

NEWSLETTER

20th September 2019

Darwin Class Update

What an amazing start to the school year Darwin Class have had. Everyone has settled in brilliantly and has been busy working extremely hard in all their subjects.

We have started our English journey this term by researching Mount Vesuvius, using the laptops and writing fact files. We have also looked at poetry and written Harvest Poems. We are looking forward to starting our text Escape from Pompeii next week.



Darwin is a class full of Mathmagician's. We have been increasing our place value knowledge, even working on 4 digit numbers! We have mastered our knowledge of adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100. Along with this we have managed to become proficient at working out which number is greater and ordering numbers.

In Science we have started our forces topic, using Magdeburg Spheres and exploding canisters to understand the concept of pressure. We found it thoroughly exciting and can't wait for our next investigation!



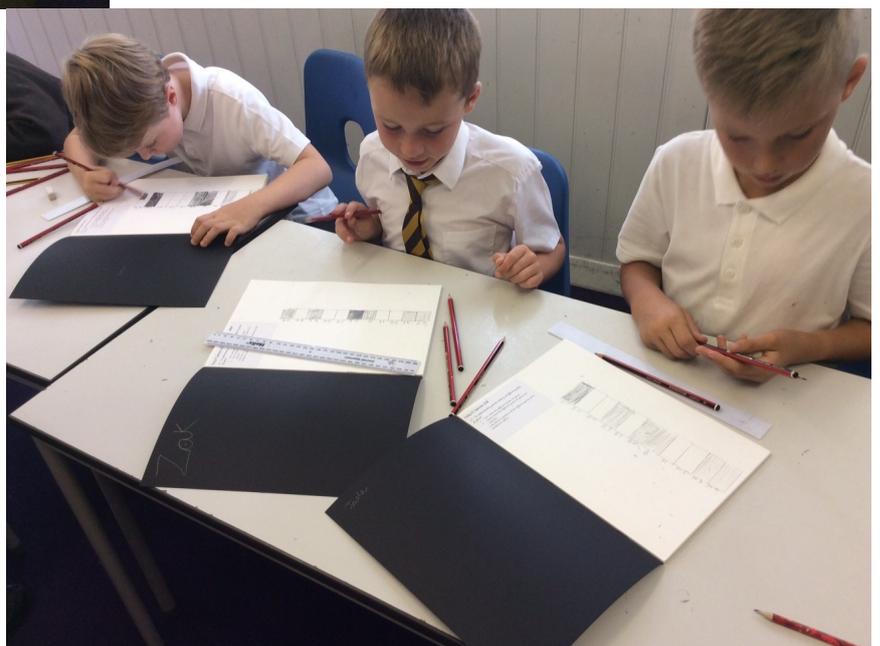
Darwin Class Update Cont...

This term our Art lessons are focusing on drawing and increasing our knowledge and skill when drawing. We have looked at the different types of pencils used in drawing and created some pictures of Mount Vesuvius using this knowledge.



Our Topic this term is Fire and Ice. We have started our Topic lessons by understanding Volcanoes and how they are formed. We are masters at explaining how tectonic plates move.

This week, we have moved on to learning map skills and looked at the various symbols used on maps. We thoroughly enjoyed looking at various types of maps and managed to identify what some of the symbols meant and create a key for our own maps.



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Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to Finn and Faith who won Amazon vouchers for winning the Summer Challenge Attendance competition.



Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	91.3
Nightingale	90.9
Darwin	91.7
Pankhurst	100
Shakespeare	87.5
Churchill	94.4

100% attendance for Pankhurst Class again this week! You must be in the lead for the termly treat.

The most punctual class this week is Darwin. Well done - NO LATES.

Not great attendance in any other classes this week - let's hope it will be better next week.

Race for Kids



On 12th October, Alex and Imogen Allen and Thomas Willard are heading to London with their parents to take part in the RBC Race for the Kids. This is a 5km sponsored run around Hyde Park to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. This is a charity the children are keen to support, especially with Imogen and her family having had first-hand experience of the fantastic work the team do at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Harvest Assembly at 9.10 a.m.

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to help us celebrate Harvest during our Harvest Festival Assembly.

Our theme once again is traditional Harvest and Farming.

On Friday 27th, we will be asking for Harvest gifts of food, fruit, vegetables and groceries. Our Harvest Gifts are donated to St. Nicholas Church for distribution.

Gifts can be brought to the school hall before school starts so that they can be displayed.

If anyone would be willing to donate either a decorated or filled box to help our display, we would be really grateful.



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P & F Update

A big hello from your brand new P&F Committee. On 11th September, the AGM was held and at this meeting Eve, Nicky and Monique formally stepped down from their roles as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary respectively. We would like to thank them again for all the time and hard work they have put into the P&F. Under their charge, there were some fantastic events held and lots of money raised for the school.

Into their shoes step Jackie Barker as Chair, Stacey Dixon as Vice Chair and Jeni Sharman as Secretary. Sophie will continue in the role of Treasurer for the time being although is keen to step down from this role to concentrate on other commitments within the school. If anyone would be interested in taking on the position of Treasurer, please let a member of the committee or Mrs Norman know. Sophie is happy to mentor anyone through the transition. Also please remember, you don't have to be a member of the committee to help out, volunteering in any capacity, at any event is always welcomed.

A quick recap on last year. We had some brilliant fund raising for the school, with events for the children, the adults and for all the family. We were able to gift the school £4,500, as a contribution towards the improvements to the KS1 playground area and a further £500 was pledged to help towards the cost the whole school pantomime which is always a great day out for the children before Christmas. At the end of the year we made a further £3,000 donation to the school, to assist in the upgrade of the children's toilets which we understand have had the thumbs up from all the children. A bit of last year's donation money is left over and talking with Mrs Norman, the school are looking to upgrade some of the class guided reading books with this.

Lets hope we can raise lots more money this year to continue to support the school. With school budgets so tight, they really do rely on the funds raised by the P&F to continue to make improvements to the school, which all the children will benefit from.

We are in discussions with the school about what we can raise money for this year and are already setting dates for the Big Bang Fireworks event, film nights, discos, Halloween fun and the much loved Christmas events. So watch this space...

Jackie, Stacey, Jeni & Sophie

Football Tournament

Well done to our football team who played in the WOKSSA football tournament at Benenden this week. The team put in some fine performances and were unlucky not to finish second. Everyone gave 100% effort and showed really good attitudes towards the matches. They played six matches, won three, drew one and lost two.



Reminder

Some parents / grandparents are using the staff car park again in the mornings and afternoons. Can we ask that you refrain from doing this please?

A parent has also reported a car parking on the yellow zig zag lines this week. Again, can you refrain from doing this too.

We really want to keep your children safe.

Many thanks.

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Summer Reading Challenge

Wow! Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. We are so proud of you and loved seeing you in assembly with your medals and certificates today – thank you for sharing! We can't wait for you to have your extra VIP bounce next term. We are also looking forward to finding out if we won the schools' competition too.



Laughter Workshops

Pankhurst, Shakespeare and Churchill Class, all really enjoyed their laughter workshops on Monday. It was great fun! The children learnt lots of laughter tips and tricks, which are all great for promoting well being and mindfulness too. Darwin, Nightingale and Potter classes are looking forward to their workshops next Monday – children are welcome to bring in a cushion and blanket for the workshop.



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Open Days



Cranbrook School OPEN EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

September 2020 Entry

DATE	TIMINGS	EVENT
Wednesday 12 June 2019	8.45 – 11am (Boarders 8.45am – 12.00pm)	Years 7, 9 & 12 Open Morning
Wednesday 25 September 2019	Year 7 & 9 – 6.00 – 7.30pm	Years 7 & 9 Open Evening
Friday 27 September 2019	8.45 – 10.30am	Year 7 & 9 Open Morning
Tuesday 29 October 2019	8.45 – 10.30am	Year 7 & 9 Open Morning
Wednesday 6 November 2019	5.30 (Internal) 6.00 (External) – 7.30pm	6 th Form Open Evening

Please register your attendance by visiting www.cranbrookschool.co.uk/open-events.
Or for more information contact Andrea Baker, Registrar on 01580 711804.

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Open Evening:

- Tuesday 1st October
(18.00 — 19.30)
Senior Leadership
Presentation @ 18:45

Open Mornings:
(9.00am Start)

- Friday 4th October
- Tuesday 8th October
- Thursday 10th October



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www.highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk/openevents
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Local Events

Do more. Learn more. Open Evening 3rd October 5- 7pm

We've been helping young people have the time of their lives for over 60 years here in Benenden.

So if you want to have lots fun and as much adventure as you can handle. Then we want to see you!

Aged 6-10 come along to our open evening at Benenden School between 5pm and 7pm on the 3rd October 2019 and get a taste of what we do!

Benenden CE Primary School (new School), Rolvenden Road, Benenden TN17 4EH

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Diary Dates

27 th Sep	Harvest Assembly – Parents welcome – school hall 9.10 a.m.
9 th Oct	Open Morning
14 th Oct	Writing Week
18 th Oct	INSET Day
29 th Oct	Parent Consultations Evening 4 - 6.30 p.m.
30 th Oct	Parent Consultations Afternoon 3.30 – 5.50
15 th Nov	Children in Need – non school uniform
18 th Nov	Individual Photos and family groups
2 nd Dec	Assessment Week
10 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m.
11 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m.
12 th Dec	KS2 Rehearsal a.m. KS2 Nativity p.m. 2.00 p.m.
13 th Dec	KS2 Nativity 2.00 p.m. Christmas Jumper Day
16 th Dec	Carol Church Service 5.00 p.m.
17 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
18 th Dec	Whole School Trip to Panto Date change
19 th Dec	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties