

MONDAY 30TH JUNE



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



Dear Parents and Guardians,

FROM THE HEAD

And just like that, the summer term comes to a close — and what a term it's been! I've loved seeing the school in full flow these past few weeks: sun-soaked, buzzing with energy, and packed with moments that capture the best of Cranleigh Prep life.

Thank you to all who came to Prize-Giving, which was a lovely way to round off the year in a gorgeous-looking marquee. The 6th Form Leavers' Ball certainly made great use of it the following day as well! There was a huge amount of work done behind the scenes to create such a wonderful space and enable the event to run so seamlessly: my thanks to everyone involved, and at every level.

So that everyone has heard some of the key messaging that day, please take note of a couple of things:

- With the introduction of Pre-Prep, year groups will now have to be called by their National Curriculum equivalent. So Form 1 becomes Year 3, Form 6 becomes Year 8, and so on.
- Staff summary: David Glen (Head of Geography), Amanda Bowen (Year 1), Darcey Williams (Music Teacher), Robyn Gregson (Sports Coach), Jen Smillie (Pre-Prep TA) all begin in September. Harry Thomas begins a year's sabbatical in South Africa and is replaced as Assistant Director of Sport by Sian Broad. Pip Russell returns from maternity leave to the science department, who also welcome Will Davies in January. I know they will all be made to feel at home. Jeremy Reid steps into Head of Year 8 and he is replaced in Year 6 by Simon Weaver.

There's been much to enjoy just this week alone: from Loxwood knights showing Year 6 (!) how to handle a broadsword, to an incredible CPS Live! contemporary music session in the Vivian Cox Theatre on Thursday. This was an absolute joy and anyone who was there would have felt as lucky as I did to bear witness to the passion these guys have for music. "Cranleigh Cares" theme day brought kindness, thoughtfulness and outreach to the forefront — I was especially touched by the way pupils threw themselves into every activity with such generosity of spirit. Again, no easy event to set up and run properly and well done to the staff and children for making it such a success.

Under the baking sun on Jubilee Pitch, our brilliant 1st XI girls won the ESCA Hardball Cup — a deserved reward for their determination, teamwork and sheer talent. Meanwhile, the Year 7 production of Oliver Jr. raised the bar once again — magical, joyful and brilliantly done.

I will write again before the start of term with some operational details, this will include a note on boys' uniform which will revert to regular dress so please keep an eye on those ties! But finally, thank you. It's been a fantastic year, and that's down to the people — the children, the staff, and you. Your support, warmth and good humour make a real difference. I wish you all a wonderful summer filled with rest, adventure and (with luck) some continued sunshine.

With best wishes,

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SPEECH DAY

Prize Giving was a really wonderful afternoon. It was lovely to welcome our pupils, families and staff to celebrate the achievements from the last year. Featuring performances from our band and choir, it was an afternoon full of emotional reflection at the end of the academic year.

Thank you to our staff whose hard work made the day so special - Cranleigh Prep wouldn't be the same without you. Here are a few pictures!

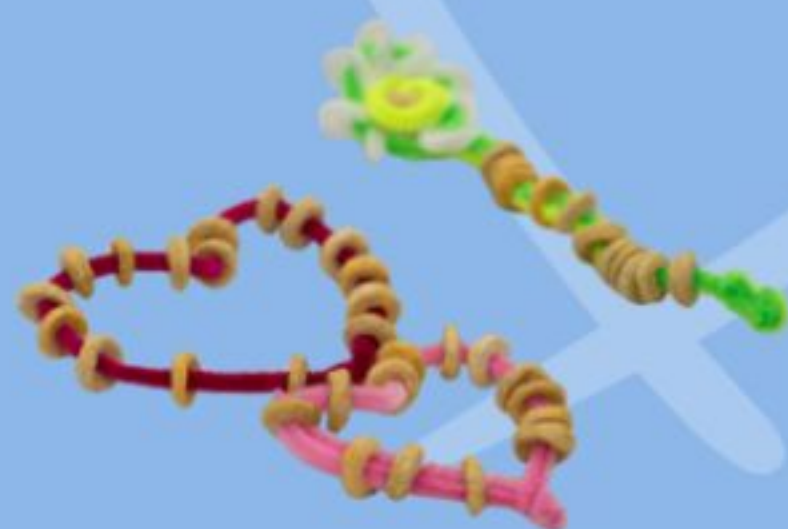


CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

CRANLEIGH CARES

On Thursday last week we hosted our final theme day, 'Cranleigh Cares', with a focus on community outreach and charity. Activities included: painting pictures and making biscuits for Rowley's day centre, making bird feeders (below right), thinking about building a sustainable city, packing donations for the Lighthouse, Guildford in their 'Back to School' event as well as the Form 6 Charity fair!

We had a fantastic time and enjoyed thanking people in our school and our community.



CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

CRANLEIGH BAKE OFF

DELICIOUS



GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Form 3 visited Guildford Cathedral for a tour of the building and all its special features, which include Queen Elizabeth's signature and Cranleigh School's own coat of arms. Both made contributions to the construction of this special place of worship. The children delighted in the calm, cool space for quiet moments of reflection. They also took part in a workshop introducing the Bible, which will begin their RP study in September.



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HISTORY - LOXWOOD JOUST

Form 4 were joined by Lady Lucy and Sir Carl from Loxwood Joust. They are medieval re-enactment specialists who were able to answer every question the pupils could ask about knights, fighting, weapons and so much more!

We all had the opportunity to handle medieval weaponry and understand how gruelling a medieval battlefield would have been. Josh D. and Nahla W. were employed as squires and did a fantastic job helping Sir Carl don his armour!



COLOURING CLUB

Pupils in Mrs Unwin's Colouring club have designed and made chalk masterpieces!

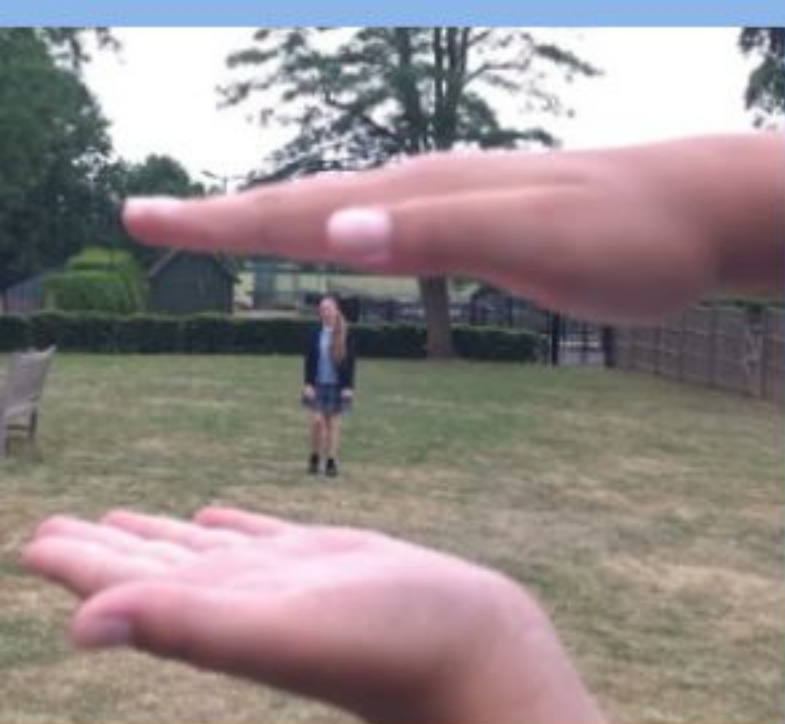


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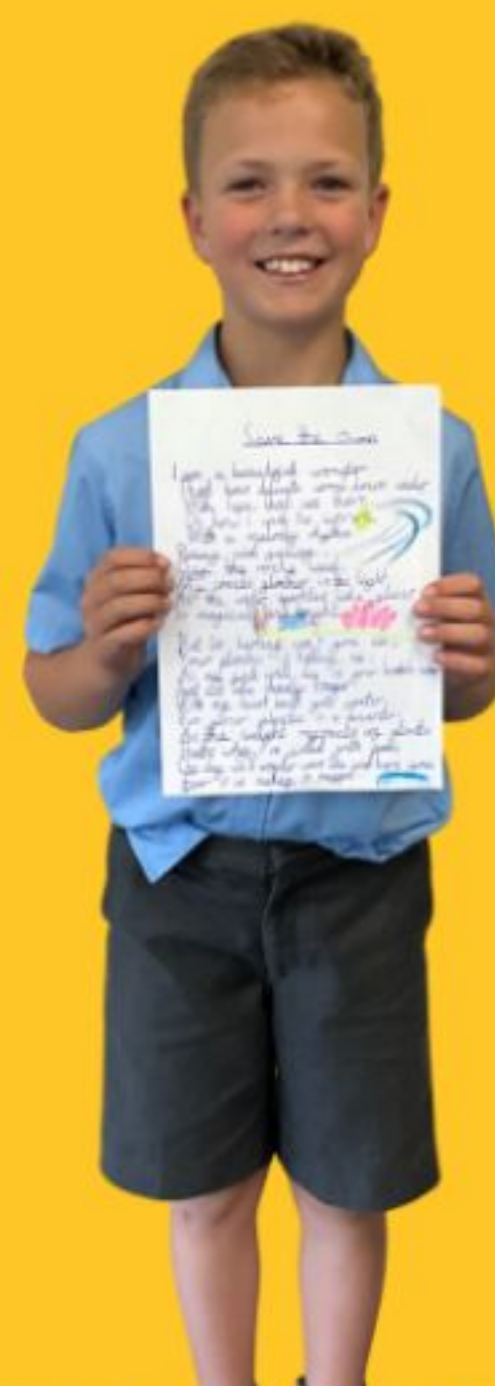
STOP MOTION ANIMATIONS

Form 6 enjoyed taking part in a 'Stop Motion' activity which went very well! The children were well behaved and enthusiastic, using their creativity to come up with some great videos.



FORM 3 POETRY

This week Form 3 produced poetry around sustainability with a focus on our oceans. They have been working on these for two weeks and we were very impressed! Well done all.



Save the Ocean

I am a beautiful wonder
That has delicate coral down under,
With life that can thrive,
Oh how I wish to survive,
With a melodic rhythm
Rising and falling
Oss the rocky sand,
My crests glimmer in the light
As the water sparkles like glass,
So magical and bright
But I'm hurting can't you see
Your plastic is killing me,
As my fish will die in your horrible traps
That act like deadly traps
With my heart beat getting faster
For your plastic is a disaster.
As the sunlight refracts on plastic
That's why I'm filled with panic
One day we'll wonder where the fish have gone
For it is making it tragic.

Save the Ocean

Oh Mother Ocean What have we done to you?
You used to be so gorgeous and blue,
But now you are just black and grey,
Because we destroy you day by day.

Wind back to a couple years ago
Your so mesmerizing to the eye,
Like multi coloured Polipi,
Your coral so vivid in colour like conchis
Now the coral is not so pretty for now we are blanketed
in horrible pity.

All Mother Natures fishy friends have ended their days
One by One.

And One day We'll Wonder Where the fish have gone
Our care for the Ocean is very poor
but some of our Poor oil into our ocean even more.

My special gift from me to you is a hope that the ocean can stay
bright blue,
So don't sit back and relax my friend or our ocean will
come to a fatal end.

By Molly Scott

The Ocean by Arabella Palmer

I get siled with plastic every day
My angry waves glad the bay
I am home to more species than you know,
So don't destroy me, don't let me go
My towering waves will show you with my anger,
So do what you can to protect this wonder
People not caring about the big old blue
Oil killing sea life is sadly true.
My temperature rising in caving pain,
To the beautiful coral every day,
My towering waves will show you my anger
So do what you can to protect this wonder

It's not to late to turn back time
To escape this horrible ocean crime
I sparkle like sequins in the scorching sun
I am your only one.

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CAREERS FAIR

As part of our ongoing commitment to preparing students for their future, we were delighted to welcome a wide range of professionals to our Form 6 Careers Fair. A number of parents generously volunteered their time to speak to pupils about their career journeys, providing a unique and inspiring insight into a diverse selection of professions.

Careers represented included Consultant Anaesthetist, Psychotherapist, Architect, Landscape Architect, GB Lacrosse Player, Vet, STEM Specialist, CEO of GB News, Pilot, Military Officer, and Market Research Analyst. Each speaker shared the pathway that led them to their current role, highlighting the various steps, challenges, and rewards along the way.

Pupils had the opportunity to take part in hands-on activities, from trying out equipment to solving industry-related challenges. The event also featured engaging Q&A sessions, where students asked thoughtful questions about qualifications, daily routines, future career prospects and the possible impact of AI! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who took part. Your time, enthusiasm and insight have made a lasting impression on our pupils and helped them to better understand the wide world of opportunities ahead.



MUSIC



CPS LIVE!

Once more our musicians bowled everyone over at CPS Live! Well done all.



LESSON HIGHLIGHTS

DRAMA - OLIVER JR!



The drab Victorian Streets of London were recreated in the CS Speech Hall last week with enormous care and precision by our dedicated tech team, to create a memorable experience for our Form 5 Year Group. The professional theatre raised the game for our young performers, where they sang, moved and acted with confidence, supported by our dedicated and hard working production team.

The progression we saw from a talented cast over the rehearsal period was a delight to see. Magic, joy and intensity was created by the company for the audiences who were lucky enough to see this wonderful well known masterpiece by Lionel Bart.

Well done and thank you to all involved, it was awesome!



LESSON HIGHLIGHTS

DRAMA

The Lower and Middle School LAMDA* results have arrived and once again we are so proud of our Drama students!

Hard work and dedication has paid off: all 21 students received a Distinction, 17 achieved Acting Grades 3, 4 & 5; and three achieved Public Speaking Grades 2 & 3.

Well done all!

*London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art

Find out more about LAMDA



| Name | Exam | Grade | Results |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Alexander G. | Public Speaking | Grade 2 | 86% Distinction |
| Hugo T. | Public Speaking | Grade 2 | 85% Distinction |
| Benjamin B. | Public Speaking | Grade 3 | 85% Distinction |
| Rupert L. | Public Speaking | Grade 3 | 88% Distinction |
| Max K. | Acting | Grade 3 | 86% Distinction |
| Marni S. | Acting | Grade 3 | 87% Distinction |
| Orlando H. | Acting | Grade 3 | 88% Distinction |
| Charles S. | Acting | Grade 3 | 89% Distinction |
| James M. | Acting | Grade 3 | 86% Distinction |
| Benjamin I. | Acting | Grade 3 | 87% Distinction |
| Daisy M. | Acting | Grade 3 | 86% Distinction |
| Evangeline B. | Acting | Grade 3 | 87% Distinction |
| Lucy L. | Acting | Grade 4 | 86% Distinction |
| Gemma V.W. | Acting | Grade 4 | 87% Distinction |
| Bella W. | Acting | Grade 4 | 86% Distinction |
| Clementine C. | Acting | Grade 4 | 85% Distinction |
| Tallulah B. | Acting | Grade 4 | 87% Distinction |
| Jessie H. | Acting | Grade 4 | 88% Distinction |
| Gabriella R. | Acting | Grade 4 | 86% Distinction |
| Wilbur H. | Acting | Grade 5 | 85% Distinction |
| Lucinda P. | Acting | Grade 5 | 86% Distinction |

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Last Friday and Saturday saw our two Sports Days. As a culmination of the year's sporting endeavours, it is always one of my true highlights. This year saw an added complication that the expected heat might make some events, or even a whole day, untenable. The health and well-being of the pupils will always trump the disappointment of those whose events might have been curtailed, but nonetheless it was a decision I was not looking forward to making. Fortunately, with careful planning and slightly overcast skies, both Friday and Saturday ran without a hitch and there were some truly stellar performances. Nine school records were broken and a number of others were also incredibly close to going.



Our final week of fixtures were also incredibly thrilling. Our U11 boys' cricket team travelled to Whigitt in the Surrey Cup Semi Final and narrowly lost to a very strong team. We weren't able to quite get out their best batsman, who went on to get 92* of their 132 runs. In reply, all of our boys batted well, but ultimately just came up short. Such an incredible season from this group of players.

Our girls' 1st XI were also into the ESCA Hardball cup semi finals and with time running out, we were able to manufacture all of the semi finalists to join us at Cranleigh for a Finals Day. Please read Miss Jolly's report in this Newsletter, but safe to say the girls were unbelievable on what was a very long and hot day. It fills me with pride that they prevailed and we are now the Surrey U13 Champions!

Alongside this mammoth day of cricket, we also hosted 11 regular cricket matches and travelled to Aldro, St Edmunds and Hoe Bridge for another nine. It was a lovely way for Form 6 to finish their sporting time at CPS.

Thursday once again allowed us to mix our Form 1 and 2 boys and girls when we played Aldro. The social benefit that they all received, along with the stretch and challenge of playing with children of different ages, makes this school a very special place to watch the children play sport. The Aldro staff commented that it is something that they are going to try and do more of moving forwards.

I wish you all a very happy Summer and one that is filled with beach sports and long walks.

Mr Stone, Director of Sport

ESCA HARDBALL CUP

The 1st XI Girls' Cricket team capped off a fantastic season by winning the ESCA Girls' U13 Hardball Cup on finals day which was hosted by Cranleigh last Wednesday.

The girls played a series of qualification matches throughout the term to earn their spot in the semi-finals.

Cranleigh had a closely fought semi-final in the morning. We batted first, scoring 70 runs. The girls then showed incredible composure under pressure whilst fielding. They bowled and fielded superbly to secure a hard-fought victory, winning by five runs to progress through to the final in the afternoon.

The afternoon match was another exciting contest, and Cranleigh once again rose to the occasion. The girls bowled and fielded brilliantly and followed it with an impressive batting performance to chase down 107 runs in 15 overs and win the final by six wickets.

Every player contributed significantly throughout both matches on finals day. The girls showed fantastic determination, teamwork and support for one another. A huge congratulations to all the team on their success in the cup and for a brilliant cricket season!

Team: Tilly B., Ceci B., Hattie B., Charlotte H., Jessie H., Olive K., Betsan L., Lucy L., Lucinda P., Gemma V.W., Hetty W. (Capt), Fenella W.



SPORTS DAY



We had a fantastic time at our Sports Days which are often a firm highlight from the end of term!

It was a joy to see all pupils thoroughly enjoying themselves, and the team spirit from each House was so clear to see.

A huge well done to everybody involved and to each and every pupil for trying their best and giving the events their all!



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!



[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LEAVERS BALL](#)

As we have come to the end of the term you can now access the new Summer edition of The Buzz newsletter. This term's edition has a theme of 'Gratitude'. Do have a scroll through - you may find yourselves featuring somewhere!

From The Buzz Team



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SUMMER!**

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