

# Newsletter

Cranford Primary School

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## Message from the Head Teacher

We are proud to have been formally recognised by the Department for Education as a 'Trained Early Career Mentor' school for our work developing our newly qualified teachers. As you know we have a long history of developing young and new teachers here at Cranford and the mentor team are instrumental supporting their learning and progression, developing and strengthening their skills and helping them to promote a healthy work-life balance.

Next Thursday as part of our Eco Schools mission we will be participating in Earth Hour by switching off all lights, computers and gadgets for one hour to show symbolic support for the planet and to raise awareness of the environmental issues affecting it.

Easter is fast approaching. This year I have set an in-class competition for all children with an Easter Egg prize for the winners. This replaces our traditional Easter Bonnet competition as we did not want to burden parents with the time, cost and energy of creating a bonnet, especially after World Book Day and Science Day.

Thursday 28th March is the last day of this term. Please note that this is a normal school day – school finishes at the usual times – 3.10pm to 3.40pm depending what class your child is in. The Easter holidays start on 29th March and run until Sunday 14th April. All children should be back in school on Monday 15th April. Please note any absences occurring either side of school holidays will require medical proof of illness, otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

The last after school club is today - there are no after school clubs next week. Children should be collected at the usual times next week.

We will publish the list of clubs for the Summer Term next week. If your child would like to attend a club, please log on to Parent Pay to pay the fees – spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis so look out for the email announcing that clubs are 'live'.

**Jasmeen Chana**, Headteacher

*"If it can be a thought, it can be done, it can be a problem overcome"*



EARLY YEARS  
ATTENDANCE  
WINNERS  
PINK CLASS

KS1  
ATTENDANCE  
WINNERS  
PURPLE CLASS

KS2  
ATTENDANCE  
WINNERS  
SAFFRON  
CLASS



**Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a merit this week:**

Avreet (4Topaz), Edison (4Scarlet), Halema (4Scarlet), Sohith (4Scarlet), Jovan (5Sienna), Aleeza (5Emerald), Ayisha (5Sienna), Carina (5Emerald), Erika (6Amber), Inayah (2Gold), Vladyslav (2Gold), Samir (2Yellow), Najem (2Yellow), Mike (2Purple), Suhana (2Purple), Marvi (5Crimson), Mohamed (5Crimson), Yahya (3Lilac), Zahra (3Lilac), Nicoleta (3Aqua), Andric (3Aqua), Layden (6Amber)

### Year 4 Easter Assembly

Parents of children in Year 4 are all invited to attend the Easter Assembly on Wednesday 27th March at 2:45pm.

Parents should come to the main office reception from where you will be taken to our assembly hall. Please ensure you arrive on time. **Late comers will not be admitted** as this is disruptive for the children and other parents.

The assembly will finish in time for the end of the school day. You can collect your children as usual from the KS2 gate once we have got the children ready with all their things.

We look forward to you joining our Easter celebrations.



# Pebbles the therapy dog

Some lucky children from Year 4 were introduced to Pebbles the dog this week. Pebbles is a therapy dog - trained to provide affection, comfort and support to people, often in settings such as hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, schools, libraries, hospices, or disaster areas. However Pebbles came to our school to help children understand more about dog safety for example when and how to approach dogs.

During the visit the children were allowed to stroke Pebbles and then were shown some tricks she has learnt including waiting, spinning and even playing 'dead'. They were taught never to approach a dog without first checking with their owner if the dog is friendly.

The children loved meeting Pebbles – even those who were a little nervous of her to begin with. Anaya and Mariam, from Indigo, were both anxious before meeting Pebbles but after seeing her and speaking to Mr Whitfield, Pebbles' owner, they felt calm and relaxed and joined in with petting and playing with her.





## PE arrangements at Cranford Primary School – Summer 1 Timetable

On the days your child does PE they must come to school wearing their P.E kit. They will stay in their P.E kit for the duration of the day. Please find below the days that your child will be required to wear their PE kit.

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception			Blue, Pink and Red (Dance)		
Year 1	Violet (Target Games)	Lime, Green (Target Games) Violet (Invasion)			Green and Lime (Target Games)
Year 2	Yellow (Invasion)		Purple and Gold (Invasion)	Purple, Yellow and Gold (Striking and Fielding)	
Year 3	Aqua and Ruby (Tennis)	Aqua and Lilac (Cricket)	Lilac (Tennis)	Ruby (Cricket)	
Year 4	Topaz and Scarlet (Football)	Topaz and Scarlet (Ball Skills)	Indigo (Ball Skills)		Indigo (Football)
Year 5	Emerald and Crimson (Basketball)		Sienna (Basketball)		
Year 5	Emerald, Crimson and Sienna (Swimming)				
Year 6					Magenta, Saffron, Ebony and Amber (Tag Rugby)



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## Dates for your Diary

**27<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 4  
Easter Assembly

**29<sup>th</sup> March** - 12<sup>th</sup> April  
- Easter Holidays

**15<sup>th</sup> April** - Start of the  
Summer Term

**25<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 1  
Vaisakhi Assembly

**26<sup>th</sup> April** - Maths Day

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Positive Day

**24<sup>th</sup> May** - INSET day -  
school closed

**27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Half  
Term



Year 3 have been learning how to follow instructions and work as a team to make a healthy snack. Thank you to all the parents who donated a piece of fruit for this activity.



## Rights Respecting School:

This week we have been focusing on Understanding (Recovery).  
We have been learning about Article 15:

“Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights”.



Music is an important part of school life as it enhances children's moral and spiritual capabilities. Each week we will be sharing songs from the model music curriculum, which is used in our music teaching at Cranford. We would encourage and welcome your support by playing the music at home and discuss with your child what instruments they could hear, did they enjoy the music and how it made them feel.

**This week's song:**

Imagine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VI8LO6-qjGo>



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