

# Newsletter

CRANBERRY  
ACADEMY

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We have had another busy few weeks in school with lots of exciting activities.

### Fundraising

We are truly blown away with the incredible efforts of the children and families in raising money for 2025. The children's entrepreneurial skills really shone, and we definitely have future business owners, bankers, accountants and directors. The children raised a massive £3,614. Please look out for more information on how this money will be used to enhance the children's school experience. All children who raised money have received a certificate and were placed in the prize draw. Congratulations to the below winners:

- Raised the most money £210 – Henry
- FS Most innovative - Harriet
- KS1 Most innovative - Ryker
- KS2 Most innovative - Olivia
- Busiest fundraiser - Willow
- Prize draw winners – Katilyn and Phoebe

### Showbie

Showbie parent access is now being introduced, please make sure you check your emails for all the information. Codes and a guide will be sent home with children.

### Swimming Pool

The swimming pool has been an enormous hit with the children again and we have been very fortunate with the weather too. All children have improved in confidence and have built on their skills at all levels. We have one more week to go and once all assessments have been completed by the swimming teachers, they will send us the children's swimming certificates.

### Parents Evening

Whole school parents evening will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please book your appointments on Arbor. **Booking will open on Arbor at 5:30pm on Friday 7th March.**

### Book Fair

The scholastic book fair will be in the KS2 hall, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Remember you can use your £1 official world book day token to get £1 off any book.

### World Book Day & Author

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day and what a wonderful day we had! Our learning involved exploring twisted tales, getting creative with stories through art and drama, we had the chance to meet a real-life illustrator, and each pupil visited the Cranberry Book Swap. The school was full of excitement around stories and smiles, and so I think it's safe to say the day was a success! Thank you to parents for your support with costumes and book donations, the children all looked fabulous and had lots of fun choosing a new story. Finally, a huge thanks to our guest, Matt Buckingham - his sessions were truly inspiring and a highlight of our day.



## Lost Property

We again have a large amount of lost property across the school including bits from swimming. Please ensure names are on all clothes as it really helps us to return them to owners. Additionally, we will put a table of lost property out during parents evening, so please look out for that and collect anything that belongs to you.

## Headlice

Regular head checks are key to preventing the spread of head lice. We encourage all parents to check their child's hair at least once a week, especially if they have been in close contact with others. If you find any, please begin treatment promptly and inform the school to help prevent further spread.

## Young Voices

Our Choir attended young voices on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. They had an amazing time being part of a large choir and a professional concert. The children represented Cranberry and our values beautifully, the whole school is very proud of them.



## Class Dojo

To ensure a healthy work-life balance for our staff, we kindly ask that you keep in mind our communication hours for Dojo messages. Teachers and staff are available to respond to messages between **8:00 AM and 5:00 PM** on school days. Messages sent outside these hours will be addressed the next school day. We appreciate your understanding and support in respecting our staff's time.

## Dates for Diaries

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Mother's Day Assembly – 2pm – Further information will follow
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly – 2:45pm - Further information will follow
- 28<sup>th</sup> March – FS2 Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – 2pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – FS1 Mother's Day Breakfast – 9:15am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Family Easter Quiz – Time TBC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Bonnet Parade

## Sources of Support

Send a text to the School nurse team Chat Health Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm: 07507 329908  
Mental Health Helpline - 0300 303 3972 (open to all Cheshire East residents)

Checs (Cheshire East Children's Services - Social Care): 0300 123 5012 (option 3) Out of hours Emergency Duty Team on 0300 123 5022

Samaritans [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

Young Minds [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

NSPCC [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Childline [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

## Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously and it is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children are kept safe. Please contact us if you have concerns. Our safeguarding leads include Mrs North, Mrs Smith, Mrs Whitmore and Mr Colbert.