreshments
RSVP to Vickie Ingle:
VLI@cranleigh.org

You are warmly invited to the launch of
James Harpur's new verse memoir,

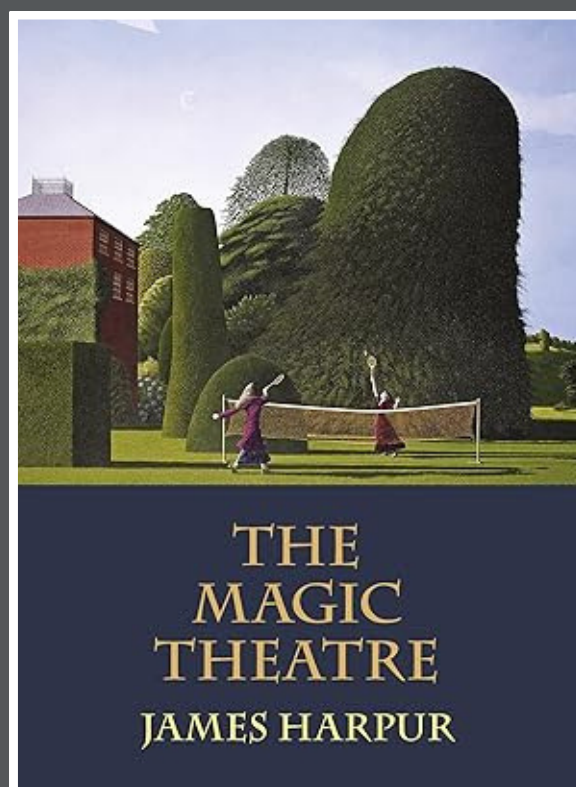
The Magic Theatre

Thursday 20th March at 7:00pm
Cranleigh School

Drink, food and good cheer guaranteed and
even late-70s music.

Following on from his prize-winning account of
his school days at Cranleigh in *The Examined
Life*, James now recounts the ups and downs,
the pratfalls and the poetry, of his student years
at Cambridge.

RSVP to Vickie Ingle: VLI@cranleigh.org



Senior School newsletter



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK



KEY EVENTS	
Tues 18th March	10:50 — 12:05: Form 3 Humanities Chocolate Workshop
Thurs 20th March	10:40 — 12:05: 3.1. Maths Primary Kangaroo Maths Challenge
Fri 21st March	09:30 - 10:25: 4.1. Maths Primary Kangaroo Maths Challenge 19:30: Merriman Orchestra Concert & CPS
Sat 22nd March	All Day: Form 4 Greenpower Race, South Downs
Sun 23rd March	All Day: Dance Exams

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

SPORTS FIXTURES	
Mon 17th March	16:15: Swimming Fixtures (Mixed U9/10/11/12/13 A vs Highfield School)
Weds 19th March	14:30: Football Fixtures (Boys and Girls, various teams vs Hall Grove School and Halstead St Andrew's) 14:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys, various teams vs Hall Grove School)
Thurs 20th March	13:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys U8 A and Girls U9 A vs Highfield School) 14:30: Football Fixtures (Girls U8 A/B and U9 A/B vs Edgeborough) 14:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys U8 B and U9 B/C vs Barrow Hills School)
Fri 14th March	09:30: Swimming Fixtures (Mixed U11 A/ U12 A/U13 A vs Swimming League Final)
Sat 15th March	09:30: Football Fixtures (Boys 1st - 5th Teams and Girls U10 A/B/C and U11 A/B/C vs Westbourne House School) 09:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys 1st - 8th VII; U10 A/B/C and U11 A/B/C/D vs St George's Weybridge)

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