EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 16th MARCH

Monday: Year 2, 3 & 4 Streetdance club 3.20pm - 4.20pm
Tuesday: KS1 Multiskills club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; Intermediate Clay club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 6 SATS Information Meeting 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday: KS1 Art club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; KS1 Lego club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; Year 5 & 6 Football club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Chess club 3.20pm - 4.20pm
Thursday: Year 1 Street Dance club 3.30pm - 4.00pm; Choir 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Homework club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Beginners Clay club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 5 Swanage school journey information meeting 6pm
Friday: Crystal class Assembly (all family & friends warmly invited) 9.00am - 9.20pm; Swimming Opal and Quartz class 2.00pm - 2.30pm; Turquoise class 2.30pm - 3.00pm; Year 2 Football club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 3 & 4 Basketball club 3.20pm - 4.20pm

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES
Crystal class - 20th March
Year 4 spring assembly - 27th March

Future Events:
- Muftiday & Easter egg donations - 20th March
- Year 3 Sayers Croft visit - 20th-22nd March
- PTA Easter Extravaganza - 3pm on 26th March

Last day or term - 27th March

NB: there will be no after school facilities and the school will close at 2:15

EASTER HOLIDAYS
- First day back - 13th April

Quote of the week: ‘Continuous effort! Not strength or intelligence, is the key to unlocking your potential’ - Winston Churchill

TERRIFIC TRISSELLE’S AMAZING ATTENDANCE

Cranmer celebrated today our 6 monthly 100% attendance awards. We had an amazing 195 children who all have had the amazing record of not missing a single day of school since the start of the academic year! We also recognised a very special pupil, Trisselle, who has achieved the amazing record of not missing a single day of school since she started at Cranmer in Reception! Unfortunately Trisselle is leaving Cranmer at the end of the spring term as her family is moving away from the area. We thought we would have a special presentation to her in recognition of her achievement. We will miss Trisselle very much as she is an exemplarily role model in every way!
Congratulations to Jade and Diamond Class for achieving the top attendance score of 100% for the week beginning 2nd March. Well done to them!

HEROIC HIKING

Polly completed a 10 mile night hike this weekend - from 10pm until 3.30am - with her Dad and the 11th Mitcham Scouts Guide Group. Well done Polly - such an achievement!

EASTER HOLIDAY FUN

£3 PER CHILD
EASTER FUNDAY
KIDS 0-11 YEARS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2015 ★ 2.00PM TO 5.00PM ★
EVERYDAY CHURCH WIMBLEDON

Bouncy Castle ★ Face Painting ★ 0-5's Play Area ★ Crafts

Everyday Church Wimbledon
50 Queen's Road SW19 8LR
Next to Centre Court Shopping Centre

‘GOLDEN TEATIME’

Every Friday afternoon, children who have been especially chosen by their classteacher for following Cranmer's golden rule, will be able to have tea with Mrs Whymark. One child will be chosen from each class as a reward for their hard work, respect for others, and as a celebration of their achievements. They are: Ellie, Lakshanie, Nico, Fiona, Ibrahim, Tanish, Tatenda, Shaniah, Kenitta, Jayda, Huzayfa, Mathuvathy, Najlah, Jayden, Connor, Morgan, Ebony and Courtney.

IMPORTANT SWIMMING NOTICE
FOR YEAR 3 PARENTS

Last swimming session for Year 3 will be on Friday 20th March. - This will be for children not going to Sayers Croft and the timings will be as below:
Opal and Quartz will swim 2-2.30 and be back at school for home time.

Turquoise will swim 2.30-3 and be back at school by 3.25pm.

YEAR 6 SATS INFORMATION MEETING
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 6.30pm - 7.30pm

The SATs meeting will be lead by Mr. Smith in the study centre. Any parents looking to attend, there will be a crèche available.
A polite reminder for parents, that there is strictly NO PARKING on site at ANY TIME. This is to ensure that the school entrance is kept as safe as possible for children and to prevent any visitors from being blocked in, this also includes ensuring the entrance is kept clear as it is in constant use. Blue badge holders are able to park in the disabled bays after presenting their badge to the school office.

There is parking available across the road from the school or down Caesar’s Walk but please be considerate of our neighbours. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**CURRENT VACANCIES**

1. Permanent Midday Supervisor: 3.00 Hours per week/term time only
   Pro-Rota 7.2003%
   New Merton Pay Scale ME4 (Range 11 to 13)
   £17,013 to £17748 Full Time Equivalent
   Approximate Annual Salary: £1,225 to £1,278 (Pro-Rota)

2. Two Permanent Midday Supervisors: 6.00 Hours per week/term time only
   Pro-Rota 14.4007%
   New Merton Pay Scale ME4 (Range 11 to 13)
   £17,013 to £17748 Full Time Equivalent
   Approximate Annual Salary: £2,450 to £2,555 (Pro-Rota)

3. Casual Midday Supervisors to cover absences as and when required
   Approximate Hourly Rate £9.34

With immediate effect we require three permanent and casual Midday Supervisors to support our children during their lunch break. The ability to work as part of a team, patience and sensitivity are all key attributes for this position.

The Application Form, Job Description and person specification are available on the link below. For more information please email karen.gentry@cranmer.merton.sch.uk; or call Mrs Mowatt our Senior Play Leader on 020 8648 2621.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Closing date: 12 p.m. Thursday 19th March, interviews will be held on Tuesday 24th March. (Applications may be submitted electronically to applications@cranmer.merton.sch.uk or a paper copy may be sent to the school address).

Further information is available on the school website www.cranmer.merton.sch.uk under “Vacancies” then “Support Staff Vacancies“.
Project News:

Catchment Plan: The Ravensbury Back Channel works started in late January and the changes have made a big difference, there are volunteer action days at Ravensbury Park on the 16th, 17th and 18th March 11-4pm—check the Webpages for more details. Don't want to miss another event? Sign up to get the latest information from the Wandle Trust. The first River Rehab workshop was a great success. 20 River Rehab volunteers spent the day getting to know one another and organising themselves into a river restoring team. You'll be able to follow the progress of the River Rehab team via the Wandle Trust blog. You can still join the team - email volunteers@wandletrust.org

River Guardians: A leaflet is being developed which will show 6 pollution preventing actions we can all take up to reduce pollution in the River Wandle. Three Living Wandle clean ups have been held, one on reporting pollution and how to report it, a second on Myco Filtration and a third on ocean litter. Check the community clean up pages for more dates.

Wandle Gateways: Have you noticed some changes in Poulter Park? The Big Green Fund project is likely to be complete in late April/ early May. There is a Wandle Trust and Wandle Valley Regional Park clean up being held in Poulter Park on the 8th March as part of this project, its all about cleaning up the park and the river! An event will be held on the 14th May in the park to celebrate the access and improvement works that have been carried out.

There have also been some dramatic changes as part of Future Merton’s Connecting Colliers Wood project. Improvements have begun on site and are scheduled for completion soon. Gateway improvements will take place in Baltic Close, at Wandle Bank, next to the Istanbul Café and adjacent to Sainsbury’s.

Morden Hall Park Wetlands: The National Trust are creating new plans for the wetlands area in the park, coming up with a range of improvement options which include an adapted boardwalk. The National Trust had a successful speed volunteering session in the Wetlands at Morden Hall park on the 22nd February, laying hedges. There will be another session in June.

Invasive Species Project: The officer who will be leading this project will start in April. This project aims to train volunteers to record and map invasive species as well as learning the skills to help control and eradicate them. Contact the Living Wandle Team to register your interest.

Industrial Heritage: Module 2—Mapping the Lost Treasures of the Wandle 22 volunteers have over the past few months been searching for the lost treasures of the Wandle. They are aiming for at least 100 treasures to be identified and mapped. The launch of their map is likely to be in May. There is a new blog where treasures of the week will be updated— Have a look to see if you recognise any of the treasures!

Dates for the Diary—Free Events along the Wandle

8th March—Wandle Trust and Regional Park Trust—Clean-up Poulter Park 10-4pm
16th-18th March—Ravensbury Park back channel Volunteer Action Day with the Wandle Trust 11-4pm
21st March—Big Dig with Sustainable Merton @ Phipps Bridge 10:30—2pm
21st March—Heritage Ghost walk, Legends and Myths down the River Wandle 2pm @ Wandle Park
28th March—Merton Discovery Day @ Merton Heritage and Local Studies Centre
12th April—Wandle Trust clean up Wandsworth, location TBC
4th—17th May Wandle Trust Fringe check out the event line up online
7th May—Wandsworth Museum Mapping Celebration, St Mary’s Church Putney 4—7pm
23rd May—7th June Wandsworth Heritage week—Join the Living Wandle team, The Building Exploratory as well as other local groups throughout the two weeks.
30th May—Bio Blitz with the National Trust at Morden Hall Park—10—4pm, a chance to get to grips with wildlife.

Keep up to date
Search ‘Living Wandle Landscape Partnership Scheme’ on Facebook
http://www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/Projects/Living-Wandle
NEW Twitter @livingwandle

Living Wandle Landscape Partnership

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Volunteering Opportunities:

Social Landlords: Do you live in a vibrant Wandle Estate? Want to represent your community and encourage your neighbours to get more out of the River Wandle? The Wandle Estates Project will be delivering a variety of river talks, walks and other river themed activities to help communities explore and enjoy the River Wandle. If you would have a meeting place, community space or green space and would like the London Wildlife Trust to host a talk with your community, contact Jane Clarke on 07837 576786 or jclarke@wildlondon.org.uk.

River Guardians: The Wandle Trust are looking for volunteers to attend pollution training events (Clean-ups) where you will receive information about sources of pollution in the Wandle and how to recognise and report them. (After the talk you can jump in the river and get cleaning!) Check the community clean up pages for dates or contact Polly volunteers@wandletrust.org

Waddon Ponds: If you LOVE Waddon Ponds and would like to help set up a friends group contact Croydon Council: Meike.Weiser@croydon.gov.uk

Catchment Plan: Fancy joining the River Wandle Restoration team? To participate in restoration projects and learn more about restoration methods contact volunteers@wandletrust.org

Photo competition: The Wandle Valley Regional Park and Living Wandle Webpages are being revamped, together we are looking to hold a photography competition later this year. Keep a look out for more details or contact Living Wandle to get the details as soon as they are released.

Merton Priory: The Planning application has been submitted for the installation of a dramatic new glass-fronted entrance and internal facilities to bring the Wandle Valley’s most precious archaeological relic to life! Works will start in October, visit the Merton Priory webpages for more information.

In April Groundwork London will be looking for volunteers to help record these changes made at the Chapter House. Volunteers will gain knowledge of the history as well as skills to create a film documenting the changes. Contact Living Wandle for more information, no previous experience necessary!

Wandle Piscators: There are currently 12 juniors in the angling club. The project has been so successful it has been extended for 18 months. They will be running courses with pupils from Wandle Valley School, but anyone can take part. If you or your child would like to get involved, contact livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk

Waddon Ponds: Restoration works are due to start on the final pond in March 2015. Check our webpages for more information.

Ravensbury Main Channel: Flood modelling has been carried out. Contractors will carry out works in late Summer/early Autumn. There will be some river planting opportunities once the physical works have finished.

Climate Change Awareness: We must be ready to help the River Wandle adapt to climate change. In 2016 a film will be created showcasing examples of ways to reduce the effects of climate change. Volunteering opportunities will be available in 2017.

Coming Up.......

Reflecting the Wandle: We are pleased to announce that this Groundwork London project is complete. The brilliant ‘Vandalis’ Film has been produced and was made possible with a staggering 610.5 volunteer hours. There have been 8 community screenings so far and its free for others to use! Contact Living Wandle to borrow the DVD.

VANDALIS

After the success of the Film, it is now available to buy (for £5) or it is free to borrow.

The film is a touching story of people’s lives and their connections with the River Wandle throughout time. It tells the story of 6 different people and their connection to the River Wandle.

For further information about the film please email: livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk

River Education:
The Wandle Trust will be recruiting for the position of Education Officer for this project, keep an eye out for more information. This project will create riverside teaching opportunities and bring the Wandle to the classroom.

Discovering the Source of the Wandle: There is debate around the sources of the Wandle. In 2016 the Wandle Trust will be looking for volunteers to help investigate archives and try to locate where the Wandle once flowed.

Wandle Flowing Through Time: This project is now complete and with the help of community groups, school children and volunteers there is a beautiful memories book available. It can be purchased for £15 via the Living Wandle team, or you can get a free PDF version. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made this project possible!
CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES
At this time of the year we look at the attendance record for each child and class for the first 6 months of the academic year. At the end of the academic year one class will win our ‘Best Class Attendance for the Year’ cup. Last year this was won by Opal class (now Aquamarine) ~ who will win it at the end of this year?

YR Sapphire 94.4%  
YR Emerald 95.5%  
YR Crystal 94.8%  
Y1 Diamond 95.6%  
Y1 Pearl 95.7%  
Y1 Onyx 97.1%  
Y2 Coral 96.9%  
Y2 Amethyst 96.2%  
Y2 Moonstone 96.1%  
Y3 Opal 97.2%  
Y3 Turquoise 97.5%  
Y3 Quartz 95.6%  
Y4 Jade 96.6%  
Y4 Aquamarine 96.9%  
Y4 Jet 97%  
Y5 Ruby 96.9%  
Y5 Amber 97%  
Y6 Topaz 97.4%  
Y6 Garnet 95.4%  

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Cranmer always aims to have a very good attendance record and with parents’ help and support we are sure that this can be maintained and even improved. Our attendance figure for 2013-2014 was 97% which is above the national average. Good attendance is essential for pupils’ progress and successful achievement. We celebrate children’s attendance at two specific points in the year; today we presented children with certificates for those pupils who have maintained a 100% record of attendance since the beginning of the year. We have also introduced a new certificate rewarding those students who have made significant progress in improving their attendance record since the last academic year. We have had an amazing 195 pupils since the beginning of the year that have got 100% attendance certificates - well done to them!

‘To work hard and be respectful every day; to believe and achieve, that’s the Cranmer way.’ Cranmer’s Golden Rule is a crucial component of our ethos and high standards. The Golden Rule underpins all that we do and applies equally to children, staff and the school community.

OUR TEXT SYSTEM
We use our text system to be able to communicate reminders or urgent messages to parents and carers. Please note however we cannot respond to any replies. If you have an enquiry please contact the school office on 02086482621 or via email on office@cranmer.merton.sch.uk

If you haven’t received a text via your mobile phone then your mobile telephone number needs to be updated on our information system. Contact the school office urgently to do this please.

DO YOU HAVE A QUERY, A POSITIVE COMMENT, SUGGESTION OR A CONCERN?
We do suggest that parents contact their child’s class teacher, firstly, with any issues regarding a child’s progress and any class related matters. Then, parents are invited to contact the Director of Learning who line manages your child’s class teacher with any unresolved concerns. Mrs Caird oversees Nursery and Reception Classes; in the Crescent building Mrs N Lone oversees Years 1, 2 & 3 and Mr Smith oversees Years 4, 5 & 6; Mrs Magill oversees our Court building one-form community of Emerald, Onyx, Moonstone and Jet classes.

You can contact them via email on office@cranmer.merton.sch.uk; stating who you wish to contact. Alternatively, you can contact them via the school number on 020 8648 2621.

Any issues that may remain unresolved at this stage please contact Mrs Whymark.