



# Cranmore Integrated Primary and Nursery School Newsletter- January 2025

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# Attendance Matters



## 1 - Attendance

*Whole school attendance for December was 86.5%, well below our target of 96%!*

*Class of the month was P6 with 92.4%*

## Principal's New Year Message

It is hard to believe that we are already 4 months into the current school year, but I do hope that all of you had a lovely rest over the Christmas season and I wish you all a very happy new year from all of us at Cranmore.

We always have a busy start to January with preparations for Open Day although I'm sure you will agree with me that the school looks amazing and this reflects all that is on offer in Cranmore for the children. Please continue to encourage any family or friends to apply for Nursery and P1 places throughout the month.

We are delighted to be able to continue offering our counselling service each Friday and if you feel this is something that might benefit your child please arrange to speak to me for more information.

Finally, just to remind you that while Miss Dobbin is absent the role of Designated Teacher for Child Protection role is currently being fulfilled by myself and the Deputy Designated teacher role by Mrs Sansome. If anyone has any concerns or safeguarding issues they should arrange to speak to either one of us.

All the staff look forward to continuing to work alongside you throughout the remainder of the school year.

Kind regards

Mr W Doherty

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***Anti Bias Day for Parents***

*There are still places available on our 'Anti Bias Day for Parents' which includes a political bus tour of Belfast. Please see the letter below and contact Mr Duggan if you are interested in taking part.*

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**Dear Parents,**

Each year, staff at Integrated schools have the opportunity to participate in 'Anti-Bias' training, facilitated by the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE). This training is designed to help staff recognise and challenge bias—both within themselves and in their interactions with the children they work with. An integral and highly valued component of this training has always been a political bus tour of Belfast, aimed at giving staff a deeper understanding of the communities they serve.

We are excited to announce that, thanks to funding from the IEF's 'Trust Programme,' we are now able to offer this same opportunity to parents and grandparents. On **Thursday, 30th January 2025**, we will host an '**Anti-Bias for Parents Day**'. This event will include a **2-hour guided bus tour** of Belfast, with stops at significant locations such as the Peace Wall, murals, and other sites of historical importance. Following the tour, there will be an informal **Anti-Bias session** led by our NICIE development officer, Jessica Clarke.

The day's itinerary will be as follows:

- **9:15 am** – Tea and Coffee
- **9:45 – 11:45 am** – Guided bus tour (DP Bus Company)
- **11:45 am** – Return to school for lunch
- **12:30 – 2:00 pm** – Anti-Bias session for parents, led by NICIE

We have **30 spaces** available for this event, and places will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**. If you would like to participate, please complete the form below to secure your place.

We look forward to welcoming you on this insightful and engaging day.

Kind regards,

A Duggan  
Integration Co-ordinator



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*Parents,*

Over the last few months, we have been preparing to introduce a new programme called Accelerated Reader for Primary 4 to Primary 7 children with the aim of improving our pupil's reading experience. Implementation will result in a change in reading provision in school and at home. This programme has been proven to improve children's word recognition and comprehension skills and overall attitude towards reading. With this in mind, I would like to invite you all to a parent information session on Tuesday 28 January at 2.00pm in our School Library (mobile building beside the Nursery). This session will last for 20-30 minutes and will provide information on the programme and how you can support your child at home. Research shows that parental involvement and support are key to the successful implementation of the programme as the majority of reading and reading quizzes will take place at home. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 28 January.

Best wishes,

Mr Carson

**Key dates for SEPTEMBER 2025**

- 5 December 2024**  
Admissions Criteria published
- 10 January 2025**  
Applications open at 12 noon
- 24 January 2025**  
Applications close at 12 noon

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### *Badminton*

*This term, Primary 6 and Primary 7 will be receiving badminton coaching from Ulster Badminton! They are really looking forward to learning lots of new skills!*

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*10 January - Education Authority Admission portal opens for Nursery and P1 applications*

*11 January - Open Morning 10am - 12 noon*

*13 January - Badminton lessons begin for P6 and P7*

*17 January - Swimming begins for P7*

*24 January - Terrible Tales of Trash Show (P5 - P7)*

*30 January - P3 Roar and Explore trip*

*30 January - Anti Bias Day for parents*

*11 February - Safer Internet Day*

*10 - 14 February - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MID TERM*

*17 February - P5 visit from Fire Service*

*24 February - P6 Transfer meeting for parents 3.00pm*



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*This month's joke comes from Grace Maguire in P6*

Q. Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A. Because 7, 8, 9

