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THE NEWSLETTER OF CRANMORE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL



#### CRANMORE RECEIVES **'EXCELLENT'** ISI INSPECTION REPORT

"I am delighted to share with you our inspection report following the Independent Schools Inspectorate visit in February 2022. The report is published in two parts: Educational Quality and Focused Compliance.

As part of the Educational Quality Inspection, the inspectors observed lessons and extracurricular activities,



scrutinised books, interviewed staff, met with a wide selection of pupils from across all age ranges and analysed the responses to the pupil, parental and staff questionnaires.

The report makes a judgement on the quality of pupils' academic and other achievements, as well as the quality of their personal development. In both of these areas, Cranmore received the highest possible rating of 'Excellent'. In addition to the overall judgement of 'Excellent', each of the eight sub-categories for these areas was graded 'Excellent' - an outcome about which I am immensely proud.

The inspectors identified our pupils as being highly articulate and confident, making rapid progress and relishing the opportunities and challenges that are offered. I am delighted that our pupils have excellent levels of self-confidence and acquire increasingly sophisticated study skills as they move through the school. Inspectors were impressed by the positive, caring and welcoming ethos of Cranmore and highlighted the outstanding contribution pupils make to the lives of others in the school and the wider community.

I am also very pleased to report that in the focused compliance inspection, the school was found to be fully compliant with all regulations.

I am sincerely grateful to all our pupils, staff, parents and governors for their incredible commitment to making Cranmore an outstanding school where pupils thrive in a positive, open and supportive environment. We look forward to building upon this success and strive for pupils to continue developing academically and personally to reach their full potential at Cranmore."

#### Barry Everitt, Headmaster

## NEW SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

We are delighted with the progress of the new building that will be completed by November. This building will provide four new science laboratories, another dedicated Design and



Technology room, an additional ICT suite, more classrooms, and an exhibition area for the display of our pupils' projects.



#### GOOD SCHOOLS' GUIDE 2022

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www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk

'Every parent believes their child is exceptional – at Cranmore they can be.'

'A school that strives for excellence and explodes every child's potential thanks to inspiring tutors and awesome facilities.'

#### **RECORD NUMBERS**

Cranmore has started the new academic year with pupil numbers at an all time high. We also have over 110 families across the Effingham Schools Trust.

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# PRIZE GIVING

The annual Prize Giving Day made its welcome return in July, the weather was perfect as pupils and parents gathered to celebrate the achievements of the year.

Our Guest of Honour, Onjali Rauf MBE, congratulated the prize winners and handed out cups and prizes before giving an inspirational address to the audience. During the ceremony there were performances from the Choir, as well as solo musicians.



















# SCHOOL LIFE

#### **FRENCH** ACTIVITIES

#### YEAR 5 FRENCH BREAKFAST WITH ST TERESA'S

On Tuesday 8th February, Year 5 visited St Teresa's to participate in French conversation whilst enjoying a traditional French breakfast. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the croissants and pains au chocolat.





#### YEAR 4 PUPILS BAKE MADELEINES

Year 4 were very busy in their French lessons, firstly learning about popular French, Spanish and German cakes. They also had the opportunity to make French madeleines.









#### FRENCH POSTERS

The pupils in Year 6 created a poster in French describing their favourite Frenchspeaking sports personality including their nationality, spoken languages, where they were born, the sport they play and information about their families.







#### POLITICS TALK

Year 6 pupils met in October with the leader of Guildford Borough Councillor, Mr Bigmore. After an insightful and informative presentation, pupils were able to ask questions about their local area, government structures and council funding for future projects. They certainly understood the determination, drive and resilience needed to make changes in our community and appreciated that these aspects of our value of Character are vitally important as we make our way through life.



#### 8MH

During Mental Health Week the students had time to go to Chapel to be still, pray and reflect.











#### **ONJALI RAUF** VISIT

Year 4 were very fortunate to meet best-selling author Onjali Rauf on her visit to Cranmore in November, where she took time to talk about her book The Great Foodbank Heist which tells the story of a boy who is reliant on school breakfast clubs, free school meals and foodbanks.

The pupils asked Onjali many questions regarding her experiences of volunteering at foodbanks in London and why she wanted to write a book based on it. Onjali's presentation was inspirational and pupils were also very keen to know where the local foodbanks are and how to donate.

Years 5–8 attended a very special assembly with Onjali, who talked to us about her new book, The Lion Above The Door. Not only did pupils learn about the protagonist's search for an ancestor who fought in the Second World War, but they also benefitted from the thought-provoking links that Rauf made with historical racism and the need to remember contributions to history made by all countries and races across the world.

Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and to listen to a reading in year groups throughout the morning, and we were very proud of the

interesting and wellworded questions they posed, including 'What is your favourite part about writing a book – the start, the middle or the end?' (Onjali Rauf loves the beginning, hates the middle, and is happy to get to the end!)





#### STEM CLUB

During STEM club students used the Microbits, prototyping plates, breadboards and edge connectors to build and code a series of experiments. Using both Microsoft MakeCode and Python to code experiments such as using a phototransistor as a sensor and using accelerometers to control motor speeds.







#### **STATIONS** OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Year 8 visited the Chapel to pray at the 14 Stations of the Cross.



#### LOWER PREP COUNCILLORS

The councillors met and came up with some fantastic ideas of what they would like to see introduced for the Lower Prep School. They also gave feedback from their classes about Anti-bullying week and the overwhelming response was how positive it had been in raising awareness, and ensuring our school is a kind and happy place to be!





### JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We had such a fantastic time at our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, including a Jubilee-themed School Council cupcake sale at break, themed lessons in the morning, a regal menu prepared by the catering staff at lunchtime, street parties and Jubilee fun activities before we broke up for half term. It was an exceptionally enjoyable and fitting celebration.













































#### TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

It was lovely to see so many children join us at our Teddy Bears' picnic in Forest School and take part in hunt the bear, the mud kitchen and story time.











#### CRAN CAMP

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A great time was had at Cran Camp, lots of cricket and lots of fun!!

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#### MATHS CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 14th of June, Set 1 in Maths from St Teresa's came to Cranmore to do a Maths challenge.









#### NUTRITIONAL PRESENTATION

Year 7 & 8 Sports Scholars enjoyed a nutritional presentation from guest speaker and parent **Mrs Barnes**.



#### **CLIMATE CHANGE** LECTURE

In the Spring term, more than 70 Year 7 and 8 pupils from Cranmore and St Teresa's attended the first Cranmore Lecture. The lecture was given by **Michelle Horsfield**, a renowned Climate Scientist, who is a Director at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation. She has previously held posts as 'Head of Climate Sustainability Standards' for Climate Bonds Initiative and 'Climate Science and Sustainability Manager' at BP.

Michelle presented the current state of affairs and asked pupils to consider three climate scenarios of a) 1.5 degree increase, b) 2.4 degree increase and c) the unknown (do nothing) option. Pupils were challenged to consider the ways in which they can make a difference by making life and career choices, using the 'SELECT' acronym, with the environment at the forefront.



#### ECO COUNCIL

We were delighted to introduce our Senior Eco Council Leaders! This new team will be working hard to support the Cranmore Community in making changes to make our school a more environmentally friendly place. They already have a lot of great ideas regarding the biodiversity of the area, energy usage and the amount of waste.



### **LEADERSHIP** TALK

Year 8 pupils had a leadership workshop with InnerDrive and Matt Shaw, a Psychologist, specialising in Leadership development and coaching. Throughout the sessions, Matt gave the boys an understanding and vision of what leadership is, examples of both good and poor leadership as well as when and where different leadership styles work effectively. A timely exercise, as the Year 8 boys were just starting to prepare their applications for Senior Leadership roles in the next academic year.



#### JUBILEE CAKE SALE

In May, the Upper Prep and Senior pupils enjoyed a jubilee themed cake sale. A big thank you to the School Council reps who provided delicious cakes. £280 was raised for our chosen charities: The Prince's Trust and St Kizito.



### UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

At the beginning of Spring term, all of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. We were delighted with the results, with 60 students (over half of those who took part) receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates. Six students, Will K, Moby D, Adam H, Oliver C, Joseph N and Aayan A, all received Gold certificates. Will, Moby and Adam were invited to the follow-on round.









### THE IMPORTANCE OF **SLEEP**

Our Sport Scholars and those that attend the Year 7 and Year 8 weekly performance session were very fortunate to have a fantastic seminar titled 'The Importance of Sleep'. Cranmore parent Mrs Sobey, presented about all things sleep, including different types of sleep, how to increase the quantity and quality of sleep, and seeing sleep to be everyone's very own 'superpower.' Thank you very much Mrs Sobey for giving up your time and giving a superb talk on a very important subject.



### **MTECH** DEMO

Year 4 pupils enjoyed a fun demonstration by the music technology company, MTech. This company run an after school club at Cranmore and these sessions will be open to Year 5 and above in September. During these sessions, the pupils learn how to create their



own music to film trailers, video games and commercials etc. It's great fun and a really interesting insight into how electronic music for television and film is created.

#### MTECH Golden Disk

Congratulations to **Leo F** and **Oliver M** who were awarded the MTech Golden Disk for their Superhero project.



#### **EVACUEE** DAY

Year 2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Evacuee Day. They experienced some games, dances and art, all linked to our World War 2 topic. They particularly enjoyed trying some of the typical foods which were consumed during the period.











# VALUES WEEK

### VALUES WEEK RAMBLE









#### BUGSY MALONE PAINTING

Our Art Club students created the signs for the key scenes in the production of Bugsy Malone.



#### VALUES WEEK - ART PROJECT

As part of Values Week, students from both the Upper Prep and Senior school had the opportunity to embark on an exciting Art project that encompassed this year's central value of 'character'. Working onto a variety of wooden disks, labels and letters, as well as considering key terms that can define one's character, all students approached this project with great enthusiasm. This collaborative installation has formed a central feature within the Main Reception area – well done to all students involved, the overall artwork is fantastic!



# DRAMA

#### **ROCKING** ROMANS

Year 5 pupils performed a dramatisation of a whistle-stop tour of the history of Romans in Britain. They were brought together to tell the story through a montage of scenes, evoking laughter and celebration.







#### PLASTIC PIRATES PERFORMANCE

Year 4 pupils performed the tale of the 'Plastic Pirates' on Wednesday 23rd March to very supportive family members. The story highlights the impact of plastic on our oceans and how the sea creatures, through their united front, manage to change the pirates' ways and reverse the damage they have done to their underwater health service. The pupils delivered their lines and songs with confidence, conveying some strong characterisation. The recycled costumes were a real highlight of the show.

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#### WRIGGLY **NATIVITY**

All of EYFS and Year I were true stars in their performance of Wriggly Nativity! The children worked so hard to learn all the songs, words and actions ready for their performance. We were extremely proud of them all.











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#### FIRE FIGHTERS' VISIT

The fire service led a thoroughly enjoyable presentation when they visited us in December!





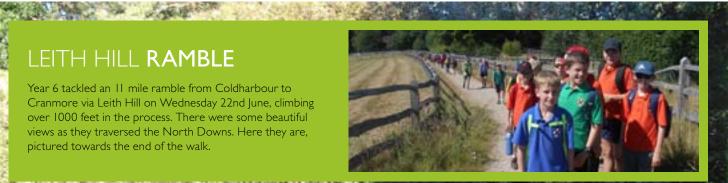






#### LEITH HILL RAMBLE

Year 6 tackled an 11 mile ramble from Coldharbour to Cranmore via Leith Hill on Wednesday 22nd June, climbing over 1000 feet in the process. There were some beautiful views as they traversed the North Downs. Here they are, pictured towards the end of the walk.



#### NURSERY BUG OLYMPICS















#### PLANTING TOMATO SEEDS

In March, Pre-Nursery learned all about growing and planted their very own tomato seeds! They also had a lovely time with Mrs Thornton in their Music session learning the words

to the Gingerbread Man song, using the interactive board to support their learning. Mrs Thornton also taught them a new song about a seed growing. They have been looking at signs of Spring and how things grow from seed. They also planted some Cosmos seeds and enjoyed creating their own Daffodil pictures.











#### WORLD BOOK DAY ACTIVITIES

In March, we celebrated our love of reading on World Book Day with bookthemed activities throughout the school, including 'Guess Who Is Coming to Lunch', 'Guess the Teacher' and a scavenger hunt in the library, a delicious book-themed lunch and many other activities during lessons. We are passionate about nurturing our pupils' love of reading and were delighted to see such an enthusiastic response to the competitions and activities which have taken place.





















#### WORLD BOOK DAY LOWER PREP

Lower Prep pupils had an amazing time celebrating World Book on Friday 4th March. We started with a Lower Prep assembly where the children (and teachers!) paraded their costumes for everyone to see.

Nursery and Reception children enjoyed a wonderful story, read by Mrs Prothero as Mary Poppins, they also enjoyed showing each other their costumes. Across years 1–3 there were numerous activities throughout the day, including a book swap, writing book reviews, designing a book cover and trying to find the hidden golden tickets. Finally, we enjoyed seeing pupils' creative and imaginary skills in turning ordinary wooden spoons into their favourite book characters. Thank you for all your efforts in making the day such a special event.





















#### PANCAKE DAY

On Shrove Tuesday, linked to their topic of 'Instructions', Year 3 pupils made pancakes, following a recipe carefully. They enjoyed mixing the ingredients, choosing the toppings and eating them!









#### ANIMAZING VISIT

Nursery and Pre-Nursery were lucky to have a special visit from Animazing in Febuary. They learnt all about various warm and cold-blooded animals and their habitats. Some of the children were extremely brave and handled the snake and the lizard!









#### MR EVERITT VISIT

Mr Everitt came to visit Year 2. The children had prepared some wonderful questions for him, for example:

"If you were not a headteacher, what would you like to do?" "What do you do during the day?" "What car do you drive?"

We all loved finding out more about Mr Everitt.



### INTERNET **SAFETY DAY**

The main focus this year for Safer Internet Week has been 'Safer Gaming'.

Pupils looked at a range of different strategies on how to stay safe when playing and watching games on the internet. Pupils discussed the importance of following the PEGI ratings for games as well as reporting instances of bad behaviour online, not just ignoring it. This should encourage better standards and expectations of their online heroes. They also designed their own safety avatar, explaining when they would appear and what kind of Senior pupile we

Senior pupils used their Python coding skills to create some e safety adventures, giving the reader different rooms to enter, depending on their choices in a range of scenarios, many managing to programme over a couple of hundred lines of code in their lesson.

#### FATHER'S DAY

Year 2 loved celebrating their daddies on Father's day and made a lovely gift writing five reasons why they love them.



#### ROMANS DAY

On Tuesday 29th March, Year 5 participated in a Roman workshop. They learned about roman games like Merles where you had to connect the counters through the middle of the board. They also learned about another game called Delta where you had to flick three counters onto a board, count the scores, and

whoever had the biggest number won. Later they learned how to be successful Roman soldiers by understanding Latin orders. In the last part of the workshop, they learned about Boudicca and her forces and gladiators, how long it took to build

the colosseum and saw a safely re-enacted gladiator fight.







#### JOINT PARTY

The pupils had a lovely time at a joint party with St Teresa's. The children enjoyed playing various games, a snowball fight and making some 'winter' themed decorations.







#### YEAR 5 COME AND SEE

On Thursday 24th February, Year 5 parents were invited to a coffee morning in the Auditorium. Year 5 pupils, with great excitement, then showed off their exercise books from across the curriculum and proudly explained what they had been learning so far this year. It was wonderful to have parents and children together engaging in the pupils' learning.











#### WORLD MATHS DAY

Year 3 pupils enjoyed a carousel of different activities showing they could apply their Maths skills in everyday situations. They played Mathsopoly, a spin on the familiar game; they solved tangram puzzles and created their own tangram diagrams; they attempted to build the tallest Lego pyramid in 20 minutes; and they used an Excel spreadsheet to enter data and plot a bar chart.



Year 2 pupils loved creating their own Maths hats. They added all their favourite words, shapes and calculations!

Year I enjoyed creating shapes using spaghetti and marshmallows, while Reception created 3D robots out of blocks and 3D shapes.











#### AIR ROCKET WORKSHOP

Year 7 attended a workshop at St Teresa's to learn about and construct compressed air rockets. This involves a detailed design and careful construction to ensure as much aerodynamic efficiency as possible. Naturally, the rockets were extensively tested on the playing fields of St Teresa's and whilst the Cranmore teams were unable to provide the winner the boys proved strong competition!



#### SCHOOL DISCO

#### At the end of November, Year 7 and 8 pupils from Cranmore and St Teresa's donned their neon outfits for the inaugural CPA/FOST Senior Disco.

The event kicked off with an introductory salsa lesson to get everyone moving and then the disco music took over. There was a photo booth and sweet stall that added some extra entertainment as well as pizza and cookies to re-energise the spirited dancers. A great time was had by all and our thanks go to the members of the CPA and FOST for jointly organising an amazing event.













### LIGHTS, **CAMEL,** ACTION!

Year 2 and Year 3 loved performing 'Lights, Camel, Action!' to their parents in December. We were all blown away by their wonderful singing, dancing and how they delivered their lines with such confidence.









#### NATIVITY

The children enjoyed participating in lots of Christmas craft activities. The children enjoyed their Nativity play and were wonderful angels and stars.









#### FOUNDER'S DAY

Children from Years 4 to 8 came together in their Houses for an afternoon of fun filled activities to mark Founder's Day. Houses competed against one another in Capture the Flag, Diamond Cricket and Rounders.



















#### ANNUAL RAMBLES

Our annual rambles happened in June, the children and staff had such an amazing time. It really was a fabulous way to spend a day.













### FOREST SCHOOL

#### YEAR 3

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Forest School with highlights being cooking and eating 'nettle crisps'.







Year 3 visited Forest School for the last time on 30th June.

They made the most of it and had a marvellous time exploring and having fun. They used a fire steel to make sparks to start a fire. They also celebrated by toasting marshmallows on the fire and having s'mores – what a treat!



#### YEAR 2

Year 2 loved their time in Forest school, exploring, learning about different British birds, and playing together.



#### **BUGSY MALONE** PERFORMANCE

Over 100 pupils from across the Trust were involved in delivering two fun-packed evenings to sold out audiences. Bugsy Malone is a well-known favourite musical play that never fails to entertain. We were very fortunate to have our first combined performances of pupils from St Teresa's and Cranmore. The breadth of talents and opportunities across the Trust were displayed, from the comedic acting, the soloists, the band, the choir, the dance ensembles to the backstage crew. It was an intensive rehearsal process which paid off and as a reward they were able to deliver a full-scale custard pie, splurge battle finale. All pupils played their part with such passion and commitment. It will stay a very memorable experience for all who took part.





















# CHRISTMAS

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Christmas Jumper day enabling us to make a donation of over  $\pounds$ 1000 towards **Shooting Star Children's Hospices**. This went towards supporting families across Surrey and London whose children have life-limiting conditions.











### CHRISTINGLES

Year 2 celebrated the beginning of Advent by making their own special Christingles and learning about what each part represented.





Cranmore had the wonderful opportunity of participating in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Martin's Church in Horsley. The Cranmore tree was a spectacular representation of "character" which was our value of focus this year.Each child in the Lower Prep created a decoration for the tree.

Reception children made stars to represent their uniqueness and to portray the message that we all shine brighter together.

Year I children decorated and produced traditional Nativity characters, as they reflected on the real meaning of Christmas.

Year 2 children created stained glass heart windows to represent the love in all of us, as well as the boundless love God has for us all.

Year 3 children created decorations with positive character traits and names of the nativity characters written on them.





### **SANTA** VISIT

At the end of term, Father Christmas came to visit with his elf helper and delivered Christmas presents to the children.



# MUSIC

#### CHAMBER STRINGS

During assemblies throughtout the year our Chamber Strings played superbly.



#### HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITON

Congratulations to all the Upper Prep and Senior pupils who took part in the House Music Competition. The standard was high throughout and many of the performances were linked to this year's theme of 'character'. Particularly impressive were those pupils who do not learn an instrument or take singing lessons and yet still prepared a performance to support their House.



#### ORCHESTRA GODALMING FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to members of our Orchestra and Wind Band who performed at the Godalming Performing Arts Festival. The Orchestra, in particular, gave a mature and competent performance of some really challenging classical music. Both groups won their class with Distinction: Orchestra 89% and Wind Band 87%. The Orchestra were joint winners of the William Handley Trophy and the Wind Band won the Jericho Cup outright.

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#### INTERMEZZO FLUTE

Congratulations to  ${\rm Louis}~{\rm L}$  (8MH) who was awarded a Distinction for his wonderful flute playing of a Grade 5 piece, 'Intermezzo' by Mascagni during assembly.



#### POWER OF MUSIC WORKSHOP

We were delighted to welcome Year I and 2 from Glenesk School to Cranmore in April for a Music Workshop with our Year 2 pupils. The children were able to explore the theme 'The Power of Music' in a variety of different ways. They were able to create powerful imagery through their performances to 'The Power of Nature', using body percussion, recorders and their voices. They also joined together in a very moving song for their finale 'We are One'. It was wonderful to be able to see the children perform so enthusiastically for their audience.





#### MEET CRANMORE **ORCHESTRA**

Years 2 and 3 had the opportunity to meet the Cranmore Orchestra. They had a brilliant time learning about the different instruments in the orchestra.











#### NICOLA BENEDETTI FOUNDATION

We were thrilled to welcome the world-class violinist Nicola Benedetti and professional musicians from her foundation to our school.

Our pupils and those invited from five local state and independent schools, were immersed in musical workshops with the Benedetti Foundation throughout the morning before having the opportunity to play in a concert. It was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to be instructed and inspired by such talented musicians.

























## JUBILEE CHOIR

The Jubilee Choir had a fantastic time on a trip to the specialist Yehudi Menuhin music school. They participated in a singing and music workshop and then performed in a concert, raising money for the charity 'Sight for Surrey'. Well done to all pupils involved.







LOWER PREP MUSIC ASSEMBLY









## PROMS IN THE PADDOCK

In July, we hosted Proms in the Paddock. It was a wonderful performance by the pupils and it was lovely to welcome so many parents and grandparents to our school.

















## CHARITY

### ACTION DAY

In November, Upper Prep and Senior pupils took part in Action Day to raise money for Cherry Trees, a local children's charity, and we were thrilled to raise  $\pounds$ 898. The pupils demonstrated a range of talents and entertained their teachers and friends with their acts.

















#### LEATHER**HEAD START** APPEAL

We celebrated Harvest Mass with Father Stephen and all donations were given to LeatherHEAD START supporting the homeless.



#### **NSPCC** COOKIE SALE

The Lower Prep School Council thoroughly enjoyed selling cookies for their chosen charity the NSPCC and raised  $\pounds$ 79.30.

Well done to the councillors for helping to organise this event, deciding on the charity, making posters, posters, selling the cakes and collecting the money.



#### PIANOTHON

William had a great time at the Pianothon. He also got to collect his certificate from the Mayor! However most importantly he managed to raise  $\pounds$ 215 for his nominated charities.



## SWIMATHON FOR CHERRY TREES

Many congratulations to all our pupils from Reception to Year 6 who raised over  $\pm 3,000$  for Cherry Trees by participating in our annual Swimathon. Well done to everyone and thank you to all our families for your support.



# TRIPS

#### **PAINSHILL** PARK

On Monday 9th May, Year 5 visited Painshill Park in Cobham to explore the beautiful landscaped gardens, learn about the Romans and put their Geography map skills to use in a challenging orienteering course around the grounds.

Boys and staff were treated to glorious sunshine, beautiful walks through woodland learning about the flora and fauna and its uses in Roman Britain, and even given the opportunity to build a Roman settlement in the woods. Furthermore, the staff were delighted to have multiple compliments from members of the public about Cranmore boys' politeness and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 5!







#### **ARUNDEL CASTLE** TRIP

After a short journey from school we arrived at Arundel Caste West Sussex. The castle looked magnificent and everybody was excited. We entered the castle and there were lots and lots of ancient items and objects such as a knight's costume and some chainmail armor which was hanging on the wall. We went into a room with replicas of old costumes which the English army used to wear around 600–1000 years ago, and some people got told to try on some of the costumes. The keep was quite high up and the views from the top were outstanding. This was a very beautiful, peaceful and majestic school trip. George P







#### CHESSINGTON

Year I had a wonderful trip to Chessington where they saw turtles, stingrays, sea lions and starfish at the Sea Life Centre. They also visited the zoo where they saw gorillas, lions and penguins.





#### **RUGGED EARTH** ADVENTURES

Year 6 enjoyed their day out at Rugged Earth Adventures on Friday 17th June. They had great fun taking part in nerf gun battles, roasting marshmallows over a campfire and building traps.









## CHOCOLATE MUSEUM

Year 3 visited the Chocolate museum in Brixton as part of their topic about the Aztecs.

They learnt about how the Mayans and Aztecs used chocolate, where chocolate comes from and how it is made. They tasted some different types of chocolate – even a chilli one!

They designed a chocolate wrapper using Aztec symbols to name their chocolate bar. Then they got a chance to grind their own cacao beans and make their own Aztec style chocolate bar by adding honey to the grinds and pressing into a mould.







### **LIDDINGTON** TRIP

Year 4 spent three sun-soaked and fun-filled days at the PGL Centre in Liddington. This was their first experience of a residential and it was very exciting to be away from home, trying new experiences and making memories together. Pupils enjoyed a wide range of activities including abseiling, climbing, archery and the giant swing. Pupils impressed with their teamwork in climbing 'Jacob's Ladder', which required a willingness to put the team's success above individual achievement. Both evenings were also filled with activities, including songs and stories around a campfire. At the end of the three days, pupils and staff arrived back at school tired, but with lots of stories to tell.























#### TRIP TO WALES

The Year 7 trip to Wales was fantastic! One of the key features of the trip was the climb up to the top of the bulky mountain of Moel Siabod. Once our group got to the top, we could appreciate the proper mountain weather. One minute we had clear sky with stunning views of the surrounding mountains and the Welsh countryside, the next we found ourselves engulfed in the mountain fog! Eddie B & Elliot Crosby

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## TRIP TO WIMBLEDON

On Monday 4th July, eight members of Year 7 were fortunate enough to visit Wimbledon and watch some exciting tennis matches on No.1 Court, which saw Elena Rybakina, Taylor Fritz and Amanda Anisimova come out as winners. The boys also had a tour of the grounds and managed to get the autograph of Christian Garin.







#### TRIP TO GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members of the Politics Club visited Guildford Borough Council Chamber in March to take part in a referendum on 'Should Ukraine be allowed to join NATO?'

The boys proved to be extremely knowledgeable about the topic and mentioned several excellent points. They then had a vote on the issue.

The group also learnt how the system works on voting day. They were shown how the voting slips work, voting in a booth and putting them into a sealed box, as well as how all the papers are collated and the results declared.





#### Y8 TRIP TO THE GLOBE

In May, Year 8 visited The Globe Theatre to see Much Ado About Nothing.



## TEAM BUILDING AT HIGH ASHURST

On Monday 8th November, Year 5 went to High Ashurst activity centre for a day of outdoor teambuilding. The boys had a fantastic day in the glorious autumn sun: solving puzzles, scrambling through obstacle courses, swinging from high ropes and leaping for trapezes at stomach-churning heights. Everyone got involved with huge enthusiasm and developed some valuable skills along the way.



#### **WINDSOR** CASTLE VISIT

Year 2 children enjoyed their visit to Windsor Castle in October. They visited St. George's Chapel, watched the changing of the guards and took part in an interactive workshop about being a knight.









#### VISIT TO **KIDZANIA LONDON**

#### Year 7 students visited Kidzania London on Friday 18th March as part of their engagement with National Careers Week.

The students participated in a number of immersive activities which were led by industry professionals. They spent around 20 minutes at each 'work' station where they carried out jobs, thus enabling them to earn 'KidZos', which is Kidzania's very own currency. This allowed them to develop a sense of what is meant by 'earning an income'. They also had the freedom to navigate the site within their groups and their conduct was exemplary throughout.



#### WINCHESTER SCIENCE TRIP

Year 3 enjoyed a day packed full of scientific facts and fun at the Winchester Science Centre on Wednesday 16th March. They participated in a workshop, building their own rockets and then improving their designs

to see if they could make the rocket travel further. As well as exploring all the amazing, hands-on science activities, they also experienced an enthralling show in the planetarium all about our solar system. A fabulous time was had by all!



Year 3 went to see The Lion King in December. The children were amazing and we had lots of compliments about their impeccable behaviour. We were lucky enough to have seats in the stalls so the children had a view of the animals coming down the aisles too!









## TRIP TO RURAL LIFE CENTRE

Year 2 enjoyed visiting the Rural Life Centre as their 'fabulous finisher' to their World War Two topic. They stepped back in time and learnt what life was like as an evacuee child at school and experienced what it was like to be in an air raid. Pupils learnt all about how people had to 'make do and mend' during the war. There was a volunteer who told his story as a child in World War Two living in Folkstone. Finally, the children were able to go in an Anderson and Morrison shelter and to see a real bomb used in the war and a gas mask used for babies! They even used a stirrup pump to blow out fires. It was a wonderful day of learning and hands-on experiences.

















## SPORT

#### SKIING

#### ESSKIA NATIONAL DRY SLOPE **SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

After an exciting day's racing at Aldershot, three Cranmore teams went through to the National Finals at Norwich.

Course inspection under the guidance of ex Cranmore Ski Captain Joe Davey indicated that the course would be very fast but with a couple of very tight poles that could cause problems. This indeed proved to be the case and at UI2 cost us a potential Gold medal, however, all the boys proved that they were up for the challenge and walked away with Silver Medals at both UI2 and UI4 with the added bonus that Rocco H took the prize for the fastest unregistered male Skier of the morning.

Another very successful day on the slopes and also a big indication that the Ski Simulator is helping our skiers to develop.











#### SKI COMPETITIONS

Sunday 14th December saw the Cranmore ski squad back at Aldershot for the Surrey championships, this is slightly different format to other competitions as it is run under the Primary and Secondary school age groups. It was another day of hard racing with a chance for the younger skiers to race at U9, they took their opportunity and were clear winners and posted a time that would have seen them placed 4th in the U11 category.

As for the UII squad, they again showed the same level of skill that had got them silver at the nationals to win their category by 10 seconds. In the afternoon, it was a chance for the older boys to race on long gates( something very new to some of them). Again, there was strong opposition and also the age grouping allows Year 9 boys to enter the UI4 category. Both teams did very well with a 3rd place for the A squad and a 5th for the B squad.

There was also an opportunity for the skiers to race in a mixed ability Dual Slalom which was both fun and exciting for all the competitors.





#### SKIERS

Skiers from our Ski Squad performed very well in a recent qualifier for the National School Snowsports Association at Aldershot. **Freddie B** (Year 6) won the UI2s, **Samuel B** (Year 3) won the U8s, and he was the second fastest boy aged 12 or under. **Rafferty C-D, Henry B** and **Mathias P** all made the podiums too. Great result for Cranmore all round.

#### NATIONAL SCHOOLS SNOWSPORT ASSOCIATION

In May the National Schools Snowsport Association outdoor league finals were hosted at Swadlincote. **Samuel** came first and **Henry** 3rd in the in the U8 category.

Samuel B, Henry B, Raferty CD and Freddie B has some impressive runs which helped the team secure 2nd place.

12 Cranmore skiers were in action at the IAPS Ski Championships. Incredibly, all 3 teams – U9s, U1Is and U13s – won the team events. Well done to **Mathias P, Samuel B, Henry B, Rafferty CD, Elijah M, Rocco H, Theo T, Freddie B, Will B, Max B, Willoughby G,** and **Aidan H**.



#### ROWING

#### WALTON RC ROWERS

Our Year 7 & 8 rowers have enjoyed rowing on the Thames at Walton this year.





There was plenty of excitement on the golfing front as Cranmore hosted its first match on our refurbished golf course. Six Cranmore golfers were up against Danes Hill and all played very well. Special mention to **Oliver W** who set the first course record for 6 holes of 26 (4 over par). This included a birdie on the first hole. Situated over on The Henderson field, the newly designed 6-hole course, par 22, has had raised t-boxes installed which is complemented with newly positioned holes on the greens. The course can be adapted to play between 6 to 18 holes. In addition, we now have a twobay driving range.

Golf is part of the PE curriculum form Year 6 upwards so every pupil will get to experience the new course.









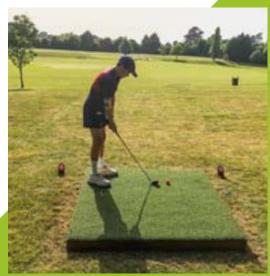
#### **CRANLEIGH** GOLF

U13 golfers played in the Cranleigh Clash Golf Tournament.



Cranmore hosted two superb events in the summer term, our Golf Day and the Cranmore Canter. Both occasions were amazing and very well supported. Thank you to everyone who attended.







#### SWIMMING

#### **SURREY** RELAYS

Our UII Swim Squad team performed superbly well in the Surrey Relays at Guildford Spectrum. Out of 18 schools, Cranmore won bronze in both the Medley and Freestyle Relay.



50 members of our Swim Squad (Year 3 to Year 8) swam in the gala against ACS, Cobham. After many swimming races and with some very close finishes,we are pleased to say Cranmore won with a score of 246 points to 244. Well done Swim Squad! Members of our Swim Squad also competed in the Surrey School Individuals with Jensen W finishing 2nd in the 100m Butterfly.

### **ENGLISH SCHOOLS** FINALS

The English Schools National UII Swimming Relay Finals took place at the Ponds Forge Centre, Sheffield. Having qualified locally and then regionally, the team of four swam PBs to reach the final on the day. Cranmore finished 6th in Medley and 7th in Freestyle. Well done Jake M-H, Freddie R, JoJo S and Henry C.





#### IAPS FINALS

All our relay teams qualified for the Swimming IAPS Finals in both the Medley and Freestyle for Years Groups, 5 to 8. Out of the 16 pupils, 8 have also qualified for individual events. This will be the highest representation by Cranmore since the event started. Congratulations to all those involved.



#### EQUESTRIAN

Jackson B competed in show jumping for the Trust. He came 3rd on his new pony Bobby and qualified for the Schools Summer Championships at Stoneleigh Warwickshire.



**Jackson B** represented Surrey at the British Show Jumping Academy Show, Norfolk. His team won the team competition, and he finished 7th individually.





### **CROSS-COUNTRY**

The Cross-Country squad was in action at Charterhouse with our Year 7 and 8 pupils competing. **Oliver W** came 4th in his race, which was in the Year 9/U14s bracket which gave him the position of 1st in his own age category. This means he qualified for the Surreys at Reigate in January.



#### SURREY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had three pupils running in the Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to **Aidan H** and **Oliver W** who finished in the top 20 and will now represent Surrey in the South-East Championships.





### DANES HILL EVENT

Over 20 members of our cross-country squad ran at the Danes Hill event.

## HIGHFIELD CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross-country squad did extremely well at the Highfield Cross Country Event. 20 Cranmore pupils competed within their respective age groups, U9s to U12s, and there were approximately 150 runners per age group. **Freddie W** came 1st in the U10s race, **Aidan H** came 1st in the U12s race, and the U12s team came second overall.



#### IAPS REGIONALS

During March we hosted the IAPS Regionals which proved a huge success. Year 8 pupil **Oliver W** won the UI3s Worth Cross Country with both our UIIs and UI3s teams finishing second. This included many of our UI2s running up a Year group.









#### RUGBY

### SURREY FESTIVALS

In March, our Under 10 and Under 11 rugby teams did superbly well and were undefeated at the 2022 Surrey Age Group Rugby Festivals.





## SCRUM COACHING

We had ex-Currie Cup rugby player and Cranmore parent Armand Roux visit the school to lead a specialist scrummaging session for our Year 7 and 8 pupils.

#### RUGBY SUCCESS

Cranmore UIIs won the annual Dane's Hill UII rugby tournament in December. The team went undefeated in 7 matches, beating Danes Hill, Eltham College, Trinity, Dulwich, Northcote Lodge, and Kings House.











### MURRAY CUP

The Murray Cup is an annual rugby event between Cranmore and Rokeby with this year being hosted by our opponents. All year groups from U9 upwards were involved in the matches with the final fixtures. Out of these 7 matches that took place, Cranmore won all 7.















After our success in winning both the Dunckley Shield and The Murray Cup at the end of the rugby season, it was fantastic to award the trophies to the respective Captains – **Rory B** and **Bertie W** (joint UII Captains), **Jack M** (Ist XIII Captain) and **Ben F** (Ist XIII Vice-Captain).



#### **RUGBY STORIES**

You may have seen the "Rugby Stories" about London Irish that aired on TV where our Headmaster shared his recollection of being in the London Irish team who won the Powergen Cup in 2001/02.



#### RUGBY 7s

The UII 7s Rugby team came 3rd out of 16 teams at the Donhead 7s Tournament.





## FOOTBALL HENKES SHIELD SUCCESS

The Henkes Shield took place in November which is always the last event of the football season. Attended by over 250 players and families with outstanding football being played across all age groups. Yet again the score on the day was very close with Cranmore winning 5 points to 3.





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## CRICKET

Lots of Cricket matches have taken place across the school against teams including Aldro, Northcote Lodge, Cranleigh and Donhead.



#### SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

#### From the Director of Sport, Paul Hodgson



#### FOOTBALL

- Winners of the Henkes Shield Highlight of the football season
- U8s and U10s Cranmore Football Tournament – Henderson Fields
- Age group teams' success: UIIs and UI3s quarter final - Surrey Cup, UIIs finalists at Surbiton Prep, UIOs finalists at Kings House
- Over 250 matches took place in the season, averaging 7 matches per pupil in 7 weeks (Year 3 to Year 8)



#### RUGBY

Finished the rugby season having played 300 matches

- Won The Murray Cup and Dunkley Shield
- 7s season: UI0s winning the Surrey Festival (20 teams), UIIs unbeaten at RP 7s, UI3s finalists at Aldro. UIIs and UI3s, both two of the top teams at the Worth Tournament, UIIs undefeated at Danes Hill tournament



#### HOCKEY

- Highest win % at Cranmore since hockey was established as a core sport
- Over 100 matches played in 5 weeks
- Highlight: UI3 Ist XII beating Danes Hill 5–1



#### CRICKET

- Included in the 'Crickets School Guide 2022' (again) – recognises an excellent cricket provision
- UI3 and UI1 progressing well in the Surrey Cup
- Halfway through a comprehensive cricket season (250+ matches)



#### SWIMMING

- A record 16 swimmers have qualified for the IAPS Finals, London Aquatic Centre, 11th June.
- 6 Swim Galas this academic year averaging 50 swimmers per event (over 70 swimmers used). Great to have parents watching creating a fantastic atmosphere
- Won Gala against ACS
- UI3s did extremely well in the National School Relays at the London Aquatic Centre
- UIIs relay squad qualified from Counties to Regionals and now Nationals, Sheffield, 18th June







#### CROSS-COUNTRY

- 2 pupils represented Surrey in the Regionals held in Kent
- Individual wins at Highfield and at Worth. Plus, a team win at Worth.

#### **SKIING**

- IAPS Champions U9s, U11s, and U13s
- U9s and U11s finished 1st at the Surrey Schools Ski Championships. The UI3s finished 3rd in the UI4s age category
- ESSKIA Championship Finals in Norwich (National Event) - placed 2nd in both the UI2s and UI4s

#### GOLF

- Finished our refurbished Golf Course on The Henderson. 6 superb holes which has been designed so that 6 to 18 holes can be played. New t-boxes and poles/flags, plus well-kept greens and 2 driving range cages makes for a great facility
- Hosted 2 fixtures on our newly refurbished Golf Course involving 16 golfers
- Hosted fixture against Danes Hill at The Drift GC

#### **SQUASH**

- Many Racquets fixtures squash (and badminton), involving 50+ pupils. Often held at Cranmore as not many other schools have courts
- UI3s unbeaten played Downsend, Shrewsbury House, City London of Freemans and Epsom College

#### TENNIS

- 70+ pupils have represented Cranmore so far
- 2 National U9 players



















UI3 & UII Squash v CLFS



#### PREP SPORTS DAY















## SENIOR SPORTS DAY























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