

Cranbourne Catch Up

CBEC's Regular Newsletter

7th April 2017

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP—2017

By Year 8 History Students

On Friday 17th March, Year 8 students began their journey from Cranbourne at around 6:00am. Six hours later, we arrived safely in Belgium ready to begin our experience of World War One. We headed straight to 'Flanders Fields' Museum' in Ypres Belgium where we were all given a

Bluetooth poppy bracelet. Our bracelet contained details of a soldier from our area and as we went round the museum we found out more about the soldier at different stages of the war. We learned about their ages, regiments and when and where they died. After this, we moved on to a museum in Passchendaele, where we walked through some re-created trenches and bunkers .

We then headed to our hotel which was situated in the town of Ypres, we settled in and got ready for the Menin Gate Ceremony. Carlin Abley and Abigail Cameron were honoured with laying a wreath at the ceremony which was incredibly moving and carried out with great respect.

The following day we set off on our journey into France to visit the main sites of the Battle of the Somme. Our guide took us around some of the existing trenches and showed us the distance in 'No-man's Land' between the Commonwealth and the German trenches; it was closer than we had ever imagined!

On the way back to Ypres we stopped at a famous chocolate shop where we stocked up on lots of chocolates and souvenirs.

The last day arrived quickly and was spent visiting cemeteries from different nationalities. Miss McConnell kindly read the poem 'In Flanders' Fields' to mark the occasion.

Overall, I think that the Battlefield's trip was a really amazing experience and we would definitely recommend it to other year groups in learning about



World War One. It makes you realise what the war was really about and what conditions the soldiers lived and fought in.

If you are interested in taking part in this amazing experience please see Miss Shaw for a letter. We are booking now for March 2018—places are going fast!



Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, well done to the parents of Year 7 and Year 9, 90% of whom attended parents' evenings this term. These evenings are an opportunity to discuss your child with teaching staff, celebrate achievements and encourage our young people to aim even higher. For some students we understand that teenage years are not always plain sailing and this is why our staff work hard to remove barriers to learning; so that everyone can focus on being an excellent student.

We have surveyed our parents through this term and have had very useful feedback. Our parents overall give us an overwhelmingly high approval rating, with 97% saying they would recommend the school to others. We are also very pleased that 98% of parents say that Cranbourne is a safe and happy place. We would like this to be 100%, so I would remind you to speak to a College Parent Partner if you are concerned about your child's well-being. We are always happy to help!

Your survey results tell us that we could improve our homework. Miss Conlon, our Deputy Head is conducting a thorough review of homework, so watch out for an "out of lesson learning" survey due out early in the summer term.

I am very much looking forward to our Whole College Assembly on Friday afternoon, which will include a fashion show, where our talented textiles students can showcase their work. Please do continue to support us by attending our evening performances. This week we have our Spring Concert in the Drama Studio. Our music prefects, Mr Charlton and helpers have all worked really hard to rehearse this and set up the stage, so please do come along.

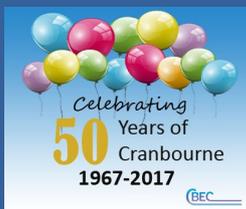
Here's wishing you all a very happy and sunny Easter holiday.

Jane Aplin

Headteacher



CRANBOURNE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



We are delighted that Cranbourne is celebrating its 50th Birthday this year and we are calling all Cranbourners—past and present - to help us celebrate. We are holding a summer extravaganza on Saturday 22 July 2017 in the school grounds. The fun will start at 2.00 pm and continue into the evening until 8.00 pm.

We have been delighted by the contact we have already received from previous members of the Cranbourne Community. This has included Cranbourne's first school secretary who came to visit along with one of the original Art Teachers. We have also had communication with relatives of the Head of Holland House who was also a Languages' Teacher and a relative of the first Head of English. One of the original Maths Teachers, Mr Edney, has recently donated a fantastic piano to the school. We were delighted that he was able to attend our Spring Concert and hear several of our students play the piano! We know that several other teaching staff, from the early days of Cranbourne, are still living locally. We do hope that we can involve as many people as possible. It is our intention to set up a working group who can take responsibility for the detailed planning of this wonderful event. If you would like to be part of this group please email: 50years@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk We truly want this to be a special event that all the Cranbourne community can enjoy—we would love to hear your ideas. Please do get in touch!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ben Jackson's—London to Reading Bike Race

On 18 March 2017 I took part in the cycle ride from London to Reading and was delighted to raise £293 for charity. My journey began when my dad bought me a competition race bike for Christmas hoping I would take cycling up as a hobby. I was very shocked when my Granddad announced that he had signed us both up for a 40 mile bike race and there was only three weeks to prepare!



I rode for the first 5 miles with my granddad but I thought I should push myself and see how high I can get in placement. At the 37 mile point I was faced with the biggest challenge I have ever had to deal with and it was in the form of a hill. At the bottom of this ,so called, infamous Chalk Hill I saw many cyclists sitting on the side of the road in tears as the steep incline was all too much. There was a good chance of mastering it as I am a breeze through all other hills but then I saw a boy not much older than me who had buckled his back wheel on a pot hole. I called and waited for the emergency assistant vehicle which set me back a few places. The very least I could do was help him unravel his chain and fit the new wheel and we rode in to Reading together. A huge crowd of smiling faces greeted us at the finishing line applauding and cheering while Heart FM was announcing placements, times and ages of the finishers. It turned out that I was the youngest solo cyclist taking part in the event which made me feel shocked and I was the first person to finish in my discipline; I placed 13th out of 1900 participants which was a huge achievement and an experience I will never forget!

CBEC's GOT TALENT—2017



Following rounds of auditions 12 finalists were chosen to perform at the Grand Final of CBEC's Got Talent. The evening was a great success and once again reminded us of how talented our students are. The acts ranged from singing to comedy and kept the audience thoroughly entertained throughout the evening. Mr Knatt compered the event in style ably assisted by the 'star panel' of judges—Mr Searby, Mr Featherby, Mr Beattie and Sasha Taylor.

Ellie Lucas, Year 7 proved 'She had Talent' by winning the audience over with her stunning performance of Acro –dance to 'The Greatest' by Sia . Well done Ellie!

Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

APRIL 2017

- **Monday 24th:** First day of summer term
- **Monday 24th:** DofE Presentation Evening
- **Wednesday 26th:** Year 8 Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm
- **Thursday 27th:** Junior Maths Challenge

MAY 2017

- **Monday 1st:** Bank Holiday
Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June
HALF TERM

JUNE 2017

- **Monday 5th:** Return to school

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