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# TheCranmorian

THE NEWSLETTER OF CRANMORE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL



CRANMORE

## NEW SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

We are delighted with the completion of the new Science and Technology Centre. The building designed by award winning architects provides an eco-friendly, modern and spacious environment for the pupils to work in. The new building has four science laboratories, another dedicated Design and technology room and an additional ICT suite, more classrooms and an exhibition area.



### GREEN FLAG AWARD

We are proud to announce that our Eco team have helped the school gain the Eco Schools Green Flag Award, in recognition of the environmental work that has taken place over the course of the past academic year.

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### 'EXCELLENT' ISI INSPECTION

Cranmore received the highest possible rating of 'Excellent' in all categories.

The full report is available on our website, or you can request a copy from Admissions.

### RECORD NUMBERS

Cranmore started the academic year with pupil numbers at an all-time high. With a record number of external pupils applying for 11+ entry, we anticipate continued growth next year. We are now delighted to have over 120 families across Cranmore and St Teresa's.

### EFFINGHAM SCHOOLS TRUST

In 2019 St Teresa's and Cranmore came together to form **Effingham Schools Trust (EST)**, based on a diamond model – a powerful and exciting educational proposition, delivering all the advantages of both single sex and co-education to girls and boys. The partnership has proven incredibly successful and EST is delighted to be able to build on this success with the announcement that Manor House School has joined the Trust from September 2023.

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**MANOR HOUSE**  
**ST TERESA'S**

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## PRIZE GIVING SPEAKER DR MAGGIE ADERIN-POCOCK MBE

Our guest speaker at senior prize giving, **Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE**, encouraged us all to have a dream even if it seems crazy at times and to know we are all capable of doing what we are passionate about to realise our goals.









## DOUG YOUNG VISIT

On Monday 12th December, Cranmore was pleased to welcome Doug Young, the father of **Theo** in 4FH, to speak about his career as a cameraman. The pupils were fascinated to hear about his experiences of filming with cameras attached to planes, helicopters and cars and to learn how much problem-solving his job entails, in often quite perilous situations. We were particularly lucky to hear about his more recent involvement with sporting events, including Wimbledon, the Olympics and in 2022, Qatar at the World Cup. One of the most interesting things we learnt was that, once the camera has been set up in, for example, the back of the goal, the cameraman will be working remotely at quite a distance, rather than being physically present in the stadium. We are very grateful to both of Theo's parents for the time they gave up to make this presentation to us.



## CORONATION CARDS

Pupils in Year 7 produced some wonderful cards containing messages or poems for King Charles III to mark the coronation in their English lessons. These were then sent to Buckingham Palace.



## BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND GIVE THANKS

2NS thoroughly enjoyed performing their assembly, "Believe in Yourself and Give Thanks". As a class they set a challenge and succeeded in achieving their goal by following simple steps. They learnt so much through the process from learning lines, building confidence and producing a memorable end product.



## INDIA

Year 3 were very excited about their new topic – India. They looked forward to learning many interesting facts about India and sharing information and resources they found independently.





## CORONATION CELEBRATION

As part of our celebration of King Charles III's coronation, our Senior pupils enjoyed taking part in a special coronation-themed quiz. They had to answer questions about King Charles, the Royal Family, royals in history and royal coronations. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to our winners.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

Year 2 learnt about different traditions to celebrate the Chinese New Year. First, they made dragons as they are a very important symbol of the festivities. Then, they watched and learnt a dragon dance. Next, they wrote wishes and riddles onto lanterns. Finally, they came together and tried some delicious Chinese food.





## AUTHOR JANICE AKHTAR'S VISIT TO LOWER PREP

The pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were delighted to receive a visit from author Janice Akhtar. Her stories are engaging and include subtle morals woven into adventures that children want to follow to the end. She talked about how she started writing books for children and then read some of her books using props. The children were captivated by her performance.



## EARLY YEARS EASTER PARADE





## PIZZA MAKING AT COOKERY CLUB

Upper Prep pupils enjoyed making pizzas at Cookery Club. They began by making the dough and then added their choice of toppings. The pizzas all looked and smelt delicious!



## RE MONITORS

The RE monitors have done a fantastic job in helping foster our caring Christian community and ethos within their classes. They have been responsible for leading the class prayers and ensuring the prayer tables are relevant, with the correct colour cloths and displays.



## YEAR 1 HORSES

Year 1 children visited the horses at St Teresa's. They learnt about how the horses are looked after, got to groom them and went for a wonderful walk in the sunshine through the fields.



## CHRISTMAS LETTERS

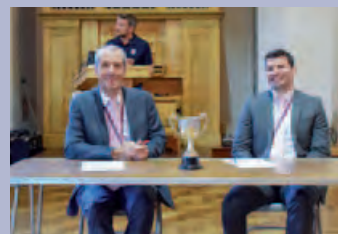
The boys in Year 6 produced wonderful and beautifully decorated Christmas letters to the residents of the Limegrove Care Home in East Horsley. They were delivered there by Mr Harris and Mrs Thornton on a visit with the Wind Band on Wednesday 14th December.





# HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION

The Upper Prep House Quiz final was won by Borelli in a closely fought competition. They amassed 44 points – just 8 points separated the six teams! It was a good day for Borelli as their Senior team counterparts also won the Senior School House Quiz final, achieving the double at their first attempt. Congratulations to Borelli!



# MASTERMIND QUIZ

As part of celebrating The Effingham Trust's value of 'Intellect', seven pupils participated in the second round of the Year 7 'Mastermind' competition on Tuesday 21st March. Each of the finalists had achieved one of the two best scores in his class in the first online round. They faced 10 challenging general knowledge questions in front of an enthusiastic Year 7 audience in the Auditorium. Congratulations to **Cameron**, the decisive winner of the Year 7 Mastermind Competition. Cameron was one of eight pupils (two from each Year 7 class) who qualified for the final. After gaining the highest score in the first round, Cameron scored maximum marks in the specialist round, choosing Greek Mythology as his subject. Cameron won a book token as his prize.





## WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

St Teresa's hosted the World Scholar's Cup Surrey/London round on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023. Two Year 8 Cranmore boys – **Artom E** and **Matthew R** took part in the competition, which involved them studying a contemporary curriculum and then competing against other schools in four events – team debate, collaborative writing, scholars challenge and scholars' bowl. Both boys won medals for their achievements and have qualified to participate in the global round.



## WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP – GLOBAL ROUND

After a successful regional round hosted by St Teresa's in March, six students from the Effingham Schools Trust took part in the global round of the World Scholar's Cup competition held at University College London. We entered one team of Year 7 students from St Teresa's and a mixed team of Year 8 students from Cranmore and St Teresa's.

The students travelled up to University College London each day and competed in four events – team debate, collaborative writing, scholars' challenge and scholars' bowl. The event included an opening ceremony at Bloomsbury Theatre, a scavenger hunt around Regents Park, a cultural fair held at the British Medical Association's headquarters as well as a ball at the London School of Economics student union. The round culminated in a closing ceremony held at the Light Auditorium.

All our students enjoyed success and received medals for their achievements and both teams qualified for the Tournament of Champions held at Yale university in November. The program has now been running at St Teresa's for 3 years and we hope to be able to offer our students the opportunity to compete at all three rounds in 2024.



## ROTARY YOUNG WRITER

Congratulations to **Noah** in Year 9 and **Oliver** in Year 7 for achieving 'Highly Commended' in the district round of the Rotary Young Writer competition. The competition attracted over 400 entries from schools across the district of Bookham and Horsley. The theme this year was 'Peace'. Both pupils were praised by the judges for their thoughtful and original approach to the subject.





## EXTRA CURRICULAR: COOKERY CLUB

The pupils in Cookery Club enjoyed making delicious sweet and savoury items including pizzas, rocky road, cheese scones, fruit crumble and sausage rolls. We hope they will enjoy making these recipes again at home for their family and friends to enjoy. Thank you to 6CP for requesting this club through the School Council.





## ECO SUMMARY

The Eco Council spoke about their plans in assembly.

We have decided to focus on plastic use and the impact of our rivers and oceans, waste and biodiversity. So far, since September we have undertaken an audit to understand what we do well and what could be improved. The biggest problem by far, is the food waste. Thank you for completing the survey and for scraping your plates to help us find out just how much food is actually wasted in a typical week. It was also noted by the dining room staff that the wastage during the food weighing week was a little less than usual. We are going to trial a system whereby you ask for a portion size; if you are extra hungry or not very hungry when you collect your lunch. In May, we are hoping to apply for Cranmore's first Eco Schools Green Flag. By helping us reduce food waste and engage with other projects coming soon, we could be successful in gaining this award. We cannot do it without you!

## GREEN FLAG AWARD

The Eco-Council is thrilled to inform you that we received a 'Green Flag Award' through Eco-Schools over the summer! It is thanks to the team's relentless efforts to improve Cranmore's biodiversity, management of food waste at lunchtime and demonstrate consideration of plastic use at home. We had some lengthy fantastic feedback from Eco Schools who commented, "It's clear your Eco-Committee are constantly considering what actions they can take to improve their local community and benefit our planet. Your Action Plan shows that your Eco-Committee have carefully considered how they can involve their entire school in their planned Eco-Schools' activities to achieve maximum impacts and raise awareness amongst their school community. Thank you so much for submitting such a terrific application. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved."

The team have even bigger plans for this academic year and cannot wait to get started.





# ART

## YEAR 3 AZTEC SUN STONES

Year 3 enjoyed learning about the Aztec Sun Stone. They made some replicas in Art using clay.



## POLAR SCENES

Reception have been getting crafty in Expressive Arts and Design. Their creations began as a shoe box, and in just a couple of weeks, have transformed into beautiful polar scenes. Well done, Reception. They look fantastic!



## FIREWORKS YEAR 1

The children in ICG created fireworks in DT. They made these themselves from tubes with elastic bands for propulsion. Then they went and tested them outside. They had a lot of fun!





## ART EVENT WITH ST TERESA'S

Year 3 participated in a joint art event with the Year 3 girls at St. Teresa's. They explored the 'painting with scissors' technique used by the French artist Matisse. They looked at the composition of his work and then examined how they could reproduce their own version. The results were amazing and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed working alongside the St. Teresa's pupils.





## AZTEC PYRAMIDS

As part of our Aztec topic, Year 3 were learning about and making Aztec pyramids.





# HISTORY

## RIISING STAR IN HISTORY

Congratulations to **Hugo** in Year 5 on his Rising Star in History award. Hugo invested a huge amount of time and effort in his History homework before half term, making a board game called Romano. This was loosely based on a well-known murder mystery board game involving weapons, locations and different characters. Hugo's game was highly intricate; showing considerable understanding of Roman life, towns, architecture and language. His own classmates felt it deserved more than a supermerit, and burst into spontaneous applause when Hugo demonstrated the game in class.



## AIR RAID

Year 2 learnt about the Blitz. Year 2 acted out what an air raid would have been like by making their classroom as dark as possible, waiting for the 'all clear' siren and coming out of a shelter and seeing the destruction caused by an air raid.



## SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE AFTERNOON

Year 2 had an afternoon to conclude their history unit about significant people. The children each chose a significant person who interested them and learnt a few facts about them. Some students dressed up as their person and others brought in props. They shared interesting facts within their classes and also with different people in the year group. Some significant people who were in attendance were: Anne Frank, Neil Armstrong, Albert Einstein, Usain Bolt and Vivienne Westwood.





## YEAR 3 VIKING DAY

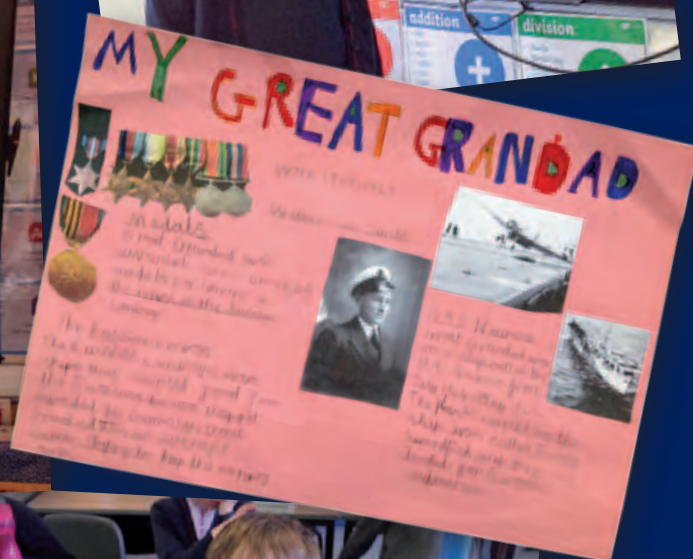
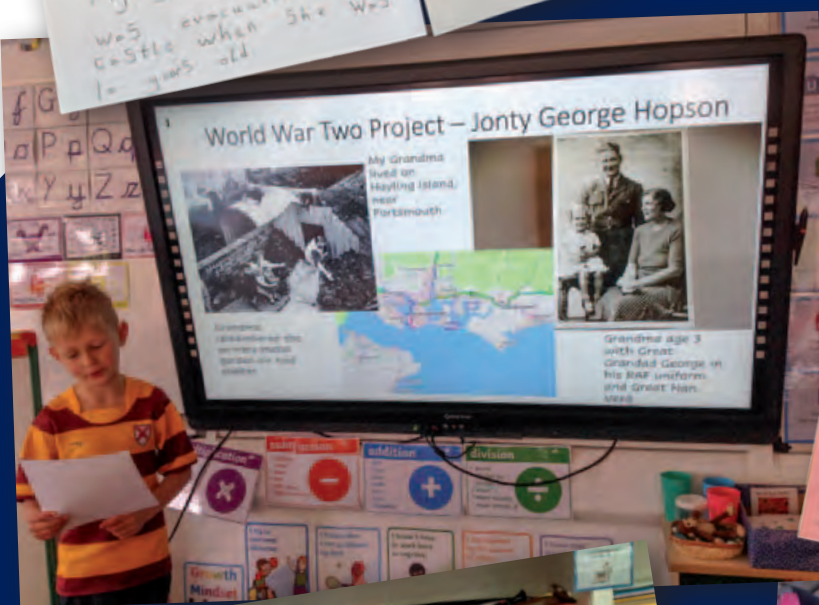
Year 3 enjoyed a Viking workshop. Dressed as Vikings, they learnt about where the Vikings invaded and settled. They also discovered the influence the Vikings had on Britain and learnt about words in our language that have come from the Norse language. The children had the opportunity to handle real Viking artefacts and play a Viking board game. The most exciting parts of the day were the Viking battle charge and the spear wrestling competition. The day ended with a reenactment of the Viking myth about how the world ended.





# WW2 PROJECT

Year 2 have loved sharing their projects they researched during their Easter holidays. They found a relative or person that inspired them and found out about how they helped during World War Two. The children have loved sharing their posters, books, artefacts and powerpoints. They have been so interesting, and we have been very impressed with the confidence and knowledge of the children sharing what they had found out.





# COMMUNITY

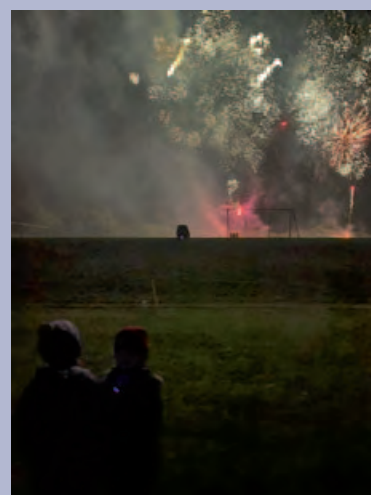
## ECO TREE PLANTING

The Eco Council team, along with the assistance of the maintenance team, have been planting 120 new trees on the school site. It will be of great support for improving the school's biodiversity and leaves a lasting legacy. We are grateful to the Woodland Trust who provided the saplings, all of which were delivered via the "Queen's Green Canopy", a legacy campaign started by the late Queen Elizabeth, and now continued by King Charles in her memory.



## CPA FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Huge congratulations to the CPA, and all the parents and staff, who contributed to the overwhelmingly successful Cranmore Fireworks at the beginning of November. Thankfully, the weather was kind to us and ensured we were all relatively dry, if a bit muddy! It was a wonderful display and a delight to see such a strong community presence!



## CPA BALL

The CPA ball was an incredible success and a wonderful way to celebrate Cranmore's 55th anniversary. The Sports Hall was transformed for the evening and parents and staff thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful entertainment that brought our school community together. Thank you to the CPA parents for their heroic efforts; it was a very memorable occasion.





# BURNS NIGHT

To celebrate Burns Night, an event was held on January 27th. Dressed up in a touch of Tartan Year 8 & 9 pupils from both Cranmore and St Teresa's were given the opportunity to try Haggis, a traditionally Scottish dish, as well as learn some traditional Scottish dances. The hall was filled with laughter as the pupils enjoyed a night of dinner, dancing and fun!





## RENAISSANCE CHALLENGE

In October as part of a senior assembly, we had the opportunity to celebrate the successes of our Renaissance Challenge participants. Certificates were awarded to those pupils in Year 8 and Year 9 who had shown independence of thought and selfmotivation to produce work on a range of topics. Various badges were awarded for submitted pieces which included an exploration of the history of cinema, reflections on D-Day and an analysis of the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix of 2021.



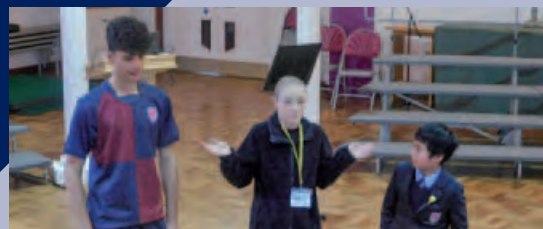
## E-SAFETY PRESENTATION

The informative E-Safety workshops were well received by the pupils and, in the evening, parents had an opportunity to join in an online session that highlighted recent trends and points of interest to be aware of at respective age levels.



## CRIME TALK

On Tuesday 14th March, The Year 8 and 9's participated in a knife crime presentation with PC Bennetts a Youth Engagement Officer from Surrey Police. The talk was very informative with the boys asking some very interesting questions about the use of knives and the consequences.



## STUDY SESSIONS WITH ELEVATE EDUCATION

Following the very instructive session on Study Skills for Year 7, two sessions were held for Years 8 & 9, which were designed to build upon the input received in previous years. Specifically pupils focused on:

**Time Management in Year 8**

**Memory Mnemonics in Year 9**

## HEALTH TALK

Year 7 and 8 listened with great interest to one of our nurses, Mrs Smith, give a talk about health and the dangers of vaping in particular.





# ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

5FS delivered an excellent assembly on the theme of 'Reaching Out' for Anti-Bullying Week, celebrating our differences as they are what make us special. Year 2 pupils made a giant year group poster which they shared in assembly, reminding others what to say and what to do in order to 'reach out' and get help if they are bullied. The school participated in a variety of different activities throughout the week, and it culminated in the pupils and staff wearing Odd Socks to highlight how unique we all are.

For Anti-Bullying Week, we were thinking of ways to 'Choose Kindness'. As part of this, the children chose to write letters home to their families to say thank you for all the wonderful things they do. We hope parents enjoyed receiving their special mail in the post!





# SCHOOLS CONSENT PSHE PROJECT

Year 8 and 9 pupils from both Cranmore and St Teresa's had joint PSHE lessons on consent. They developed their knowledge following on from the Schools Consent Project workshops. They learnt about the law of consent and discussed key terminology. Working in groups, they gave advice to characters in real life scenarios.





# MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

As part of Mental Health week we had Steve Macaulay from 2020 Dreams visit us to give the boys various talks based around confidence and connection. There were also other themed activities performed around the school including karaoke. The Mental Health Ambassadors also attended a 'minimedics' talk at St Teresa's. What a wonderful week it was!





# STEM

## SCIENCE WEEK – DIGGING UP THE PAST

The Year 4 pupils have learnt about fossils and experienced the life of a palaeontologist. Palaeontologists study the Earth's history through rocks and discovering fossils. Through these findings we are better able to understand the living conditions of organisms many years ago. It is with this knowledge of the Earth's evolutionary and ecological past that palaeontologists are able to predict future trends in climate change. In Science we had great fun creating our own fossils and excavating these carefully.



## SCIENCE WEEK – SKITTLES EXPERIMENT

Year 1 loved their science experiment in which they put the skittles around a plate, added some water and watched a rainbow form.



## UK BEBRAS CHALLENGE

Between the 7th and 18th of November, 117 senior students took part in the Bebras Challenge 2022/23. The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organised in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. The students performed very well, six students achieved in the top 10% in the country. They were awarded their certificates during assembly.





## CSI EVENING

The science department held a joint CSI family event at St Teresa's, inviting Year 8 families from both St Teresa's and Cranmore. They had to solve the burglary of the Epsom Derby trophy taken from Dr McShane's office. Examining blood, fingerprints, fibres and fluid from the crime scene they had to find the culprit.



## GALLEONS AND GRAVITY

Year 4 Scientists built gravity-defying galleons from aluminium foil in Science. The aim, to carry as much booty (coins) as possible before they sunk into the depths (of the washing up bowl)! They enjoyed learning about upthrust and gravity and the winning designs combined buoyancy with a widely distributed load. "Arggh, me Hearties!"





## E SPORT TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 15th November, Cranmore School students in Year 8 and 9 started their e-sport tournament for 2022/23 academic year, a tournament organised by Digital Schoolhouse, with Nintendo Switch sponsorship. The tournament aim is to introduce students to immersive careers pathways in the Gaming and Technology industry in the UK, through competitive gaming, team building, event management, and social media and marketing awareness.

During Internet Safety Week a group of pupils participated in the E Sports Tournament in London. Competition was strong but the pupils had an enjoyable first experience of the event. The school is proud to be the only Digital Schoolhouse hub and e-sport venue in Surrey.



## YEAR 3 PLANTING ACTIVITY

Year 3 started their summer term Science project on Plants and Growing by planting some seeds.



## SCIENCE WEEK SALT CRYSTALS

As part of Science week, Year 3 investigated making colourful salt crystals. They made a shape from pipe cleaners and suspended it in a saturated salt solution. They watched and monitored our investigation carefully to see how the salt crystals form, what size and colour they would be.





## PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

The first round of the Primary Maths Challenge took place on 14th November. All students in the top two sets in Year 6 participated in the challenge, as well as the top and middle sets in Year 5. Our students competed against students from across the whole of the UK. This year's paper was more challenging than the previous year. Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates were awarded by The Mathematical Association to each student, depending upon their marks obtained out of 25. Successfully answering a variety of multiple-choice mathematics problems, students scoring 20 or above were invited to take part in the Bonus Round.



## UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

In February, all pupils in Year 9 sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is the first time pupils in Cranmore took part in the challenge, which is open to pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 in schools in the UK and across the world. Congratulations to our high achieving problem solvers who were awarded certificates for their performance. This is a superb achievement for the pupils, particularly since they are the youngest in the age bracket for the challenge. Special congratulations to **Charles N** who was awarded a certificate for Best in School.



## STEM RASPBERRY PI

Cranmore STEM Club has worked on a sustainable, efficient and a cheaper version of a motion sensor using Raspberry Pi (Python coding) to make it more affordable for a wide range of consumers. Our project team consisted of 10 dedicated members who worked on hardware and software. They worked to create a motion sensing project comprised of a PIR sensor, a Raspberry Pi, along with python code which mainly leads to communicate motion and overall brings this project together. The STEM team researched how to save on electricity using a cheaper but efficient invention, which can help our community to have a positive impact by saving energy in our day-to-day life.

We had some initial changes; however the team was tenacious. We decided to use a motion sensor by the entrance of a room that will facilitate the lights turning on and off when people enter or leave.

For the hardware side, one of our team members completed the main design for the chassis in CAD as well as purchasing the required components. Two of the project members Dominic and Cavell coded the main communication firstly between the Raspberry Pi and the PIR sensor, and secondly the communication between the lights and the Raspberry Pi. We demonstrated that we can work together as a team and come together to enjoy making something that will help our environment.

Other team members Artom, Elliot, Theo, Oliver, Sebastian, Harry and Daniel, have been working on our presentation for the final submission and also filming a Youtube video where the STEM team are interviewed and explain the project.

We are aiming to achieve reduced energy waste by turning off the lights that are not in use, as research shared by the IDA showed that up to 30% of indoor power is wasted this way.



## STEM LECTURE WITH MCLAREN

Pupils in Years 8 and 9 attended a STEM Talk by **Mr Kenny Kong**, the Reliability Engineer at McLaren Racing. The sessions covered a wide range of topics including automotive engineering, sales and marketing, design & technology, F1 racing, sustainability & eco-friendly systems and career opportunities with McLaren. We got to hold car parts from F1 cars including Lando Norris' floor and Carlos Sainz' crumpled exhaust! He explained what down force is and showed us lap times which vary from the 2021 to the 2023 car and how the wings create down force and drag. We also got to ask him questions about why an F1 car porpoises. It was a very interesting visit.





## YEAR 5 MATHS MASTERCLASS AT ST TERESA'S

St Teresa's was delighted to offer five Primary Mathematics Masterclasses throughout this academic year in association with the Royal Institution. These series of workshops were led by enthusiastic speakers, including students in Years 12 and 13 who are studying STEM subjects and undertaking a Royal Institution Masterclass project under teacher supervision at St Teresa's. The masterclasses offered the students a fun and inclusive opportunity to investigate mathematical ideas outside the curriculum and explore the wider aspects of the subject. The six pupils chosen by their teachers at Cranmore school to attend the entire series of five sessions were: **Daniel C, Leo B, Anthony N, Nino L, Hugo B and Jasper H.**



## INVESTIGATING SHADOWS

Year 3 pupils loved investigating shadows as part of their Science topic.



## SWEET SCIENCE M&M CHEMISTRY EXPERIMENT

Why does the delicious smell of cooking bacon permeate the whole house? How does Oxygen enter the blood from your lungs and how does your body absorb nutrients from the digestive system? It's all down to Diffusion. Year 7 pupils learnt how particles spread out in gases and liquids, as a result of Brownian motion (random movement) and investigated factors affecting the rate of diffusion. Pupils enjoyed using M&Ms to demonstrate this process in their Chemistry lessons, watching the colour from the coating spreading out through water at different temperatures. The patterns were pretty cool too!





## SCIENCE WEEK – STEM WORKSHOP

Years 5 and 6 were treated to a fabulous STEM workshop when Wonderstruck showcased a number of dramatic experiments! They enjoyed learning about the science behind each experiment and were dazzled by the visual and audio effects.





## JOINT MATHS AND STEM CLUBS SESSIONS

Maths and Stem clubs joined forces and held two exciting sessions for Upper Prep and Senior pupils. In Mr. Savvides' Maths Club session, the pupils looked at Desmos, a graphing app. They learnt about a variety of curves and their real-life applications, including sine waves, which are used extensively by games developers to make water effects or smooth character movements. We also heard the ear-piercing sound that sine waves make when amplified! The pupils had lots of fun playing with and animating a variety of curves.

In Mr Rahman's Stem Club session, the pupils conducted a scientific experiment on how to make slimes. They learned about the properties of slime including the fact that it is a non-Newtonian fluid, meaning it is neither a liquid nor a solid and has properties of both. They also knew that 'slime is made up of polymers, which are made of long chains of molecules that bind together when the ingredients blend'. Most importantly, they realised that having incorrect compositions of glue, borax, water, and food colourings may affect the quality of slimes. They worked out the right amount of ingredients needed to make high quality slimes. They thoroughly enjoyed this experiment and had lots of fun playing with colourful slimes.





## STEM WORKSHOP

The Lower Prep were delighted to take part in a KAPLA® workshop in celebration of our Trust value of the year, Intellect.

KAPLA® encourages logical thinking, stimulates creativity and helps develop concentration, patience and perseverance. It is also a great STEM resource. The children had an incredible time, building as a team, learning about cooperation and communication, as they collaborated in creating a wonderful 'Cranmore Community' out of the construction material.

The day concluded, with a showcase of their monumental masterpiece to other year groups, before Year 3 took the great honour of demolishing it!





## ANIMAZING VISIT

The children in Years 1 and 2 experienced Animazing, with a wide range of animals from a barn owl to stick insects. They learnt about what the animals eat and how they live in the wild. The children really enjoyed handling the different animals. It was a wonderful experience!





# ENGLISH

## BOOK WEEK

Pupils throughout the school have been involved in a variety of book-themed activities including:

- An author visit by Sarah Govett for pupils in Years 8 and 9
- An author visit by Tom Palmer for pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5
- Competitions to win book prizes
- Making hedgehogs out of old library books
- Attending the Usborne book fair
- Treasure hunts in the Lower Prep
- Story reading by the Senior Leadership Team to Lower Prep pupils
- Writing a joint story in Reception

We have been thrilled by the enthusiasm shown by our pupils throughout the week for the various activities and we very much hope that the week will prompt an increased interest in the fabulous books we have on offer in our libraries as well as those at home!



## CLIFF MCNISH WORKSHOP

All pupils in Year 8 attended a ghost story writing workshop with author Cliff McNish. He described the key elements of a good ghost story, and encouraged the pupils to produce their own outlines of a story which they will work on in their English lessons. It was wonderful to have an author as experienced as Cliff to teach this type of creative writing to our pupils as part of their study of gothic literature.



## ROTARY DEBATE

Three Senior pupils – **Jamie B**, **Oliver W** and **Cavell W** – took part in the Rotary Debating Competition held at St Teresa's. They presented their debate, entitled 'We're doomed, we're finished, there is no turning back the clock on climate change' in front of a panel of Rotary judges and a packed audience of parents, teachers and pupils from other competing schools. The Cranmore pupils spoke eloquently on their topic, injecting an effective balance of thorough research, powerful anecdotes and disarming humour to win over the crowd. Whilst they were pipped to the post by their highly persuasive counterparts from St Teresa's, the Cranmore team was praised by the judges for taking hold of the evening 'by the scruff of its neck' with their natural debating presence. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their first experience of debating, a very well done to them all; they are star debaters in the making!





## SARAH GOVETT AUTHOR VISIT

On the second day of Book Week, author Sarah Govett came to speak to our Year 8 and 9 pupils. She talked about the inspiration behind her books and how she became an author. Her talk generated some fascinating discussions about the threats posed by genetic engineering, global warming and artificial intelligence. Many pupils took home a signed copy of her books.



## DAVID FARR AUTHOR VISIT

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were treated to a wonderful visit from author David Farr. He talked about the inspiration behind his desire to become a children's author, namely the experiences of his German-Jewish great grandparents who helped their children to escape from Germany to England during World War Two. The pupils were enthralled by his talk as David provided an interactive and highly educational talk. The Book of Stolen Dreams is David's first children's book and we are eagerly anticipating the sequel which comes out in 2023.





# CHLOE INKPEN AUTHOR VISIT

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were thrilled to receive a visit from author and illustrator Chloe Inkpen. Chloe delighted them with a dramatic reading of several of her books and demonstrated how to draw various characters. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our pupils in each session whether for taking part in the dramatic reading with actions and sounds or producing their own superb artwork based on Chloe's techniques.





## EFFINGHAM READING CHALLENGE

Pupils who read all five books of the Effingham Reading Challenge travelled to the Senior Library at St Teresa's for a celebration of their achievement alongside the girls who completed the challenge at St Teresa's. The pupils discussed the books in small groups and then enjoyed chocolate chip cookies, pains au chocolat, juice and hot chocolate together. The celebration tied in well with Values Week, reading being a very effective way to improve our intellect!



## PANCAKE-MAKING

As part of the English curriculum, Year 3 have been reading and writing instructions. They followed a recipe carefully to make their own pancakes and thoroughly enjoyed tasting the results.





## TOM PALMER AUTHOR VISIT

To kick off Book Week, Tom Palmer came to speak to Years 3, 4 and 5 pupils. They heard about the different books he writes, where he gets his inspiration from and his writing process. Our pupils also took part in a quiz with some football, rugby and general knowledge questions. Those who answered correctly were able to take part in a throwing competition to try to win a trophy, which was great fun. Our pupils also posed some challenging questions for this popular author of historical and sport-related books.



## WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP

The whole school dressed up to celebrate World Book Day. We were very impressed with the wonderful array of inventive costumes and it was a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone.





## WORLD BOOK DAY ACTIVITIES

Upper Prep pupils participated in a scavenger hunt in the library. They were given the task of identifying 14 book characters and then solving an anagram with selected letters from the characters' names. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and a great deal of fun was had by all! The whole school also enjoyed a book-themed lunch, with such delights as 'I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato' soup, Peter Rabbit's carrots and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' cake! We received some fantastic entries to the Book in the Box and Book in a Jar competition.

## WORLD BOOK DAY — YEAR 3

In Year 3 we had a fantastic World Book Day. We experienced a range of live lessons, learning about book genres and how to put a twist on a well-known story. We also participated in a live draw-along, the big footy-booky quiz and finished the day with a book café.



## KARL NOVA VISIT

Our Year 7 and 8 pupils were enthralled by two inspiring sessions with Karl Nova, poet and hip-hop artist. He started by sharing the background to his life as a performance poet and writer. Pupils were interested to learn that Rap stands for 'Rhythm and Poetry', the title of his first, award-winning, book and that his interest in poetry developed as a result of discovering Rap. We were so impressed by his performances of his poetry. By popular demand, he composed a free-style poem using ten words provided by the Year 8 pupils, which was very impressive. Pupils also enjoyed asking him questions and joining him in a musical performance to round off each session.





# WORLD BOOK DAY SUMMARY

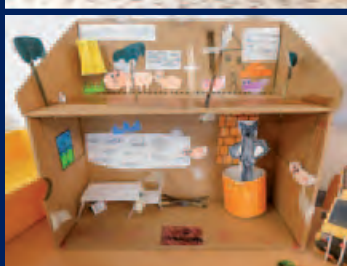
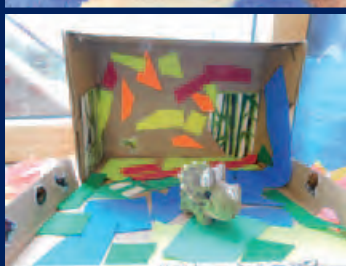
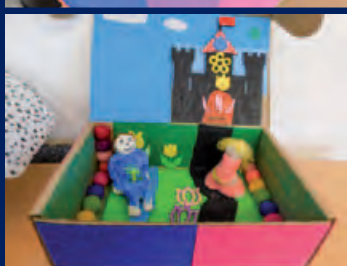
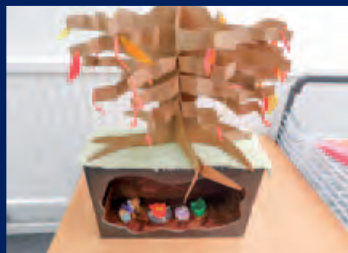
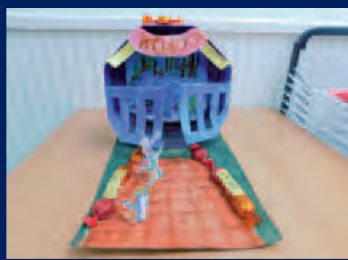
To celebrate World Book Day we had an action-packed week, filled with a variety of different book themed activities. We welcomed author and illustrator Chloe Inkpen to Cranmore to inspire some of our younger readers; held the Battle of the Books final during assembly for the older pupils; enjoyed a special book-themed lunch; and hosted a carousel of activities in the library. There was also a wonderful visual spectacle on the Friday as pupils and staff dressed up as their chosen literary character.





# BOOK IN A BOX COMPETITION

Thank you to all pupils who took part in the Book in a Box competition. Without exception, the entries were of a very high standard, which made it very difficult to choose the winners!





# TEAM BUILDING

## UPPER PREP TEAM BUILDING

The Upper Prep were involved in team building activities. Pupils were put through their paces to successfully complete a number of tasks in small teams. They participated in a number of activities including a blindfolded activity, stepping stones, passing objects through gutters and a rather challenging water activity to earn a key. As they progressed with each activity, it became clearer that communication and patience would be essential. The teams that listened to each other's ideas and worked methodically together achieved great results. The cheers could be heard across the school as each group successfully completed their task at hand.





## YEAR 8 TEAM BUILDING

At the start of the day Year 8 classes were divided into two teams, A and B. Both teams were given different instructors, the winning team would receive a prize at the end of the activities. The team building exercises ran through the morning all the way to lunchtime. Activities included building a 3D cube from certain puzzle pieces, trying to get a ball through certain obstacles, and many more.

The whole event was very exciting for everyone! Team Building Day taught important skills such as patience, teamwork, respect, and many other key skills. It was a thrilling and fun day for everybody involved.





## YEAR 9, YEAR 7 AND YEAR 6 TEAM BUILDING

On Wednesday 5th October, Year 9, Year 7 and Year 6 had an afternoon of teambuilding activities. The boys showed teamwork skills, enthusiasm and (as ever) competitive spirit to work their way through a number of puzzles, challenges and games. It was great to see everyone getting stuck in and working well together.





# FOREST SCHOOL

## FOREST SCHOOL YEAR 2

As always, Year 2 had a wonderful time at Forest School. We started the lesson by looking at all the different mushrooms that have started growing on the Henderson Fields. There were mushrooms that were as big as our faces, mushrooms that looked like turtle shells and mushrooms in the shape of a bowl. During our session, some students made sculptures using clay and others went on a scavenger hunt for different autumn leaves.



## FOREST SCHOOL YEAR 3

Year 3 had a great afternoon at Forest School. We chopped wood to make kindling, practised lighting a fire using flint stones and had toasted bagels on the fire. The boys enjoyed using binoculars and exploring.





# NURSERY, RECEPTION & Y1 FOREST SCHOOL









# NURSERY

## AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

The Nursery children were very excited to tell us all about their experience at the Cranmore Fireworks event. They have really enjoyed creating firework pictures using mixed media for our display. At Forest School, the children searched for different mini beasts, using the binoculars and bug magnifiers to have a closer examination! Some of the girls participated in imaginary play and had a lovely time manipulating the playdough to make cookies and cakes for baking. The children learned about Remembrance and engaged in a craft activity making their own poppies; this enabled them to practice their scissor skills.



## NURSERY END OF YEAR PARTY

The Nursery all had a wonderful end of year party. The theme was Mermaids and Pirates and the children all made a huge effort with their costumes! They made a choice of sandwiches for their party and had fun playing games and dancing.





## SPRING

It felt as if Spring had really arrived in the Nursery, as the Pre-Nursery children planted Cosmos seeds in preparation for putting in our pots in the Nursery Garden. Lots of the children enjoyed planting the carrots in the vegetable patch with Mrs Rossi. There was some lovely sensory play, using couscous and spring onions, followed by lots of messy play with shaving foam in the tuff tray. The Red Group had great fun playing with streamers and ribbons, making the most of what was a very windy day! Our role play areas included a Hairdressers and a Doctor's Surgery, this has produced some lovely imaginary role play amongst the children.





## DIWALI NURSERY

The Nursery children learnt about the Hindu festival of light, Diwali. They have enjoyed listening to the story of Rama and Sita and creating their own Rangoli pictures, using coloured sand. In the craft session, they developed their fine motor skills through manipulating clay to make their own Diva lights. The Pre-Nursery children had great fun in the Gym session playing parachute games! They produced some lovely firework pictures and made edible sparklers.



## RHYME WEEK

For National Nursery Rhyme week the Pre-Nursery children really enjoyed joining in with different Nursery rhymes and engaging in various art activities, making spiders, sheep and baking currant buns! The Nursery children had a fun time at Forest School, they made their own pizzas and cooked them on the camp fire. They experienced some lovely sensory play with baked beans in the tuff tray, describing what they could feel and smell. In French, they continued to learn about colours and participated in collage activity.





## DRAGON DANCE

The Nursery children learned about Chinese New Year. They performed a wonderful Dragon dance, wearing traditional costumes, playing musical instruments and wearing a Chinese Dragon head. There were lots of related craft activities and parents had the opportunity to see at our 'Come and See' event! The children enjoyed sensory play with noodles and imaginary play in our very own Chinese restaurant.





# ACTIVITIES WEEK

## YEAR 8 ACTIVITIES WEEK

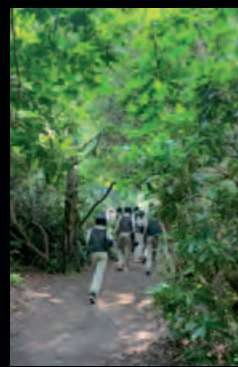
Pupils in Year 8 have spent a whole week participating in a wide range of exciting activities. They were baking, beat-boxing, spray painting their own t-shirts with graffiti-inspired designs, rambling, cycling, learning about leadership and paint balling. They had a huge amount of fun and learnt several new skills.

















# VALUES WEEK

## YEAR 5 RAMBLE



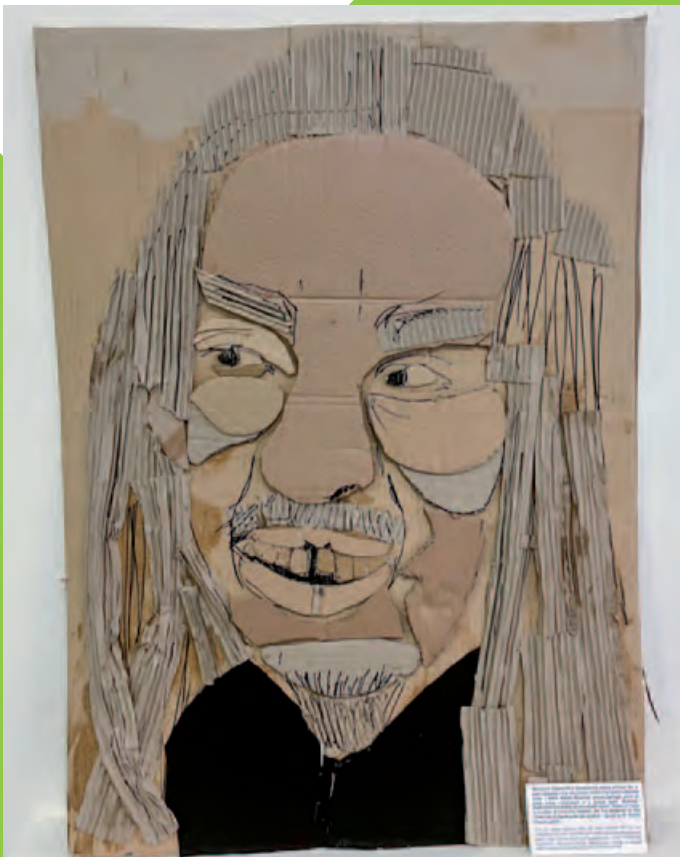
Our Year 5 pupils took part in a ramble with their counterparts at St Teresa's. They started their ramble at Bocketts Farm, walked down towards Polesden Lacey and across Ranmore Common, before stopping for lunch at a scenic viewpoint. After an enjoyable al fresco lunch, they parted ways and made their way back to their respective schools. The Cranmore pupils covered a distance of 10 miles and impressed their teachers with their stamina and fitness! The stunning scenery and fair weather meant that it was a very enjoyable day out.





## CARDBOARD ARTWORK

Our school's value this year was 'Intellect'. A diverse set of activities took place throughout the school to celebrate this value. The Art Club students have created cardboard relief sculptures of a range of intellectuals nominated by department heads to remind our boys that intellect transfers through many forms, not always academic and not always in the places we might expect. They have been placed in prominent positions in the subject areas around the school, and are already prompting much discussion.



## VALUES WEEK IN LOWER PREP

The Lower Prep had a wonderful time celebrating 'Intellect' as part of our Values Week. We thought of intellect in simple terms as the ability to use the mind creatively. With this in mind, we started and ended our Values Week with some masterclasses for the children to enjoy.

Pupils took part in sessions of Spanish with Mrs Bowen, bracelet making with Mrs Prothero and even some cooking with Miss Freeman. Mrs Green set a STEM challenge to build the tallest structure, Ms Sinclair delved into the world of coding, and Mrs Stefano allowed the children to really explore creatively with some abstract art. Other activities included drama with Mrs James, music composing with Mrs Carpenter and the children were able to work on their strength, speed and agility with a masterclass in sport with Miss Hurl. I know the children really enjoyed this opportunity to try something different and broaden their capacity for understanding, thinking and reasoning.





## PAUL CURZON VISIT

As part of Values Week, we welcomed Professor Paul Curzon, Professor of Computer Science at Queen Mary University of London, who delivered a seminar entitled Artificial Intelligence: but where is the intelligence? The seminar included physical activities such as "Is it a human or a computer" conversation, "Noughts and Crosses against Algorithm", and "How to teach AI to play chess using sweets". Our Year 8 and 9 students attended the event and enjoyed participating in the physical computing activities, asking questions, and discussing ethical issues that were raised during the seminar.



## MINI LECTURES



Members of staff presented a series of minilectures on the theme of Intellect for Values Week on a wide variety of topics, including codebreaking; cryptic crosswords; Oasis versus Blur; how waves are made and how to surf them; sport psychology; motorcycle engineering developments; and chess puzzles.



# DRAMA

## HARRY RINGS, LORD OF THE POTTERS

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.



## JASON REDHILL

Well done to **Jason S** in 2JC for winning his category at the Redhill & Reigate Music and Drama Festival. He played London Bells on the piano with fantastic dynamics and musical character.



## GRANGE PARK OPERA

Congratulations to our pupils who performed so fabulously in the Grange Park opera production of Tosca.





## GUILDFORD SHAKESPEARE COMPANY VISITS

Year 7 enjoyed watching Guildford Shakespeare Company's performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of their study of the play in English. The actors created powerful atmosphere when presenting the dispute between the fairy king and queen, the lovers' quarrels and the comedy of the Mechanicals' interactions, asking for audience participation for various characters, such as Puck, Snug and Snout. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching the play, reporting that it supported their understanding of Shakespeare's language and really brought the characters to life.



Pupils in year 8 and 9 attended a performance workshop on *Romeo and Juliet* by the Guildford Shakespeare Company. The pupils were enthusiastic about participating in the performance and found the actors' approach very engaging, dispelling any inhibitions about studying Shakespeare. The company explained how the content and characters are everything you might see in a "Marvel movie" and even got the teachers to act. It was a thoroughly entertaining, whilst educational, afternoon.





## FRENCH PLAY

Years 7 and 8 enjoyed an entertaining visit from Onatti who performed a sketch in English and French. The subject was a stay in a French hospital in which an English school pupil on a school skiing trip had to go to hospital with a suspected broken leg. Our pupils enjoyed the interactive nature of the session, which brought their French language learning to life.

'I thought it was very inspiring, funny and entertaining. I enjoyed learning new words in French.' **Harry P**

'It was interesting and helped me understand French a bit better.' **Daniel G**



## PIED PIPER THEATRE COMPANY VISIT

Lower Prep were delighted to welcome back the Pied Piper Theatre Company. The children were enthralled by the production of 'Burglar Bill', inspired by Janet and Allan Ahlberg's beautiful picture book. The sounds of laughter emanating from the Auditorium were a delight to hear. The fun characters were brought to life on stage with an exciting set design, puppets, and original music and songs. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a real theatre company.





## DRAMA WORKSHOP

Reception and Year 1 participated in an interactive drama workshop with Perform. They were taken on an adventure to Neverland where they helped Peter Pan recover his treasure from Captain Hook!





# HEROES OF TROY

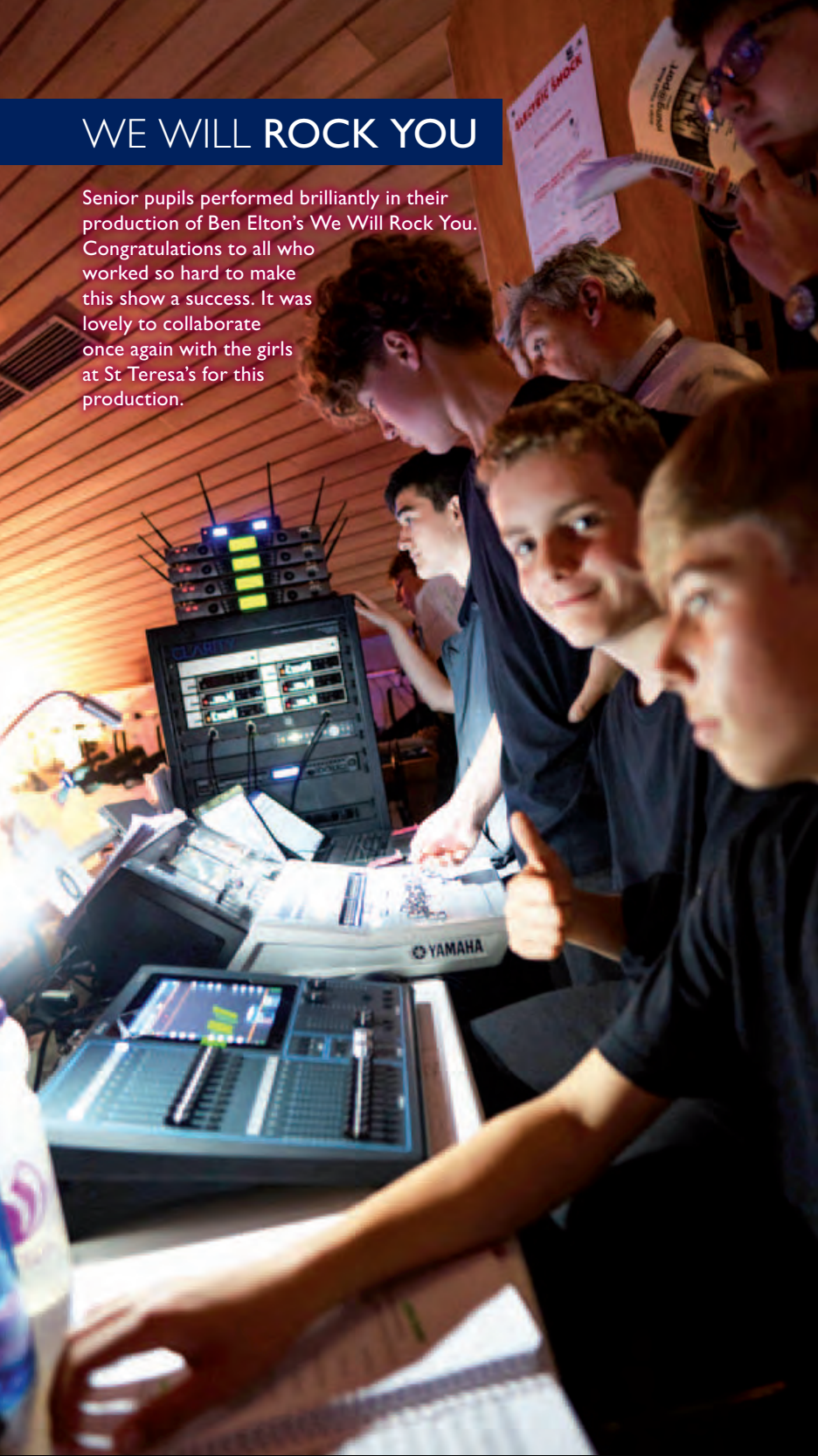
On Wednesday 15th March, Year 4 pupils worked very hard to prepare for their Drama performance, Heroes of Troy. The songs they learnt in Music with Mrs Thornton enhanced the mood and atmosphere of the scenes. Pupils took on the role of the iconic Greek Heroes, such as Achilles, Odysseus and Agamemnon, and retold the story from the Old Soldiers' memories. Over 10 years of war, he concludes "What was that all about then? And to this day, I don't know. All I know is—this tale of Heroes will outlast me. It'll live for ever..." This challenging play with songs was delivered with such confidence and the pupils organised themselves on stage, presenting the characters and historic story with real enthusiasm. Huge congratulations to them!





## WE WILL ROCK YOU

Senior pupils performed brilliantly in their production of Ben Elton's *We Will Rock You*. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this show a success. It was lovely to collaborate once again with the girls at St Teresa's for this production.









## Y2&3 NATIVITY

Years 2 and 3 gave us a fantastic rendition of their Nativity with 'The Inn Crowd'. From the snoring donkey to the beautiful dancing angels, all the children performed with the utmost poise and professionalism. We were incredibly proud of them all and a big thank you to all the staff for their hard work behind the scenes.





## EYFS & Y1 NATIVITY

The EYFS and Year 1 gave a wonderful performance of 'A Little Nativity'. We were so impressed at the confidence from Year 1 to deliver their lines so clearly, and the singing and acting from the EYFS really gave that extra special magic to the event and reminded everyone of the real meaning of Christmas. A huge thank you to everyone involved.





# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH READING BUDDIES

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh award, some Year 9 pupils volunteered their time to become Reading Buddies in our Lower Prep School. They were incredible role models in encouraging the children to enjoy their reading books.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH INITIAL TRAINING





## Y9 BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

Seven groups of Year 9 pupils departed from Dorking station on a hot summer's day into the Surrey Hills to undertake their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. The going was easy initially, but there were a few challenges along the way due to the heat. Staying hydrated became a top priority! A few groups did take a few wrong turns along the way but this only added to the fun and everyone made it to Henfold Lake at the end of the first day. The boys successfully set up their own tents and cooked their dinner on camping stoves. On the second day, the boys began their return journey back to Dorking station. Morale was high as they ventured through the beautiful countryside. The boys felt a sense of relief and achievement as they arrived at the station group by group.





# CHARITY

## CRANMORE WIND BAND VISIT LIMEGROVE CARE HOME

Members of the Cranmore Wind Band visited Limegrove Care Home in December to entertain the residents. They sang Christmas carols and played festive melodies to a large gathering of residents and staff. They also shared some beautiful hand-made Christmas cards with the residents which had been made and written by some of the other Cranmore boys. One of the residents was 102 years old and in such fine voice!

After our performances, the boys took time to chat with the residents and wished them all a very merry Christmas. This was a wonderfully humbling and rewarding experience for us all.



## HARLEQUINS FOUNDATION CHARITY

Well done to the pupils who fundraised and donated to Harlequins Foundation in support of underprivileged pupils in Africa. The fundraising manager from the Foundation, Andrew Warner, came to Cranmore to thank the pupils and explain how the funds would help to support projects for children from Lesotho.

## SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you for the incredibly generous donations that we received for our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Members of the Chaplaincy Team helped to sort through the boxes and passed them on for delivery to Romania.



## HARVEST COLLECTION

Thank you to our Cranmore families for their really amazing response to our Harvest collection. Myfanwy from LeatherHEAD START was delighted to receive the generous donations – in fact, we almost couldn't fit it all in the car!





## SCHOOL COUNCIL HOT CHOCOLATE SALE

Our School Council held a break time hot chocolate sale for Upper Prep pupils. We raised £168 which went towards purchasing a clock for the bus shelter in the main car park.



## CHERRY TREES CAKE SALE

Both the Lower and Upper Preps held cake sales and raised £235 for our charity Cherry Trees. Thank you to all those who baked and also to those who brought in money to buy the delicious cakes!





# CORONATION CAKE COMPETITION & SALE

Congratulations to the winners of the Coronation Cake Competition. The quality of the entries was so high that it was exceptionally difficult to choose!



# LOWER PREP SCHOOL COUNCIL CHARITY BAKE SALE

The Lower Prep School Council did an amazing job baking some delicious Easter treats to sell and raise money for our chosen charity Rainbow's.





# ACTION DAY

Congratulations to all the boys in the Upper Prep and Senior School who displayed their talents at the two Action Days. From magicians to musicians and actors to readers, there were so many wellrehearsed acts on show. This event was a charity fundraiser and the £1,071 raised went to our chosen charity, Action in Africa, who help two communities in Tanzania.





# MUSIC

## PIANO CONCERTS

We were treated to some exquisite musical performances during the piano concerts held in the auditorium. Pupils played a range of pieces from classical and contemporary artists; it was inspiring to witness the talent on display and reassuring to know that the tradition of musical excellence at Cranmore continues.



## SPRING SOIREE

Congratulations to all the boys who performed in the Spring Soirée. The music staff who were present at the concert felt really proud of what the pupils achieved and the high standard of music they displayed.

## JUNIOR CHOIR SINGS AT ALL SAINT'S CHURCH

The Junior Chamber Choir sang at All Saint's Church in Ockham. They sung two songs beautifully and it was a wonderful event for all.

Thank you to the choir who have worked so hard this term and have brought so much enthusiasm and quality. Also thank you to the parents for your endless support and ensuring your children arrived at school every week for the 8am rehearsals! Thank you to Mr Everitt for doing a reading in the service.





## SENIOR SCHOOL YOUNG MUSICIANS FINALS

The Young Musician Finals took place in June. There were some truly amazing performances.

**Charlie W** was announced as the winner of the Year 7 Final with his masterful performance of 'Large Wave' by Wedgwood.

After much thought, the adjudicator chose **Sam B** as the winner of the Year 8 Final. He performed 'En Irlande' by Bozza.

Congratulations to **Rónan**, who was the winner of the Year 9 Final. His performance of 'Stars' from Les Misérables was stunning.



## PIANO CONCERT

It was a pleasure to listen to the piano pupils of Mrs Geddes in an afternoon concert. There was a range of ages and standards on show and we must congratulate all of the boys for their excellent performances. A big thank you to Mrs Geddes for organising and running this event.



## PREP YOUNG MUSICIANS

Congratulations to all who took part and in particular our winners.

Well done to the six fine young musicians who performed so brilliantly in the Year 4 Final of the Young Musician Competition. It was decided that **Hugo P** was the winner.

My congratulations to the six young musicians who performed so brilliantly in the Year 5 final. Adjudicated by Mr Roberts, who will be joining the department in September, the playing and singing was of a very high standard. **Nino L** was awarded first place.

The Year 6 final was of a high quality with six very accomplished musicians, all giving such mature performances for their age. The winner was **Colin C**.





## CORONATION CONCERT YEAR 2

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, Year 2 had their own coronation concert. The concert started with the national anthem and then teachers kicked things off with a rendition of Green, Green Grass.

**Jonty** was a fabulous host with lots of jokes. Some students were sound technicians and played intro music that students composed in their computing lesson. Students choose to perform poetry, jokes, songs and gymnastics. It was a wonderful celebration, and everyone felt very excited to watch the other coronation concert that took place in Windsor.



## GRANGE PARK OPERA

Cranmore and St Teresa's pupils travelled to London for a rehearsal with Grange Park Opera. We are delighted that they had this wonderful opportunity to take part in a professional opera production.



## SENIOR CHAMBER CHOIR TRIP TO WOKING MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Senior Chamber Choir performed at the Woking Music Festival in November and earned a well deserved Distinction. They received some extremely positive comments from the adjudicator. Well done to all pupils involved.



## M-TECH DEMONSTRATION

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a demonstration by M-Tech.

## MTECH GOLDEN DISC

The winner of the Golden Disc for Project Arcade was **Barnaby H.**





## LONDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

This year's Cranmore Live featured the fabulous London Community Gospel Choir (LCGC), led by Basil Meade (MBE). Basil and three members of LCGC worked with 86 children from both Cranmore and St Teresa's in an afternoon workshop. Basil explained the history of gospel music and worked on several songs with the pupils, including 'Freedom' and 'This Little Light of Mine'. They then performed those songs as part of the evening concert.

We were also treated to a fantastic set from LCGC and their band. The sheer power and intensity from their singing really was something to behold. It was wonderful to see a packed Auditorium and so many smiles on so many faces. LCGC received a well-deserved standing ovation at the end of their final number, 'Oh Happy Day'. My thanks to the staff from both schools for their support in making Cranmore Live a great success.



## UPPER PREP CHAMBER CHOIR AT THE O2 YOUNG VOICES CONCERT

Pupils in the Upper Prep Chamber Choir had a wonderful trip to the O2 for the Young Voices concert. The pupils sang a range of songs with a live band alongside thousands of other children. They were treated to watching the famous violinist Anna Phoebe and a fantastic beatboxing group. Another highlight was singing the song 'Proud' with the famous Heather Small. Parents came to watch the spectacular evening concert and everyone had a brilliant time. Well done to pupils involved, it really was a night to remember.





# HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The theme for this year's House Music competition was the House colour. There was great excitement with the House Music Competition across the Upper Prep and Senior School. The inter-house rivalry was evident with pupils and staff vying for the trophy. Congratulations to Stokes House who were announced as the winners with their rendition of the Beatles classic, Yellow Submarine.





## PROMS IN THE PADDOCK

The Lower Prep pupils took part in a special Proms in the Paddock to celebrate King Charles' Coronation. The National Anthem was sung by all followed by the choirs performing 'Sing for the King' to commence the concert. The performance continued with two summer-themed songs sung by the Nursery and Pre Nursery children. Reception pupils followed with two lively dance songs. Year 1 showcased two upbeat tunes on the 'Boomwhackers' before an impressive recorder medley by Year 2. Year 3 performed two Rock and Roll songs on the ukulele and all of the Lower Prep pupils then sang 'Message For The King' all together for the finale.

It was a superb concert celebrating the King's recent Coronation and we are very proud of all the pupils involved. Thank you to the parents and teachers for your support on this wonderful occasion.





# CAROL CONCERT

Our Carol Services were a fitting end to the school term. We were immensely impressed with the performances of the pupils on both evenings, they were a real credit to the school. Thank you to everyone involved in the preparation for the celebrations and for all the support from our Cranmore community.





## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

We were delighted to welcome our parents from across the EYFS for our Father's Day celebrations. In the Nursery, they enjoyed a continental breakfast in the garden and then all the children sang 'Frère Jacques' and 'He's Got All Our Love In His Hands'. The fathers of the Reception children enjoyed listening to them tell jokes and share why they love their daddies, before tucking into a delicious breakfast of salmon bagels, pastries and tasty yoghurts.





## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Students across all year groups celebrated the European Day of Languages on Monday 26th September. They had a day full of different activities to discover more about Europe. The students completed a quiz during form time. At break time, students came to the European Photo Booth where they enjoyed posing in front of European destinations for photos with their friends. They enjoyed visiting Paris, Barcelona, Dublin and the Alps on their very brief travels. We have to say a huge thank you to the canteen for putting on a range of delicious dishes such as pizza, chicken chorizo and for dessert, students devoured the crepes.

We had over 50 entries across all year groups for the Pizza Flag competition. This is the first time we offered this competition and the entries represented all flags across the globe, they were truly creative and not only pizza but fruit tarts too. Can you guess the flag for each pizza? Well done to everyone for their participation and for making it a great experience.





## SALSA

As a fun ending to their study of Spanish, Year 7 pupils had a salsa dancing class. It was great fun!



## FRENCH BREAKFAST

We hosted a French breakfast for the Year 5 pupils across the Trust to practice their French. Some of our senior students helped to keep the flow of conversation going, as well as enjoy the breakfast.





# TRIPS

## TRIP TO THE ROALD DAHL MUSEUM

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to the Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden and participated in a character crafting workshop. The children enjoyed the village walk up to Roald Dahl's grave, linking the clues seen along the way to his various books.



## TRIP TO SEE WICKED

Year 3 were very fortunate to visit the Apollo Victoria Theatre to see a performance of 'Wicked'. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the show, particularly the parts with the Wizard of Oz and the dragon.



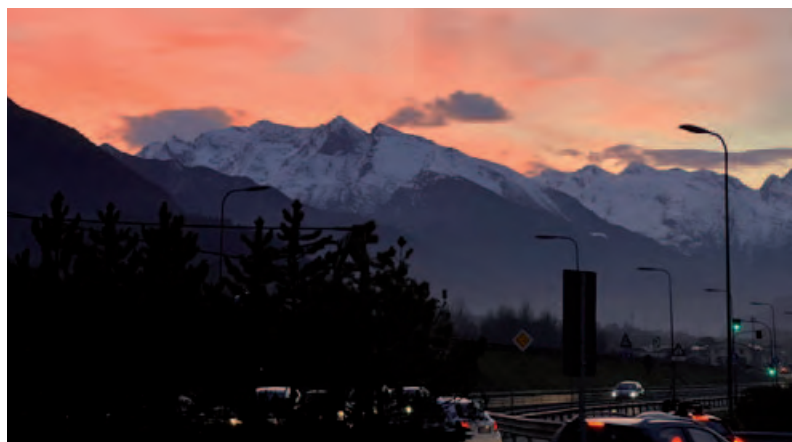


## SKI TRIP TO PILA, ITALY

44 pupils from across the whole school and their parents had a wonderful ski trip in Pila, Italy, over the Christmas holidays. A real bonus was the abundance of snow, in contrast to much of the rest of Europe at the time.

Those in the group who had never skied before made superb progress, experiencing some red runs by the end of the week and working towards parallel skiing. The more advanced skiers built on their already excellent technique.

Mr Mellstrom acted as a ski guide to the parents, showing them the best runs and restaurants as well as offering them some pointers along the way. Once the slopes had closed, everyone enjoyed some great après-ski, tubing, a trip into the old town of Aosta and delicious Italian pizza and ice cream.





## SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT TO PARLIAMENT

The Upper Prep members of the School Council visited Parliament. The pupils enjoyed a fascinating tour of the Houses of Parliament including Westminster Hall and were able to listen to live debates in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The pupils also took part in a workshop to learn more about the lawmaking process. Towards the end of the visit, we had a question and answer session with the MP for Mole Valley, Sir Paul Beresford.



## RECEPTION TRIP TO BROOKLANDS

Reception had a very exciting trip to Brooklands Museum. The children enjoyed looking at cars, buses and planes and even made their own racing cars!





## YEAR 6 VISIT TO BROOKLANDS MUSEUM

On Thursday 25th May, Year 6 visited Brooklands Museum to explore the amazing automotive and aeronautical innovations on show. In glorious sunshine, they built 'downhill racers', climbed aboard a range of aircraft, stood inside the famous stratosphere chamber and browsed the amazing range of cars, planes and buses in the museum. This tied in with their study of industry and design in Geography and DTE.



## TRIP TO GODSTONE FARM

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed meeting the animals at Godstone Farm.





## YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TO NEW BARN

Year 4 had an exciting residential trip to New Barn in Dorset. They took part in a variety of activities which taught them what life was like during the Iron Age, including grinding wheat to make flour and stirring milk to make butter!





## YEAR 5 CHAPLAINCY VISIT TO WINTERSHALL

Our Year 5 Chaplaincy Team representatives had a wonderful day at Wintershall. The day was centred on the theme of 'Following in Your Footsteps' and it allowed our boys the time and space to reflect on their own roles within the Catholic Guildford Deanery alongside children from other local schools. As well as enjoying the beautiful scenery at Wintershall, we were able to explore what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus through a series of creative activities.



## RECEPTION TO ST TERESA'S EQUESTRIAN

Reception had a fantastic time visiting the ponies at St Teresa's. They enjoyed learning their names, how they are cared for and even watched them having their teeth cleaned!





## TRIP TO LEGO LAND

Our Year 1 pupils went to Legoland where they developed their STEM knowledge through designing and building their own sea creatures and habitat. The children were then able to see the real creatures by boarding a submarine and going through an aquarium!



## TRIP TO SEE A CHRISTMAS CAROL AT THE ROSE THEATRE

Year 5 watched a production of A Christmas Carol at the Rose Theatre. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance which brought this well-known story to life with exciting special effects.





# TRIP TO WINDSOR CASTLE

Year Two went to Windsor Castle as part of the history unit, Castles. Children were lucky enough to go into St. George's Chapel. They saw the incredible stained glass windows, the organ loft and the burial sites of many past kings and queens, including the burial site of Queen Elizabeth II. Year 2 also explored the state rooms and were incredibly impressed by the swords, rifles, jewels and golden cups and plates. The changing of the guard was amazing to see and inspired many students to march like soldiers for the rest of the day. Finally, students took part in a workshop on knights. Students were able to dress up and act out the different stages of becoming a knight. Everyone had a wonderful time and learnt so much.





## TRIP TO THE RURAL LIFE CENTRE

Year 2 went to the Rural Life Centre to learn about what life was like for children during World War Two. Children took part in a school lesson where they had to write on slate and say their times tables all together. They also learnt about rationing and how families had to use what they already had at home to make new clothes and even toys. A man, who was an evacuee child during the war, spoke to the children about his experience during the war. Everyone loved trying out the Morrison and Anderson shelters. Even lunch time was great fun, when students were able to play on the amazing playground on some 1940s style equipment.





# ARUNDEL CASTLE TRIP

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a gloriously sunny day out to Arundel Castle to support their History work. Here is an account of the day from Year 6 pupil **Thomas Y:**

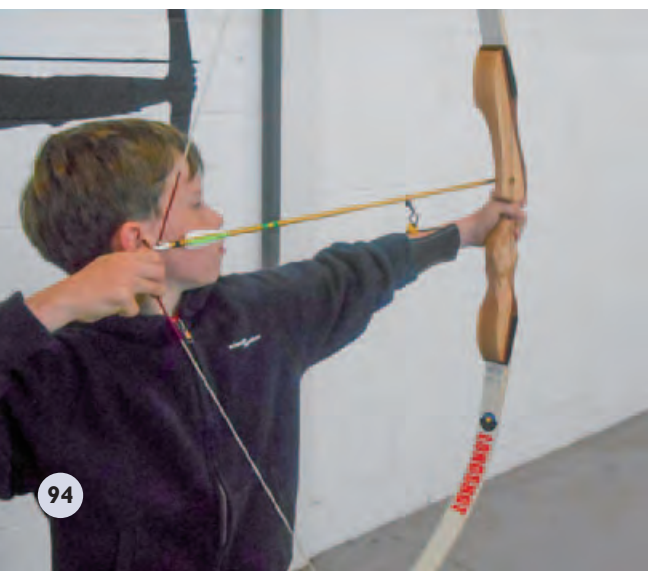
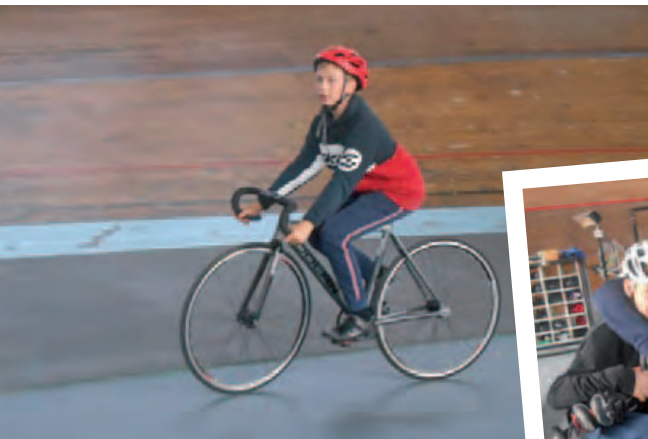
"I went out with Cranmore Year 6 to visit Arundel castle. The journey took one hour but it was worth it. We got to see the amazing things people did in medieval times. We learned about Roger de Montgomery (Earl of Arundel). We also learned some evil things they did in those times like there was a pit where people forgot about you in the entrance of the castle. We also learned that in 1139 Matilda moved into the castle and we got to visit her room where she once stood. Part of Arundel castle was built in the 19th century to get refurbished, but the castle was built in 1070."





## CALSHOT ACTIVITY CENTRE

Year 7 enjoyed a two-day visit to Calshot Activity Centre on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June. Situated on a spot close to Southampton, Calshot offered the pupils a range of activities including rock climbing, kayaking, archery and track cycling. We were blessed by beautiful weather. When the boys were not busy participating in the different activities, they were able to enjoy being on the beach, chatting, relaxing, skimming stones, playing football and watching an array of vessels sail past.





## SAILING TRIP

On the final day of term, Eight senior pupils accompanied by Mr. Savvides and Ms. Conlan, journeyed to Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth to start the summer holidays with an adventure on the seas. The boys lived on board a 55ft Yacht for 3 nights, taking on all responsibilities of a crew member.

They worked together to sail the yacht, winching sails and taking the helm. Additionally they were responsible for the upkeep of the galley, including cooking meals and keeping the yacht tidy. The crew did plenty of sailing on the Solent and sailed to Lymington and Beaulieu. All in all a great time was had by everyone and the boys were enthusiastic to return next summer, when we plan to scale up the trip and take many more pupils.





## CCF STEM CHALLENGE

The CCF resplendent in their new camouflage kit, undertook a STEM challenge aimed at developing their problem solving and team working skills. The challenge was to construct a wheel barrow to transfer as much water as possible over a distance of three metres within an allotted time. The teams successfully completed the task with a range of creative solutions.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

We held a service for Remembrance Day. The boys thought deeply about those who were lost, while our CCF members laid a wreath Barnaby played "The Last Post". We held a minute of silence. In their assembly, 5CD remembered the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives in the defence of the freedoms, that we enjoy today.





## CCF PAINTBALLING

Cadets from both schools went paintballing. The cadets were split into two teams consisting of both boys and girls. The teams competed against each other doing a variety of tasks, which included obtaining fighter jet batteries from the opposing team in a Star Wars themed area, and a zombie head from a graveyard. The cadets all applied their skills learnt throughout their time at CCF to sneak around the areas unseen and complete the tasks to win.

It was a very enjoyable experience at paintballing; a great way to work with the other cadets, all whilst learning valuable skills for the future such as teamwork, some leadership skills, listening skills, shooting skills, communication skills, and many more. The cadets all worked well together and fought tremendously leading to a conclusion of a draw.



## CCF FLYING AT RAF BENSON

CCF cadets from both Cranmore and St Teresa's had the opportunity to fly Grub Tutors when they went to RAF Benson during the Easter break. They all had an amazing time.





## CCF SUMMER CAMP

This year's summer camp was adventure training at Inskip air cadet training centre. We took 14 cadets from St Teresa's and Cranmore up to Preston.

With two other schools, cadets took part in a number of activities over the week. Monday was a little damp but that did not dampen their enthusiasm on the lake. Over the day they took to the paddle boards, kayaks and made rafts with the other schools. There was a lot of opportunities to shoot rifles on the range as well the computer DCCT range. They finished up later in the week with a paintball battle scenario.

The centre also has a abseil tower, climbing wall and low ropes as well as an obstacle course, all of which the cadets enjoyed. Dodging the rain, the cadets also took part in an orientation task which everyone from our CCF did well at. The last full day was spent at Blackpool Pleasure Beach which turned out to be a rather wet end to a fantastic week. Quite a lot of sleeping in the coach after a busy time learning new skills and making new memories.



## CCF EVENING

On Thursday 6th October the current cadets invited parents and pupils who are thinking of joining to a talk about the activities they carry out and to see an example of a drill and parade.





# SPORT

## CHRIS FINILL TALK

On Tuesday 13th December, the sports scholars and performance group had a presentation from Chris Finill, who has run every London Marathon since it started in 1981. He is only 1 of 7 that has run every marathon since it began. Chris talked about how he first started running at 9 years of age and how he continued to run in the 2018 London marathon despite breaking his arm after 3 miles! The talk focused on the traits of hard work, determination and resilience.



## REFURBISHMENT OF SPORTS FACILITIES

The refurbishment of the indoor cricket nets was completed which includes the extension of both the tracks and netting, maximising the use of our five indoor cricket nets. Also, we now have two outdoor portable cricket nets and a new side screen ready for the cricket season ahead.





## HENKES SHIELD



## HOUSE FOOTBALL





## ROWING – WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE REGATTA

Cranmore's rowing program successfully competed at the Walton and Weybridge Regatta. It was a great experience, with fourteen boys from Years 8 and 9 racing in the quadruple and double scull events. Learning to row on the water can be tricky; therefore, those who were selected had to demonstrate their competence as oarsmen in order to participate in the race. The boys really rose to the occasion, as this was Cranmore's first regatta in three years. They displayed plenty of new skills throughout the day, from carefully manoeuvring onto a stake boat for the start, to maintaining a straight course within the buoyed lanes to race successfully. Furthermore, during the afternoon, the racers had to contend with a brisk headwind, which, combined with the opposing direction of the stream, created unfavourable conditions. Nevertheless, the boys competed fiercely, enjoyed the day immensely, and gained valuable racing experience.



## FOOTBALL EASTER CAMP

During the Easter holidays, Cranmore had over a dozen pupils attend the Football Prep Lions Schools Representative Team residential training camp. Over 500 players had trialled for the various age groups and Cranmore had a superb representation. The week saw the players have expert coaching and specialist advice from professionals including in the areas of: S&C, scanning and vision, sprinting, sport psychology, movement screening and mental health. We understand the camp was a lot of fun and the boys very much enjoyed themselves. The selected players went to Gothenburg in July to play in the Gothia World Youth Cup.





## SKIING

### SKI JUNIOR TROPHY

A few pupils entered the National Snowsports Championships which produced some great results. **Samuel B** (Year 4) won the UI0s, **Elijah M** (Year 6) came 3rd in the UI1s, and **Freddie B** (Year 7) came 2nd in the UI2s. Overall, the school won the Junior trophy. Following this success, Cranmore entered 3 age group teams into the IAPS Indoor Championships – U9s, UI1s and UI4s. The school produced some great runs with some very quick times, producing more great results. **Rafferty CD** (Year 4) came 1st in the Slalom with **Samuel** (Year 4) coming 2nd. **Rocco H** came 3rd in the UI4s for both the Giant Slalom and Slalom. The most pleasing part was that overall, Cranmore finished: 1st in the U9s, Silver in the UI1s and Gold in the UI4s. A big congratulations for all involved.

Congratulations to our ski squad who attended the National Snowsports Championships and achieved excellent results in the UI0, UI1, and UI2 categories. Equally impressive results were achieved at the IAPS Indoor Championships at U9, UI1 and UI4 level.

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### SKIING SUCCESS

Members of our ski squad have done exceptionally well in the recent British Alpine Championships, with a highlight being Year 7 pupil **Freddie B** finishing 12th in the UI2 Giant Slalom, as well as some top twenty results in the other races.



## ALDERSHOT SURREY SCHOOLS SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 13th November saw Cranmore race squad return to Aldershot ski slope to compete in the Surrey Schools Ski Championships. We have always had success at this event but had struggled at the lower age group in the past. Now that the squad is also training at Aldershot as well as Sandown it has taken a bit of the fear of a very steep slope away, and also allowed the squad to be boosted by a number of yr 2 children who were competing in their first ever event.

A cold and misty morning meant the slope was wet and very fast but all the skiers posted great times especially are yr 2's and all of them posted great times and nobody missed a gate which lead to them getting second place.

The other U9 team only had 3 skiers which meant nobody could ski out, but they still posted 3 out of the fastest 5 times of the day including joint first between **Rafferty** and **Samuel** ( who was actually racing for the UI1)

In the U 11 category again the boys were in the top 5 and again secured the win.





## SWIMMING

### 3RD IN THE COUNTRY — SWIMMING ESSA

After qualifying at the Regionals at the Guildford Spectrum, our UIIs Swimming Relay team competed at the ESSA Nationals in Sheffield. The team got through their heats in both the Medley and Freestyle Relays. In the Finals, Cranmore came 6th in the Medley and an amazing 3rd in the Freestyle. Well done for this incredible achievement to Year 6 pupils **Henry C, Eoghan F, Max G** and Year 5 pupil, **Charlie S**.



### IAPS SWIMMING QUALIFIERS AND FINAL

We hosted an IAPS qualifying swimming competition. Cranmore pupils were joined by peers from Kings College, Notre Dame, Newland House, Abbot's Hill, Kings House and The Lady Eleanor Holles school. Cranmore then qualified for the IAPS National Swimming Finals which took place at the iconic venue, The London Aquatic Centre in the Olympic Park. It was an amazing achievement to have 5 relay teams qualifying from UI1 to UI3, and in 7 individual events with a total of 13 swimmers. Every relay team swam faster than their qualifying time, which is all one can ask for. The UI3s relay team swam exceptionally well with a change of personnel and change of swimming strokes on the day.

Cranmore finished 10th in the country out of 91 schools, which ranks us as the number one swimming school in Surrey — an outstanding performance. We are incredibly proud of every one of them as they should be also. It was a phenomenal team effort and the support for each other throughout the event was evident.





# ENGLAND WORLD CUP PLAYER, DANNY CARE AND HARLEQUIN WINGER TOM WILLIAMS COACHING SESSION

We were very fortunate to have had some special guests to help with various rugby sessions during our Games afternoons. This included former Harlequins player Tom Williams, current Harlequins player and England International player Danny Care, current Ealing fullback David Johnston and former Currie Cup and current Director of Rugby of Dorking RFC, Armand Roux. Plus, our Headmaster and former Premiership 'Golden Boot' player was on hand to help develop pupils' kicking skills.





## ESTA OPEN EVENT

ESTA held an open event at St Teresa's in March.



## WIMBLEDON MATCH

On Monday 3rd July eight Year 9 pupils visited Wimbledon to watch the matches on Court 2. The boys watched an all American women's match between Jessica Pegula v Lauren Davis, which Pegula won in straight sets. Then the boys watched David Giffon v Fabian Marozsan, which Giffon won in four sets. The boys were lucky enough to meet Giffon after the game where he signed autographs for them. The boys all had a great time and we hope they learnt a lot from the experience.



## PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON

ESTA was delighted to host the annual Play Your Way To Wimbledon event on Friday 28th April. Our U14 boys and girls from both Cranmore and St Teresa's played some highly competitive singles matches with the eventual winners, **Sam M** and **Lucia C**, receiving their invitation through to the County Finals. Well done to everyone who took part!





# SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

From the Director of Sport, Paul Hodgson

By the end of this academic year, Cranmore will have played over 1000 fixtures averaging over 30 matches per week, including sports rugby, football, hockey, tennis and cricket. Plus, competed in swimming, skiing, cross-country, athletics, squash and golf.



## FOOTBALL

- Most successful football season since school was founded, including 8 tournament wins, U11 Surrey Cup Champions, U11 National IAPS 3rd place and U13 Surrey Cup Finalists



## SKIING

- Winners of many competitions, including the following: ESSKIA Dry Championships (U11s), Surrey Championships (U9 & U11), Primary Schools, Snowsports Nationals, and IAPS Indoors



## SWIMMING

- Top 10 swimming school – confirmed at IAPS Finals (London Aquatic Centre).
- Ranked 1st in Surrey – 13 Cranmore pupils participated.
- U11s finished 3rd at the ESSA Freestyle Relay Finals in Sheffield



## HOCKEY

- U13s ranked top 8 at the IAPS Finals (beating Millfield).
- Won UKSA U13s tournament.



## RUGBY

- Oldest Year group, U14s – great season only losing once.
- U14s – top 8 in the Surrey 7s tournament.
- U14s, U13s and U11s all competed at the Roslyn Park 7s



## CRICKET

- Some great performances and wins against other Senior Schools.
- U14s – beat Kings College Wimbledon and Downsend. Plus, drew with an undefeated St John's.
- U13s – beat Trinity and Downsend



## OTHER COMPETITIVE SPORTS

### ROWING

- J14 participated in 2 regattas this year, first time in 3 years



### BIATHLON

- Entered our first ever event



### SQUASH

- Many matches, including our U14s beating Epsom College



### TENNIS

- Over 130 pupils have represented the school



### CROSS COUNTRY

- District and regional success



### ATHLETICS

- National qualification with 3 pupils heading to Birmingham.
- U14s came joint first at the Claremont Fan Court event



### GOLF

- Several matches using our own Golf course on the Henderson Fields.
- U13s/U14s played in an away fixture against Cranleigh, winning 4-0





Swim Squad



Regionals ESSA UII



Year 4 HRF



Year 4 after-school training



UIIs IAPS Finals



UIIs IAPS Finals



Rowing Training



Rowing





Year 5 Games



Year 5 Games



Year 5 Games



Year 7 & 8 Games



Year 6 Games



Year 6 Games



Year 9 Rugby



Year 6 PE



Year 9 Rugby



Year 6 Rugby





Year 7 & 8 Games



U8

U8s v Shrewsbury House



Winter Cricket Nets



U8s Cross Country Winners



U8s King's College Wimbledon Winners



Rowing



U9



U9s v RGS



U9s Rugby v Downsend



U9s v Aldro



U9s v RGS



U9s Rugby v Danes Hill



U9s Rugby v RGS



U9s v Parkside



U9s Rugby v Donhead



U9s v Parkside



U9s Rugby v Downsend



U10



U10s B Team



U10s v Feltonfleet



U10s v Holmefield

U11











UI 1s v Rokeby



UI 1s v Northcote



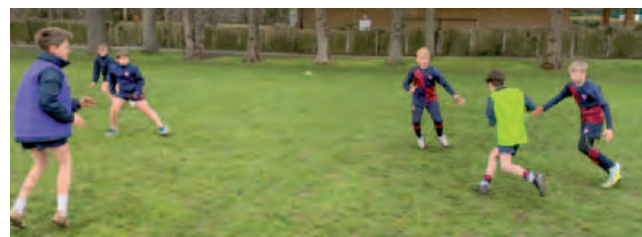
UI 1s v Danes Hill



UI 1s v Northcote



UI 2s v Cranleigh



UI 2s 7s Training



UI 2s v Cranleigh



# U13



U13 USKA Winners



U13s Surrey Squash



U13s v Cranleigh



U13s v Feltonfleet



U13s v Cranleigh



U13s v Danes Hill



U13s v Shrewsbury House



U14



U14s v Kingswood House School

IAPS FINALS







## BIATHLON



## CROSS COUNTRY







## SKIING



National School Snowsport



National Champions



Ski Squad – IAPS Indoor Champs



National Snowsports – Junior Boys Team



National School Snowsport

Ski Squad at Aldershot





## TOUR TO BARBADOS

On Friday 31st March, the Year 9 tourists arrived in Barbados ready for the start of their tour. During the week, the boys participated in cricket and football matches, as well as having a tennis session at the Garfield Sobers Sports Complex. With the temperature at 30 degrees, blue sky and the beach nearby, it was the perfect setting for a Sports Tour.

The football teams had the privilege of playing on the same pitch as the Barbados National team. In the first game they played under floodlights and had professional referees and assistant referees to officiate. After these matches we met up with Emmerson Boyce (an FA Cup winner with Wigan) who is now the Technical Director of Barbados Football.

The cricket teams played some competitive matches against schools and local clubs and despite the results not going their way, the boys had a great time socialising with the local children. Whilst travelling to the matches, the boys had the opportunity to see the local countryside and sites.

The boys were fortunate that Dale Clarke, the CEO of Professional Road tennis (a traditional Barbados Sport), arranged a Road Tennis coaching session with Julian White, who is a former World Number 1 and Coach Birkett, who has coached the sport for over thirty years. The boys thoroughly enjoyed this experience and are looking forward to playing it again.

In terms of excursions, the group had a day on a catamaran, where we sailed around the island and then had the opportunity to snorkel with turtles, manta rays and fish, as well as snorkelling around a shipwreck. We stopped for a while so the boys could jump and dive into the sea and swim to the local beach.

The group had the opportunity to watch Notre Dame v The University Blackbirds in a Premier League Football Match. It was a very entertaining match which the Blackbirds won 3-1.

One evening was spent at Ositins Fish Fry restaurant, where the boys could choose to eat fresh fish. The choices were swordfish, marlin, tuna, barracunda, lobster or mahi-mahi. The boys represented the school incredibly well, they all had a fantastic time and have made memories that will stay with them for a lifetime.









# EYFS SPORTS DAY





## LOWER PREP SPORTS DAY





## UPPER PREP SPORTS DAY

The sun shone during the Upper Prep Sports Day, ensuring that spirits were high. Well done to all who took part, and special congratulations to all those who won their races. Borelli House were the winners in both the Upper Prep and Seniors. Congratulations to them!





# SENIOR SPORTS DAY





Spirits were high and the weather fair for the Senior Sports Day. Well done to all who took part, and special congratulations to all those who won their races.







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