Cranmer Primary School

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

Issue 6 – 16th October 2020

Weduc (Parent Communication Platform)

Weduc will be used to book parents' evening, which will be taking place week beginning 9th November.
If you have not already registered, please do so ASAP.

You will receive a text message with a unique code to register. **Please note, this code is only available for 24 hours and then it will deactivate.**

If you have already registered, you do not need to do it again.

If you have any questions or need help enrolling, please speak to any of our office staff who will be happy to help.

Update - School Photographs

As we were unable to have class photographs taken last term, we have collaborated with an artist to create bespoke illustrations of each class.

Thank you to all parents who placed their orders. There has been a slight delay but we expect them to be ready the first week after half term.

Thank you for your patience.

Half Term

We would like to remind you that school closes for the half term holiday on **Friday 23rd October**. You may have heard in the media that there has been some talk of a two week half term holiday.

As it stands this is **NOT** the case for us at Cranmer and the children will return to school on **Monday 2nd November**. If government guidance on this does change, we will let you know as soon as possible.

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

Wear Red Day

Today we have joined the sixth annual Wear Red Day. Wear Red Day is 'Show Racism the Red Card's' national day of action. It encourages schools, businesses, and individuals to wear red and raise money to fund anti-racism education for young people and adults across the UK.

Thank you to everyone for taking part, donating and standing in solidarity against racism. If you would still like to donate then please text 'RED' to 70470 to donate £1, text 'RED5' to give £5, 'RED10' to give £10, or 'RED20' to give £20."

Harvest Festival

Miss Kennedy, a member of staff, works very closely with Sutton Night Watch Homeless and Vulnerable Charity. She has been asked to arrange the Harvest Festival donations this year.

This amazing charity supports those in need in Sutton, Merton and Croydon. During the pandemic lockdown, they have been able to provide services to a number of families within Cranmer Primary School.

The most needed items at the moment are tinned meats, fish, toiletries (deodorants/shower gel etc.), cartons of juice, squash, UHT longlife milk, chocolate bars, biscuits and crisps.

Please drop donations into the crates outside the Crescent school office or outside the Court building (by the main entrance) on the mornings of Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October.
Thank you for all your support!
Miss Kennedy

We need your help – Book Donations

The 2112 Charity supports education and care for underprivileged children in Ghana. We are supporting their book drive appeal.

If you have any old / new books you wish to donate, the collections points will be:

- Court and Crescent main reception
- Nursery entrance
- Reception class entrance

Thank you in advance

Virtual Marathon

One of our parents, Mike Newell completed the Virtual London Marathon on 3rd October. He is part of the Mencap team, a charity which supports people with learning difficulties.

He has raised a total £250, but his target is £500.

If you would like to donate to this cause, please click on the link below.
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mike-newell4

Well done Mike

Wellbeing4All video library

Mitcham Town Community Trust, have pre-recorded Pilates exercise videos and a mindfulness playlist with guided meditation audio.

Pilates playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsyg25lIU-Lmb3bdcfiOF_yqVvncXX2M9
Mindfulness playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsyg25lIU-LleujDZF6ih559_A4jDm7YH

This wellbeing video library will be updated regularly with new material.

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

2112 CHARITY
BOOK DRIVE
2112 charity
Collection Points
Court and Crescent main reception (Outside)
Nursery entrance
Reception class entrance
GOT LOTS OF OLD BOOKS?
Donate them to a good cause!
What you can donate:
Children's books
Young adult books
Fiction/non-fiction books
School textbooks
Encyclopedia
Dictionaries
From Oct 7 to 23, 2020
VISIT US ONLINE AT 2112CHARITY.ORG
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
2112CHARITY

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: 5th October to 9th October 2020

CRYSTAL Aaisha – always tries her hardest.	**EMERALD** Emily – for making a great effort in tidy up time.	**SAPPHIRE** Fatima – for settling in well in Sapphire class.
DIAMOND Sayan – always follows the Bee Rules.	**ONYX** Charlotte – for her amazing effort in Phonics every day.	**PEARL** Brielle – for working really hard to join in and read in Phonics.
AMETHYST Ashley – for building his confidence and joining in with class discussions.	**CORAL** Justina – for making an amazing effort every day.	**MOONSTONE** Maya – for working hard in all lessons.
OPAL Yaw – for doing good work and having good manners.	**TURQUOISE** Ka-Myra – for her commitment to daily reading at home.	**QUARTZ** Zahrah – for amazing participation in every lesson.
AQUAMARINE Jaiden – he has shown resilience towards his learning.	**JADE** Emaan – for being on task and doing her best.	**JET** Melissa – for excellent work in Maths and writing.
RUBY Yalda – always has a brilliant attitude and shows enthusiasm towards her work.	**AMBER** Vadym – always shows respect and works hard.	**STARLITE** Lucia – for being a resilient individual and trying really hard with her English and Maths.
GARNET Hiba – for writing an engaging diary entry.	**TOPAZ** Farzana – for working hard at her diary entry.	**ANGELITE** Sean – for recording an amazing diary entry, showing confidence and resilience.

Outstanding Attendance

Congratulations to Emerald class, Crystal class and Opal class for achieving the top attendance score of 100% for the week beginning 5th October.

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

MertonLibraries

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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, Wednesday 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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INSPIRING PASSIONS - REALISING AMBITIONS

Free for Merton Family – Arts and Crafts activities for Parents & Carers to do with their children aged 3-10 years Half Term Fun –on Zoom

All inspired by Black History Month

Be creative and have fun together

Tuesday 27th October – Zoom session 1-3pm

Multicultural Story Telling, Rhythm and Rhyme

Join us to listen to Multicultural Stories, take part in singing and engage in rhythm and rhyme activities.

Recommended Materials: a shaker or something to tap on
(Water bottle with rice is fine!)

Thursday 29th October—Zoom session 1– 3pm

Make an African Djembe drum and paint an African Sunset

Learn about the origins of the African Djembe drum and make your own. Decorate it using African patterns and shapes.
Make an African sunset picture, learning how to blend colours and draw silhouettes of endangered animals.

Recommended Materials for each drum:	For African sunset collage:
Two paper cups, string, scissors, glue, balloon, rubber band, tape.	Paper, paints, brushes, black card or black marker or paper, scissors, pens, glue.

Friday 30th October – zoom session - 10am- 12pm

Fabric patterns and Flags of Africa

Enjoy learning about the patterns and flags that have shaped the map of Africa, drawing inspiration from them to create your own unique map.
Take part in our quiz to see what you have learnt!

Recommended Materials: paper card and scissors; colouring materials pens, crayons, paints.

To take part in these sessions you will need to complete an enrolment form.

To find out more or book a place, please contact
Helen.Sprogis@citylit.ac.uk 07818 896575 or Hayley.Holliday@citylit.ac.uk 07810 836811

Secondary School Admissions Information

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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

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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.