

CRANLEIGH PREP CONNECT

FRIDAY 2ND MAY







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



Dear Parents and Guardians.

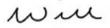
FROM THE HEAD

If there was any doubt whether the Summer term has begun, this week's early heatwave has well and truly put paid to that. We have played cricket under burning, Caribbean skies and the heat bouncing back off the tennis courts feels more like Miami than Cranleigh. If I am honest, it feels a little unnerving to be so sunburnt in April and as well as ice cream and flip flops, thoughts inevitably turn to sustainability and climate change.

I have previously spoken to the children about how developing responsibility begins with oneself – organisation, decision-making, independence – but grows into something more outward-looking as the years go by. Looking after others - younger and older, family or friends, teammates and charities. At our assembly on Friday we picked up on the theme of responsibility for our environment, holding it outside in the midst of our lovely apple orchard . I know that our children already have a deep appreciation of the natural world but it was rather lovely to feel the grass beneath our feet and smell the apple blossom.

I hope you enjoy a lovely Bank Holiday weekend with your children. Well done to those who have signed up for the inaugural Adult and Child Golf competition on Monday and my thanks to Mr Reid for organising. We look forward to discovering the next Rory amongst those taking part.

Have a great weekend,



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BOOK NOW!

FORM 6 LEAVERS' DINNER

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PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE USING THE GOOGLE LINK [<u>HERE</u>]

MARQUEE ON 'TOP PITCH'
6:30 - 10:30PM
DINNER, SPEECHES AND DANCING
BLACK TIE

LESSON HIGHLIGHTS



HUMANITIES



Form 3 are very excited to begin their Viking unit in Humanities.

This week they have been designing their own shields and just like the Vikings they stored them on the sides of their very own longship!



MUFTI DAY



SPORTS ROUNDUP

What a wonderful week to be a sports master! The weather has been simply amazing for the last week of games sessions and cricket fixtures - all of which have proceeded with enthusiasm and vigour.

Last weekend saw the girls host St George's and our 1st team started their season with a fantastic win by 3 wickets. Olive batted exceptionally well to steer the side home, having opened the batting and paced her innings superbly. The boys completed their House matches and whilst I cannot divulge who won overall (we have to wait until the Lower School have completed theirs), these results will already make a huge difference to the overall House competition come the end of the term!

On Monday our boys 1st team progressed to Round 2 of the Surrey Cup, beating RGS and will now face St George's in the next phase. Whilst all of the boys played their part in a resounding victory, special mention must go to Ollie, who scored 109 and helped take our total to an insurmountable 189 runs off our 20 overs. A genuinely excellent innings! On the same day, our boys' golf team went to Cranmore for a fixture and came out victors, showing that we have a huge number of very talented children in the school, across a wide array of sports.

Wednesday's block fixtures were almost entirely against Seaford. This is a rare occasion that makes the administration incredibly easy, as I only have to deal with one school for our 20 fixtures, excluding this week's required additional fixtures v St Edmunds (8th) and Westbourne House (U10B). Having given an assembly last Friday about the importance of 'running one's own race' and playing to the best of your ability in whichever team you are placed, it was most pleasing to see the positive comments from pupils this week, congratulating each other for the team in which they had been placed and the encouragement to strive for personal improvement.

It was a shame that Cranmore were unable to host us in the Forms 1 + 2 swimming gala this term, but Mrs Clements is organising an internal gala to replace it in the next few weeks. Parents will be very much invited to see the progress that these children have made in the water.

Yesterday's U8 and U9 cricket matches were a lot of fun and the weather certainly helps the enjoyment of both players and spectators. If any of these children would like to join an external cricket club to further hone their talents, I can certainly recommend Cranleigh CC as a wonderful place to learn and improve, whilst playing with lots of their school friends.

As this item is being written, the U12 boys' tennis team are travelling to Highfield for the first tennis match of the term and I am sure that they will enjoy the fixture.

For those with children in Forms 3, 4 and 6, please reply to the email that I sent out earlier, regarding next Saturday's alternative sports morning. I am sure there is something that all of the children would enjoy trying for the first time or playing an already well-loved sport.

Enjoy the long weekend!

On Monday, the Boys' 1st XI faced RGS in the first round of the Surrey Cup at Bradstone Brook. RGS won the toss and chose to bowl under sunny skies. Cranleigh started strong with Fynn H. and Olly D., reaching 30 off 4 overs. Olly quickly blazed to a half-century, and though Fynn fell for 18, Hugo W. joined Olly, who then surged to a maiden century. Olly's knock of 109 was followed by Freddie H. (11*) and Hugo W. (32*), leaving Cranleigh at 189 for 2 after 20 overs.

RGS struggled in their reply, with James S. and Wilbur H. making early breakthroughs, but a series of extras slowed their progress. Ollie F. impressed on debut, taking two wickets, and the spin duo of Josh A-B. and Ollie F. tied the batters down. James and Wilbur returned to seal the win, and RGS fell short by 64 runs.

A brilliant start to the season, with Olly D. named Man of the Match for his 109 off 60 balls.



MAN OF THE MATCH OLLY D.

BOARDING



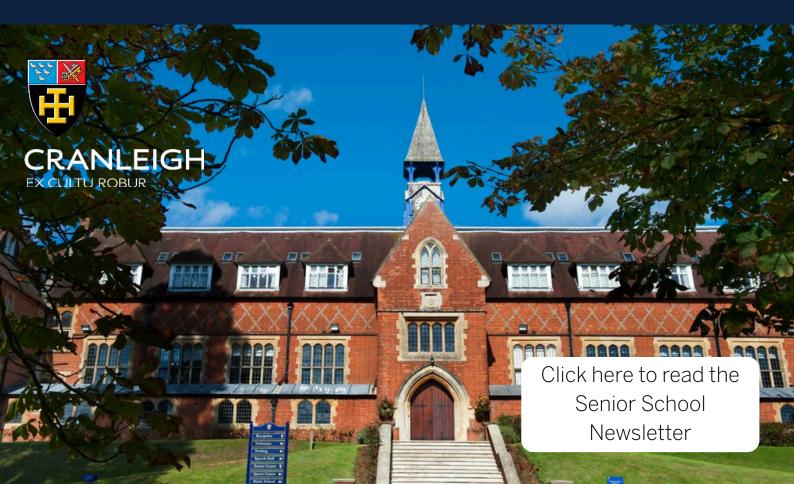
Summer's here! This week the boarders have been enjoying the long summer evenings with tennis, pickleball, cricket nets and a variety of garden games too. Then there was last night...how better to welcome in the Summer term than with a WATERFIGHT!!!

35 water pistols + 4 large tubs of water + a water sprinkler = loads of fun and completely soaked house parents!



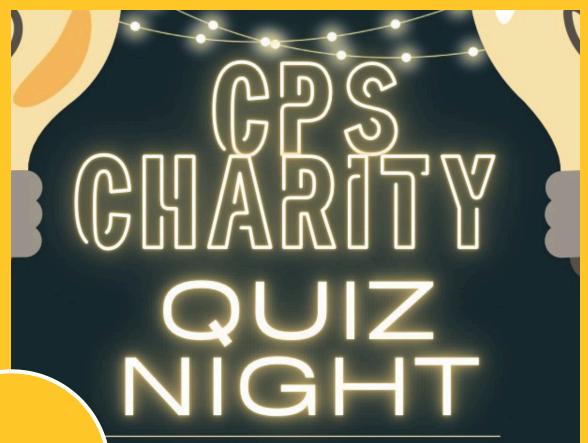


NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL



BOOK NOW!

Quiz night booking form



Closing date Friday 9th May

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

6:30pm - 9pm

Complimentary Wine + pay bar

Teams Of 8

£10 Per Person

Groups or tables of 8 available

Cranleigh Prep. Wyatt Hall
Hosted By Launch Team G.O.A.T.E.D.,
A team of Form 6 pupils
Limited places

Pizza van & pay bar will be available on the night.





KEY EVENTS	
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 6 th May	17:00: Informal Concert in the Chapel 18:30 - 19:45: Boarders caving at Sayers Croft
Fri 9 th May	16:00 - 16:30: Parents' Chapel

VIEW FULL CALENDAR

SPORTS FIXTURES	
Mon 5 th May	08:30 - 15:00: Adult & child golf competition (Forms 5, 6 & parents) 10:00: Golf Fixtures (Mixed U13 A vs parents vs pupils)
Tues 6 th May	17:00: Golf Fixtures
Weds 7 th May	14:30: Cricket Fixtures: Boys and Girls various vs Cranmore School. Roedean, Aldro, Brighton College, St George's Junior School Weybridge, St Hilary's School and Pennthorpe.
Thurs 8 th May	14:30: Cricket Fixtures: Boys' U8 & 9 A/B/C/D and Girls U8 & 9 A/B/C vs House Cricket and St Hilary's
Fri 9 th May	17:00: Golf Fixture: Mixed U13A vs Cranleigh School Mixed U14A 17:30: Boys' 1 st team vs Highfield School

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