Cranmer Primary School

'Creating a community of caring, collaborative, critical and creative thinkers.'

Issue 5 – 9th October 2020

Reading Survey

Thank you for contributing your views to the recent survey on reading at Cranmer. You told us that most of your children enjoy reading and gave helpful feedback about your routines and reading habits. We were pleased to see that so many of you have enjoyed accessing the local library and are now looking at ways we can further develop our school library.

Please look out for a behaviour survey that we will be sending out shortly.

School Uniform – Larger Size's Available

Please note there are larger sizes available on Stitch Design. Please see examples below.

Sweatshirt – V-neck

Label	3-4 yrs	5-6 yrs	7-8 yrs	9-10 yrs	11-12 yrs	Extra Small	Small	Medium	Large	Extra Large
To fit chest	22-25"	25-28"	28-30"	30-32"	32-34"	34-36"	36-38"	38-40"	40-42"	42-44"

Label	XXL
To fit chest	44-46"

If you are not familiar with this garment please check with your school to see if they have samples for your child to try on.

Mobile Phones

This is a reminder that children are not allowed to have mobile phones in school unless they are in **Year 6** and parents have given permission for them to walk to and from school by themselves. **Please note the school takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones.**

Happy Faces

If you need to contact Happy faces: who have ceased trading at Cranmer, please use this email address:
cranmerhappyfaces@gmail.com

Secondary School Applications

The deadline date for secondary school applications is **31st October 2020.** Information regarding Merton open days are at the end of this newsletter.

Please note all applications need to be completed online.

If you have any questions regarding the transfer to secondary admissions process, please contact:

School Admissions Team
Civic Centre
Morden
SM4 5DX

Email admissions@merton.gov.uk

Family Information Service Hubs

Family Information Service Hubs – these are being relaunched from next week. Parents and carers of children and young people aged 0- 19 (25 for children with SEND) can come along to speak with an Early Help Support Coordinator to gain information, advice and guidance around the following;

- child development
- living with teenagers
- work and training
- money, housing and benefits
- finding childcare
- accessing local support services …. and much more!

Sessions must be booked in advance and can be done by visiting the following links:

Church Road Children's Centre (Monday afternoons) https://fishchurchroad.eventbrite.co.uk

Acacia Children's Centre (Wednesday mornings) https://fishacacia.eventbrite.co.uk

NHS Trace and Track

Download the NHS COVID-19 app today

The free NHS COVID-19 app is a vital part of the NHS Test and Trace service in England, and the NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect service.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Get help downloading the app.

The app is available in the following languages:

- Arabic
- Bengali
- English
- Gujarati
- Punjabi
- Simplified Mandarin Chinese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Welsh
- Romanian

We are working to make the app available in Polish and Somali in the coming weeks.

Budding Musician in the family?!

Cranmer is now back to offering private and group music lessons!

Merton Music Foundation offers private lessons in **piano**, **flute** and **clarinet**, taught by a professional tutor. Lessons are taught in school weekly, and can be booked directly through the MMF website https://mmf.org.uk/lessons/

Though MMF's Music Centre is currently closed, their Crown Lane Studio site is COVID-secure and open, and they are offering a whole range of online lessons in **all instruments** until in-person can resume, if your instrument of choice is not offered in school. You can even trial online lessons, not chargeable if you choose not to sign up. For more information, see the MMF website above.

Rocksteady provides the true rock band experience to children of all ages. With the choice of learning the **electric guitar**, **keyboard**, **drums** or **vocals**, children are brought together into groups of those their own age to enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends. Find out more and book directly by visiting https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Visit the websites above, catch me outside Pearl Class, or ask the office for a call back if you wish to discuss any of Cranmer's music provision further ☺

Miss Fryer

STAR OF THE WEEK

Every week, one child is chosen from each class who has achieved especially marked results in work, behaviour or kindness.

DATE: 28th September to 2nd October 2020

CRYSTAL Zayyan – for amazing joining in during carpet time & being a great friend.	**EMERALD** Samson – for making a brilliant pattern in Maths.	**SAPPHIRE** Dayash – for eating his lunch and making a huge effort in class.
DIAMOND Ashvitha – for consistently following the Bee Rules and working hard.	**ONYX** Alistair – for being an all-round super-star.	**PEARL** Muhammad – for great tidying up and following instructions.
AMETHYST Love' El – for trying so hard in his English and Maths.	**CORAL** Hallie – for writing a lovely story in English.	**MOONSTONE** Nii – for working hard in all lessons.
OPAL Muhammad – for very good maths.	**TURQUOISE** Tife – for consistently working hard and being engaged in all learning.	**QUARTZ** Sonny – for trying very hard when reading with adults.
AQUAMARINE William – for supporting his friends in the classroom.	**JADE** Fred – for his exceptional writing.	**JET** Adam – for working hard and being a good friend.
RUBY Leah – for excellent presentation in her maths book.	**AMBER** Dezire – for persevering with her Maths and being an amazing role model.	**STARLITE** Hayat – for trying really hard to complete her big write. Amazing!
GARNET Izzie – for extending her knowledge of fossils using her own resources.	**TOPAZ** Frankie – for being a great friend and classmate.	**ANGELITE** Joaquin – for sketching an amazing piece of Art.

Outstanding Attendance

Congratulations to Angelite class for achieving the top attendance score of 99.2% for the week beginning 28th September.

Well done to them!

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Did you know your child's meal could be FREE?

School meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are FREE to all pupils, but did you know that children in Years 3 to 6 could also get their hot school meal or packed lunch for FREE?

If you are in receipt of selected Government benefits e.g. Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to free nutritious school meals saving you approx. £400* a year!

*This saving will depend on the cost of a meal at your school.

YOU COULD SAVE £400*

Check if you're eligible and start saving today!

Head to: www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Or speak to your school office.

Merton Libraries Online Events October 2020

Skittleman

Children's magic entertainment

Monday, 5 October 4.30pm
Facebook Live

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Solar System Superhero

Join Fizz Pop Science on a whizz through space with Stink the Solar System Superhero

Thursday, 8 October 4pm
Facebook Live

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Puppet Show

Join Little House Story House for a special Black History Month event. Enjoy traditional songs and puppet stories.

Saturday 10 October 3.30pm
Facebook Live

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Online crafts

Our colleagues Ruma and Laura will be doing easy crafts throughout the month of October. Try them at home with your kids.

Facebook

Alice in Wonderland*

Join Magical Quests for this fun show! You'll meet the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and more!

Wednesday 28 October, 11am
Zoom. Booking required.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

BBC THE NOVELS THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD

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MertonArtsSpace

Storytelling for Children

Celebrate Black History Month with storyteller Wendy Shearer who will be bringing Caribbean folktales, myths and legends to life.

Tuesday, 6 October 4pm
Zoom.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

We're Going on a Story Hunt!

Join storyteller John Kirk for a storytelling scavenger hunt.

Saturday, 10 October 11am
Zoom. Booking required.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Rhymetimes

Join our colleague Caprice for rhymes and songs.

Monday 5, Wedneday 7 October 11am
Friday 9 October 12.30pm
Facebook Live

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Creative Writing Workshop*

Join artist Richard and the Merton Centre for Independent Living for a creative writing and poetry workshop based on your favourite stories.

Thursday 22 October, 11am
Zoom. Booking required.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

BBC THE NOVELS THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD

Storytelling for Adults*

Join storyteller Wendy Shearer for this Black History Month special storytime for adults

Friday 30 October, 7.30pm
Zoom. Booking required.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

BBC THE NOVELS THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD

***PLEASE NOTE**: These events will be filmed as part of the Novels That Shaped Our World Libraries Programme. If you don not wish to be part of the filming please let us know when booking.
Any queries please contact:
marketing.assistant@merton.gov.uk

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Free Family Learning online—**short courses**—**on Zoom**

Themed courses with activities—ideal for families with and without young children *—Be creative and have fun together or finding some me time to—keep happy and feel positive. "Our online groups are small, friendly and relaxed"*

Monday—mornings—28th Sept to 19th Oct– 10am to 12

Beginners Knitting —Craft and cultural histories—for grown ups. You will develop / learn knitting skills, including—casting on/off as well as your basic knit and pearl stitches. Not only will you learn to knit either a cushion, scarf or stoll, you will also be introduced to the creative culture and history of knitting around the world. *Learn a skill and make a gorgeous gift!*

Monday—after school —5th Oct to 9th November— 4-6pm

How to Help with Homework for Key stage 1 and 2 parents.

This course will provide crucial support for parents who may lack confidence when helping with their children's homework. There will be time each week for Reception/Year 1&2 curriculum content and an time for Years 3-6. The course content will evolve over time, depending on specific needs of the partici-pants, but a broad outline of content will cover the English and Mathematics curriculum.

Tuesday mornings—29thSept to 20th Oct
10 am-12:00 **World Story Bags**

Create resources and develop your crafting skills inspired by two stories from different cultures around the globe.
Books may include—Handa's Hen, Granny went to Market or Walking through the Jungle.
For parents with our without their children. Get creative - decorating a bag and sewing using resources from around the home.

For all of these courses you will need a smartphone or computer with Internet access.
For more information or to book a place please text or email, – Hayley on 07810 836811 or Hayley.holliday@citylit.ac.uk

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citylitfamilylearning

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Secondary School Admissions Information

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cranmerpssurrey/

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Open Evening Information – 2021 Intake

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, Merton schools have decided to replace their traditional open evenings with virtual events. Please check each school's website for up to date information.

The following table gives the information currently available together with the website address for each school.

Merton School	School web address and 2020 open event information
Harris Academy Merton	www.harrismerton.org.uk for more information
Harris Academy Morden	www.harrismorden.org.uk for more information
Harris Academy Wimbledon	www.harriswimbledon.org.uk for more information
Raynes Park High School	www.rphs.org.uk Information will be available on the school website from 24th September 2020.
Ricards Lodge High School	www.ricardslodge.merton.sch.uk A virtual event is planned for Friday 2nd October 2020 from 4.00pm via the school website. The event will be available for viewing until close of applications.
Rutlish School	www.rutlish.merton.sch.uk Information will be available on the school website from 21 September.
St Mark's Church of England Academy	www.stmarksacademy.com for more information
Ursuline High School	www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Virtual open event on 17 September 5-9pm, to include a head teacher's talk, an opportunity to download the school prospectus, a virtual tour, a live Q&A session and a range of department videos where staff and students will share more about the life at Ursuline. To register for the virtual tour, please visit www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/sign-up-for-virtual-tour-2020/
Wimbledon College	www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk for more information

Open evening dates for schools outside Merton are available from individual school websites.

Important dates

The key dates for the Transfer to Secondary process can be found in the following table.

Please ensure that you meet the date for submitting your online application. Submitting a late application could seriously jeopardise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

Date	Activity
September to October 2020	Online applications can be made.
23 October 2020	Recommended date for parents to submit their application if they are applying using a paper form.
31 October 2020	Closing date for supplementary forms for Ursuline High School.
31 October 2020	Closing date for supplementary forms for Wimbledon College.
31 October 2020	Closing date for applications. Applications received after this date will be regarded as late.
10 December 2020	Last date to amend applications following selective school testing
11 December 2020	Closing date for applications that have been classified as 'late for good reason'. The reason and evidence must also be included with the application. For more information on late applications visit the website.
1 March 2021	Offer day. Letters are posted to applicants who applied using a paper form. Parents who applied online will be able to view the outcome of their application from the evening of 1 March.
May to June 2021	Admissions appeals.
July 2021	Students transferring to Merton secondary schools spend a day at their new school.

The John Fisher School Admission Arrangements 2021-2022

Parents and carers applying for places at The John Fisher School in Years 7 to 11 in the academic year 2021-2022 are asked to note the following statement in relation to Mass Attendance set out in the school's admission arrangements.

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark, the governing body of The John Fisher School has agreed the following statement as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent or carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops."

Governing body of The John Fisher School
September 2020

For further information please visit the school website or contact the school directly at admissions@johnfisherschool.org

Harris Wimbledon Virtual Open Days & Evenings

Virtual Open Mornings will be held on the following dates:
Thursday 8th October
Tuesday 13th October
Thursday 15th October

Please click here to register - Registration for all events will close on Friday 2nd October.
For information regarding Academy Admissions please click here

A virtual Prospective Parents Evening is now available for parents to view on our website:

https://www.harriswimbledon.org.uk/921/virtual-prospective-parents-evening-2020?preview

Wimbledon College

Evidence of Catholic Practice in Supplementary Information Forms following the Coronavirus outbreak

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark the governing body of Wimbledon College has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted whilst churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to COVID 19. This statement has been shared widely with parishes in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis.

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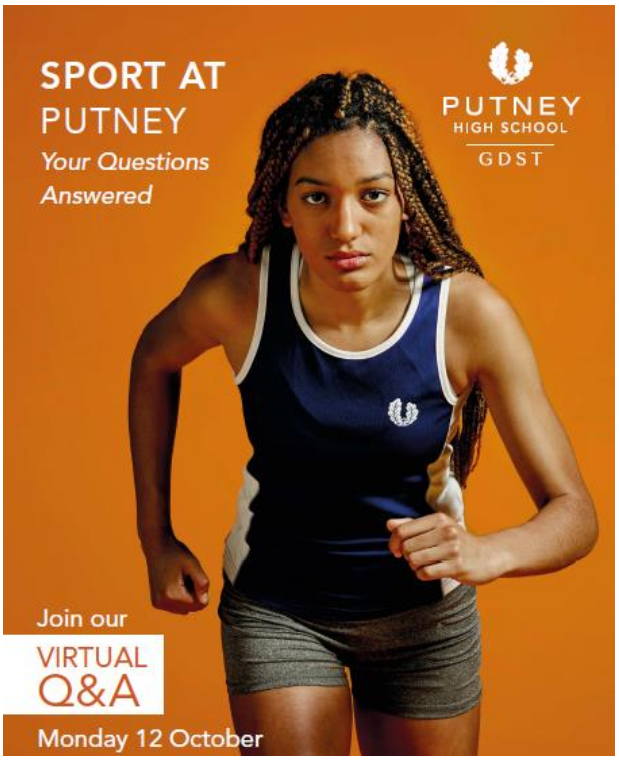
Harris Academy Merton Year 6 Virtual Open Event

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to present the Harris Academy Merton Virtual Open Day and thank you for your interest in your child joining our Academy's community in Year 7, September 2021. We are sure that you have many questions now and will do throughout the year, so we have compiled this handy FAQ booklet (here) to which you can refer.

If you need further clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to contact Ms A White, Assistant Principal - Year 7 Lead at the Academy. Information regarding the admissions process can be found on the Academy website.

Putney High School Virtual Open Days



Our entrance test will be **Wednesday 6th January 2021**. The deadline for applications is **Monday 2nd November 2020**.

Our Virtual Open Days & Scholarship Q&As are available to book via the school website admissions page https://www.putneyhigh.gdst.net/open-days/

We very much look forward to continuing to work with you as we move into the autumn term and would be delighted to talk more with you. I will be in touch shortly, or please do contact us on admissions@put.gdst.net

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