

Newsletter

CRANBERRY
ACADEMY

Friday 10th October

We have had a very eventful and busy two weeks at school, filled with lots of exciting activities and learning. From D&T projects to special events - everyone has been working hard and having fun together. It's been wonderful to see so much energy and enthusiasm from all our pupils!

Year 3 Parent Afternoon

Our Year 3 parents had a fantastic time at the recent workshop, working alongside their children to create delicious fruit tarts as part of their Design & Technology lesson. It was wonderful to see families collaborating, learning new skills and enjoying the process of baking together. The tarts looked amazing and the smiles on everyone's faces showed just how much fun was had!



Frisbee Tournament

A few children visited Northwood Stadium and took part in the St Bart's UKS2 Frisbee Tournament this week. We achieved the silver stage. What a fantastic effort by everyone! Well done to all who took part!



Together We Thrive Week

This week, our school celebrated *Together We Thrive Week* which was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about and live out British Values. Throughout the week, children took part in exciting activities that helped them to understand respect, democracy, tolerance and mutual respect in action. They enjoyed lively debates, created and agreed upon their own classroom rules and even experienced a fascinating mock courtroom session where they learned about fairness and justice. Pupils also explored different faiths and religions, discovering the importance of understanding and celebrating diversity within our community. It was a fantastic week filled with teamwork, learning and lots of thoughtful discussion—truly showing how, together, we thrive!

Grandparent Day

This week, we were delighted to welcome grandparents into school to see OPAL in action. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying creative, active and imaginative play outside, showing off their teamwork and problem-solving skills. The playground was full of laughter, energy and enthusiasm as grandparents watched their grandchildren explore and play together. As they left, many grandparents shared some lovely comments about how fantastic it was to see the children so engaged in play. It was a joyful afternoon that truly celebrated the power of play and our strong school community.



Shoe box appeal

We are once again taking part in the Shoebox appeal, helping to bring joy to children around the world this festive season. Families are invited, by Christ Church, to fill a shoebox with small gifts such as toys, toiletries, stationary etc which will be sent to children who may not otherwise receive a present this year. Each box is a wonderful way to share kindness and care beyond our community. Please bring your completed showboxes to school by Wednesday 12th November. Thank you for helping to make a difference – one box at a time!

World Food Day

Next week, during assembly, the children will be celebrating World Food Day and Harvest in school. As part of this, we are kindly asking for donations of non-perishable food items to support our local food bank and church. Your generosity will help families in our community who are in need. To help reduce food waste at home, we will also be sharing some great recipe ideas for using leftover food – you can find them at:

www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/leftover-recipes

Attendance:

<u>Registration Form</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Nursery	96%
Reception 1	98%
Reception 2	98%
Year 1 JM	100%
Year 1 RC	97%
Year 2 AA	99%
Year 2 DH / DS	100%
Year 3 LK	91%
Year 3 MTH	92.5%
Year 4 CC	97%
Year 4 JT / JN	99%
Year 5 LW	97%
Year 5 MC	95%
Year 6 LQ	99%
Year 6 RS	97%

Mental Health Day

This week, we marked World Mental Health Day with a focus on happiness and wellbeing. Children were invited to come to school wearing something that makes them happy, filling the classrooms with colour, creativity and smiles! Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of fun and relaxing activities including wild yoga, team building challenges, Together AI sessions, Lego therapy and plenty of dancing. It was a wonderful day that reminded everyone how important it is to look after our health, support one another and find joy in the little things that makes us feel good.



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, Mr Colbert and Mrs Podmore.

Sources of Support

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

Young Minds www.youngminds.org.uk

NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk

Childline www.childline.org.uk

Alsager Community Support

www.alsagercommunitysupport.org.uk