**EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 3rd MARCH**

**THIS WEEK IS BOOK WEEK AT CRANMER**

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<th>Year 2, 3 &amp; 4 Streetdance club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;</th>
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<td>KS1 Multiskills club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; Intermediate Clay club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;</td>
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<td>KS1 Art club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; KS1 Lego club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; Year 5 &amp; 6 Football club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;</td>
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<td>World Book Day; 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;</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>Swimming Quartz class 2.00pm - 2.30pm; Turquoise class 2.30pm - 3.00pm; Opal class 3.00pm - 3.30pm; Year 2 Football club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 3 &amp; 4 Basketball club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;</td>
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**Quote of the week:** “Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” - Emilie Buchwald

**CRANMER BOOK WEEK: MONDAY, 2nd MARCH TO FRIDAY, 6th MARCH**

Our theme this year is 'Shake it up with Shakespeare' and all children will have a chance to learn about the life of the famous playwright and have a chance to read and perform one of his plays! Here are some details about what we have planned for that special week - your involvement would be very much appreciated!

- **Shakespearean performance** for all children on Monday 2nd March.
- **Parents Stay and Read** session on Weds 4th March from 8.45am - 9.15am.
- **World Book Day** - pupils come dressed as their favourite Shakespearean character (please see your class teacher for tips and ideas!) - Thurs 5th March.
- **Costume Parade** - pupils show off their Shakespearean costumes in a whole school parade on Thurs 5th March.
- **Cranmer Book Swap** on Friday 6th March - pupils bring in an unwanted book to swap. Please, only books in a good condition!
- **Readathon** - pupils take part in a sponsored readathon to raise money for their book corners. The children will choose what books/comics to spend their money on!

Big thanks for your support in helping us make this year's Book Week a Shakespearean success!
Very well done to Onyx, Jade and Topaz Classes for all achieving the top attendance score of 100% for the week beginning 9th February. Well done to them!

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL!

Next week, on Thursday 5th March, representatives from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be heading down to the SSE Wembley Arena to take part in a celebration called ‘We Day’. The all-day event will be televised, so you can watch at home or with your class by visiting weday.com to join in on the fun! It is a youth empowerment event, celebrating young leaders who impact change in their local area, so is a great opportunity to spark some fundraising ideas for our School Council. There will be lots of guest speakers including: Richard Branson founder of the Virgin group, Martin Sheen Golden Globe winner, and Andy Burrow International Rugby player to present speeches regarding 'change for the better'. Also, star performances from Shawn Mendes, Mr.Probz and Connor Maynard and many more! Look out in the upcoming newsletters to hear a report on all the exciting events from the day!

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 13th March and once again, the nation is gearing up to put on their Noses, pull out all the stops, and get fundraising.

We will be selling Red Noses from 2nd – 13th March from the Crescent and Court offices at break. Whether it’s at work, at school or at home, the money raised for Red Nose Day is spent by Comic Relief to transform the lives of millions of people, both at home in the UK and across Africa.

Since the last Red Nose Day, Comic Relief has spent £99 million helping over 12 million people - this includes money raised through Red Nose Day, Sport Relief and other fundraising.

‘GOLDEN TEATIME’

Every Friday afternoon, children who have been especially chosen by their class teacher 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: Joaquin, Vinnie, Alice, Hannah, Xavier, Jayden, Angelo, Youghan, Steven, Thuvagan, Rebecca, Jokisan, Emmanuella, Sam, Ervin, Givonny, Nefertiti, Megan and Milena.

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?

The Department for Education (DFE) counts ‘good’ attendance as attendance which is above 96%. This equals on average to a child missing 10 days or less of schooling in one academic year. We are very proud of the fact that all of our classes had good or better attendance last academic year. Cranmer is one of the top schools for attendance within Merton thanks to the support of our parents. Research has shown that children who have good to outstanding attendance records do better in their learning and in school.
We are delighted to have a great level of teacher expertise at Cranmer. We currently have 3 Primary Expert Teachers which are used by the London borough of Merton to provide support for other schools and teachers. We also have 2 Specialist leaders of Education. SLEs are outstanding middle and senior leaders in positions below the headteacher, with at least two years' leadership experience. They have a particular area of expertise (such as a subject area, Early Years or behaviour) and a successful track record of school improvement. Our Headteacher, Mrs Whymark, is also a local leader of education supporting other schools and Head teachers with support and guidance.

Yesterday and today saw some learning walks taking place with a group of teachers from local schools looking at how Science and Literacy are taught at Cranmer. They popped into classes, met with teachers and had a debrief session with Miss Iwegbu (Science leader) and Mrs Hastings (Literacy leader). We would like to thank all the teachers, staff and children involved as they were a credit to our wonderful school. Our visitors really enjoyed their time with us seeing such engaging, lively and creative lessons. We were very proud hosting them in classrooms: they were impressed with what they saw and took away lots of ideas such as Harvesting Knowledge, extending children’s Numeracy and Vocabulary knowledge and even the simplest idea of wearing lab coats and conducting water experiments within portable trays. All the teachers were fine examples of extremely passionate practitioners who work tirelessly for our children at Cranmer! We would particularly like to thank Miss Iwegbu and Mrs Hastings for organising the learning walks.

Some of the comments and feedback that our visitors shared:

'Thank you for a very valuable experience. I have come back to school with lots of ideas. A lovely welcoming environment'. **Morden Primary School**.

'A great variety of content including going into class' **Dundonald Primary School**.

'Very informative and creative. Great science observations. Great teaching and all the children were engaged.' **West Wimbledon Primary School**.

'It was great to see Science taught in different years and different approaches to investigations. Great to see schemes of work, tracking, ideas etc.' **Singlegate/ William Morris**.

'Thank you for the time and effort in organising this morning - it was very informative and a good way of sharing good practice. Thank you to all the teachers for welcoming us to their classrooms.' **Hartfield Primary School**
MITCHAM TOWN CLUSTER’s “Celebration of Success” Award Ceremony

Last night there was a special celebration event organised by Mitcham Town Community Trust which took place at St Marks Academy. Cranmer is one of the schools in the cluster along with 6 other primary schools, 1 secondary academy and two special schools. The Mayor of Merton, Director of Children Schools and Families - Yvette Stanley and Councillor Martin Whelton were all in attendance. The event was sponsored by Taylor Family Foundation and Mayor of Merton. A video presentation from our cluster project ‘Mitcham in View’ was shown at the night.

Some special STAR awards were given to five pupils and to a staff member from Cranmer who had been nominated by staff, celebrating their achievements and rewarded effort, positive attitude to learning and the quality of the work produced during school and beyond. We have wonderful outstanding pupils and staff at Cranmer, unfortunately, we were able to nominate only a few! We are extremely proud of them all!

Mrs Whymark with some of the Star award winners in front of the ‘Mitcham in View’ exhibition.

The star winners were: Tai (Y6), Isobel (Y5), Shaniyah (Y6), Tyler (Y6), Joseph (, Nefertiti and Connor

Mrs Magill was nominated for our star staff award. Mrs Magill was nominated for her passionate commitment to our school and the pupils of Cranmer. Mrs Magill has worked at Cranmer for 25 years - going from newly qualified teacher through to Director of Learning. She always goes the extra mile and has extremely high expectations of herself and her pupils. She is always reflective in her practice wanting to improve. Her care and kindness towards fellow staff members is second to none. She is an integral member of the Cranmer staff team taking it from strength to strength.