

**FRIDAY 23RD MAY**



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



## FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to start by thanking Team GOATED – our entrepreneurial Form 6 boys (above) – who organised a superb Charity Quiz Night last weekend. With the lightest of touches from supporting staff (shout outs to Mrs Grocock and Mrs Newman) they conceived and pulled off an event that was both great fun and great fundraising. It was really well supported by parents and friends; we will look to similar events in the terms to come. Their hard work and your generous support raised over £1,100 in one evening for Care International. Staggering.

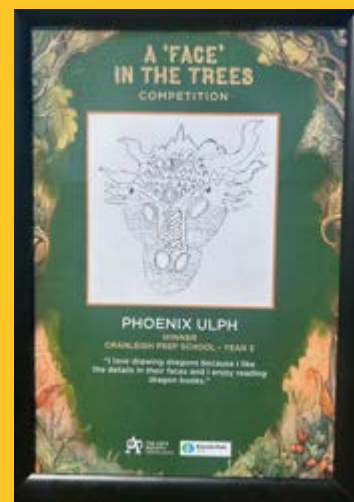
On a similar thread, a massive congratulations to all those who swam, cycled and ran their way around the Restless Development Charity Triathlon on Sunday. It was my first experience of this mammoth event and I was hugely impressed by not only the slick operations but by the spirit in which everyone competed. The effort being put in was writ large on our competitors' faces - but so were the smiles as well - and it all translates into changing the lives of some less fortunate than ourselves.

I hope those attending this afternoon's Summer Concert enjoyed it as much as I did. I have been lucky enough to hear some excellent soloists over the course of the last few months, but perhaps choirs, ensembles, bands and orchestras bring a little extra stardust. It was certainly a joy to see so many young performers making music together and who can think of a better tune to start half term than the Can Can?!

There has been quite a bit of information sent out today, from my letter this morning to this newsletter, mini-reports and cards for your children. Thank you in advance for giving it all your careful attention and I look forward to seeing you after Long Leave for the final flurry of the Summer term.

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## GENERAL NEWS



Well done to Phoenix U. who won a competition to design a wooden sculpture to go in Knowle Park in the centre of Cranleigh.

The competition was set up in collaboration with Cranleigh Arts Centre and Knowle Park Trust. All Cranleigh schools were invited to enter and one winner was chosen from each school. Phoenix was the winning entry from CPS and artist Ella Fielding carved the wood sculpture. We think it looks great!

Here's an update on Form 1's sunflowers - they are growing very well!





## CRANLEIGH PREP'S FIRST EVER QUIZ NIGHT:

### A GOATED SUCCESS!



**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE  
CHARITY CARE INTERNATIONAL**

On a lively evening full of friendly competition and quick thinking, Cranleigh Prep School hosted its first-ever Quiz Night, led entirely by a highly motivated group of Form 6 pupils known as Team GOATED. True to their name – The Greatest Of All Time – these six boys pulled off a night to remember.

Nine spirited teams gathered around quiz tables to battle through a wide range of rounds including History, Sport, Music, General Knowledge, Car Emblems, and even a timed Common Entrance challenge. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and good-humoured rivalry.

Strategy came into play as teams tactically deployed their all-important Joker cards, doubling points in their strongest rounds. In the end, it was this clever move – combined with an impressive spread of knowledge – that tipped the scales in favour of the winners, The Chicken Jockeys, who were delighted to receive specially designed prizes from Team G.O.A.T.E.D themselves.

Special thanks go to the facilities team for helping set up the event, and to catering for supplying delicious brownies, snacks, and drinks that kept everyone fuelled throughout the night. A heartfelt thank you also to Mr and Mrs Newman, who guided the boys through their planning, encouraged their creativity, and supported the coordination of multiple moving parts to ensure the evening ran smoothly. Above all, this event was more than just fun – it had purpose. Over £1,100 was raised for Care International, an incredible achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication of the organisers.

Congratulations again to Team G.O.A.T.E.D for setting such a high bar – you may well be living up to your name as the greatest of all time. We already can't wait for next year!



# LESSON HIGHLIGHTS

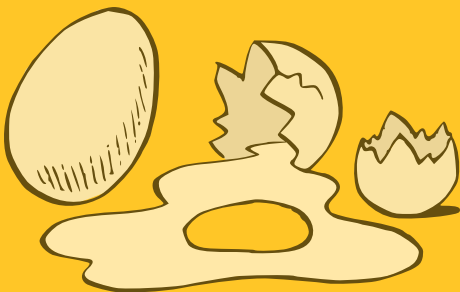
## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

This week Form 3 pupils cracked into an exciting adventure with The Great Egg Chariot Challenge! Tasked with transporting a fragile egg safely down a track and into a brick wall, pupils put their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills to the test.

Throughout the project, pupils were introduced to a range of new tools and machines in the workshop. From scroll-saws and disc-sanders to glue guns and bench vices, they learned how to handle equipment safely and effectively, with a strong focus on health and safety at every stage.

Using the design process, pupils researched, sketched, planned, built, and tested their chariots. They explored various materials—working with metal, wood, and cushioning systems—experimenting to find the best combination to protect their precious cargo on impact.

The challenge encouraged resilience and innovation, with many pupils refining their designs after thorough testing and evaluation. The final test days were filled with excitement (and a few smashed eggs) as chariots were launched down the track toward the brick wall. Congratulations to all our young designers and engineers for their hard work and imaginative solutions. The Great Egg Chariot Challenge has truly been a cracking success!



# DRAMA

## TV PRODUCTION

Form 6 have been working on TV production in their Drama Lessons. They have been learning how to work as a team, make decisions and allocate jobs, frame, edit, understand TV jargon like “B Roll” and “Pretties”, cutaways, voice over, using music to create mood, story boarding and engaging your audience.

Here is an example from a group led by Lucinda P. on the topic of VE Day 80th anniversary:



[WATCH VIDEO](#)

## RACE FOR LIFE

Team CPS takes on another ‘Race for Life’ challenge this half term, in memory of our much missed colleague, Vanessa.

Affectionally known to the pupils as ‘Mrs D’, Vanessa lost her battle with cancer in 2021. The team are fundraising for Cancer UK. Please support them by using the link below. All donations gratefully received.



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# SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

## THE KNIGHT FRANK SCHOOLS TRIATHLON IN AID OF RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT

**RESTLESS  
DEVELOPMENT**

Last weekend we were pleased to once again host (and participate in!) the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon at the Senior School, the UK's largest sport fundraising event for children aged 7 - 13 years old. Each year children are invited to take part by getting into teams of four and coming up with a fun creative team name; then they get fundraising with their teammates.

On the day, the three sports are completed in a relay format, allowing each team member to swim, cycle and run before crossing the finish line together as a team. Well done to all of the Prep School teams who participated.

The Schools Triathlon is all about taking part and giving back to the wider community. You can find out more about the Triathlon and it's charity Restless Development [here](#).



# SPORTS ROUNDUP

Last Sunday's Triathlon was a fantastic day, with the grounds looking immaculate and a real buzz around our campus. There were also so many Cranleigh Prep School pupils competing, enjoying themselves whilst raising money for a great cause – I am already looking forward to next year!

The final week before Long Leave has been one full of fixtures. Our girls' 1<sup>st</sup> team girls continued with the progress in the ESCA Hardball cup by beating Tormead on Monday – they now face either St Catherine's or Guildford High in a quarter-final after their exams.

On Wednesday, our boys' 1<sup>st</sup> team sadly missed out on making the semi-final of the Watcyns Evans trophy, by narrowly losing to a strong Reed's side. It was an extremely close match; we fell behind the run rate early and ended just short of the required total. On the same day, our regular block fixtures against Highfield were rain affected, with lots of matches having to be abandoned. Getting to half term with only one fixture day being impacted by adverse weather is relatively unheard of and incredibly well received, so we can't overly grumble!

Thursday's U8/9 fixtures against Barrow Hills did not go quite as planned, but the flexibility of our amazing staff enabled all of our children the opportunity to play a competitive cricket fixture, including an outrageously close match up on Top Pitch. All of the Form 1's and 2's, boys and girls, were mixed and it was lovely to see the manner in which they responded to each other throughout the afternoon.

After Long Leave, we resume cricket, but also look forward to some sustained athletics practices, in the build up to our two Sports Days (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June).

*Mr Stone, Director of Sport*



# NEW FITNESS CLASSES LAUNCHING JUNE 2025

We are excited to introduce a range of new fitness classes at the Trevor Abbott Sports Centre, now open to external guests! Whether you're looking to get fit, tone up, or simply have fun while working out, we have a variety of classes designed to help you reach your goals.

Our diverse schedule includes something for everyone, including yoga, boot camp, Zumba, Buggy Fit, and more to come!

Our friendly instructors are here to support and motivate you throughout your fitness journey, ensuring you enjoy a welcoming and engaging environment. After your class, feel free to relax, rehydrate, and replenish at the TASC café, which will be open for your convenience.

For classes and times, please see the timetable below or visit the website at [www.cranleighactivities.org/fitness-classes/](http://www.cranleighactivities.org/fitness-classes/)

**BOOK EXERCISE CLASS**

CRANLEIGH ACTIVITIES			ZUMBA®
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOOTCAMPS 6.45AM – 7.30AM 8.00AM – 8.45AM	STRENGTH & MOBILITY 11.15AM – 12.00PM	MUMMY & ME FITNESS 11.30AM – 12.30PM	ZUMBA® 9.30AM – 10.30AM



SAVE THE DATE!



# CPS LIVE!

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
CS Vivian Cox Theatre, 5pm



# NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL



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the Senior School  
Newsletter](#)



# WHAT'S ON AFTER HALF TERM



## KEY EVENTS

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Form 5 Exams & Assessments start Form 6 Common Entrance Exams start
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	All Day: 6Sc Trip to Bletchley Park 08:05 - 08:35: School Council
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> June	16:45 - 17:45: Forms 4 & 5 CPS Moving to Cranleigh Senior Admissions event
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> June	08:00 - 08:30: Empathy Day tutorials 08:30 - 16:45: 6Sc Trip: Beach Clean 16:45 - 17:45: Forms 4 & 5 CPS Moving to Cranleigh Senior Admissions event
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme 10:25 - 10:50: Form 5 Cake Sale 14:30 - 15:55: Form 6 End of Exams Celebration 16:00 - 16:30: Parents' Chapel
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day & Sunday: Form 6 ACE programme 08:00 - 09:00: Parent Breakfast

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

## SPORTS FIXTURES

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	14:30 - 17:00: Form 4 Sports Masterclass
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> June	14:30: Cricket Fixtures: Boys & Girls, various vs Hoe Bridge School and Feltonfleet School
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> June	14:30: Cricket Fixtures: Boys' and Girls' U8 & 9 A/B/C/D vs Cranmore School and Edgeborough
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> June	14:30: Cricket Fixtures: Boys U11 A vs St George's Junior School, Weybridge
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June	08:00: Swimming Fixtures U10 A / U11 A IAPS Finals 09:30: Cricket Fixtures, Boys & Girls various vs RGS, House Cricket & Cranmore School 13:00: Swimming Fixtures: Mixed U13 A IAPS Finals

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