

Cranmore Integrated Primary and Nursery School Newsletter- October 2024

47 Finaghy Road North

Belfast

BT10 0JB

028 90 664410

[Check out our school website](#)



Attendance Matters



1 - Attendance

Whole school attendance for September was 96.9%, above our target of 96% so well done everyone for a great start to the year!

Class of the month was P7 with 97.5%

World Mental Health Day

Dear parents and carers,

Cranmore IPS will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in Hello Yellow in support of Young Minds on Thursday 10 October (World Mental Health Day). We'll be asking children to wear their uniform but accessorise with something yellow (t-shirt, socks, tie, hair band or badges etc).

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same. No young person should feel alone with their mental health. But together, we can change this.

To take part, students can wear yellow to school, and we'd like to ask parents and carers to consider donating to help YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health. Our suggested donation is £2 which can be donated on the JustGiving page:
https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/helloyellow2024?utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=campaign%2Fhelloyellow2024&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=006

Because we stand brighter, together.

Finally, YoungMinds have resources for parents and carers to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person – you can find this on their website: www.youngminds.org.uk/parent. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Mr Doherty

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**

THURS 10 OCT

**I'm wearing
yellow... to raise
vital funds
for YoungMinds**

M&S | YOUNGMINDS

Tiny Learners

This is a project facilitated by the premature baby charity Tiny Life. It is open to all Early Years and Primary School settings in Northern Ireland. The aim of the project is to provide school staff with training on the impact of preterm birth on children's development and learning. We are excited to take part in the project as it is reflective of our child centred ethos and allows us to recognise and address the challenges that exist for children born pre-term.

The award has 4 stages:

Knowledge – staff training to increase awareness of all staff.

Culture – ensuring that policies and procedures identify and support pre-term children.

***Empowerment** – to allow everyone in the school community to be an advocate.*

***Reflect** – ongoing reflection on how we are implementing the ‘Tiny Learners’ Award on an annual basis.*

We aim to formally begin the process in January in time for our next round of applications for Nursery and Primary 1.



Non Uniform Day

*Friday 25 October will be a non uniform / dress up day. Children are asked to make a donation of **£2.00**. This year we are supporting the **NSPCC**.*



Harvest

Well done to Primary 5 who performed our Harvest Assembly this year. Many thanks everyone who donated items of food, these donations were put to good use in the community by a local foodbank.





NICIE Training for Governors

Cranmore is a grant maintained integrated school and as such is set up differently to most schools. The school is governed by a Board of Governors who are also the Employing Authority for all staff (in most other schools the Employing Authority is the Education Authority or the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools).

The Board of Governors of a GMI school have therefore more responsibilities in terms of finance, employment and legal issues. To assist the Board of Governors in discharging their duties NICIE delivered bespoke training on 8 October 2024.

It was a successful night which demonstrates the commitment of our Board to Cranmore and to our broader integrated ethos.

School Football Team

Our school football team played Blythefield Primary School in the first round of the Belfast Schools' Cup on Monday 23 September. Although the result didn't go our way it was great for so many children to play their first ever game for Cranmore. We are looking forward to training hard in preparation for the Integrated Cup later in the school year.

Professional Learning for a Changing Society (PLiCS)

On Monday 7 October, we received a visit from a group of students from Stranmillis University. As part of their PLiCS Programme, the students were eager to see how we celebrate diversity within our school! They were treated to a performance by the school choir and a tour of the school.



Life Exhibition

Primary 6 and 7 had the opportunity recently to visit the Bethany Church in Finaghy to see the Life Exhibition. This multi denominational exhibition was a great opportunity for the children to learn about the life of Jesus.







Integration Ambassadors

Last year we were delighted to appoint our first school Integration Ambassadors. It is the job of our ambassadors to promote the integrated ethos of the school by providing a voice for all pupils. They assist the Principal in welcoming visitors to the school and meet with Mr Doherty regularly to share their experiences of the benefits of integrated education and to suggest ways that this can be made even better. Well done to this our 2024-2025 Integrated Ambassadors – Sophia



Primary 6 Visit Windsor Gospel Hall

Last month, Primary 6 had the opportunity to attend the Bible Exhibition at Windsor Gospel Hall. This non denominational exhibition was a wonderful opportunity for all children to learn about the Bible. We are grateful for everyone at Windsor Gospel Hall for making us feel so welcome.







Enlighten Counselling Support

Last year we were disappointed to learn that Banardos were ending their Time 4 Me service. However, we recognised the huge importance that a counselling service has had in supporting many families within our school. In September we were delighted to be able to offer a new service for the year ahead. Tommy is in school to work with families every Friday. We have also relaunched a 'drop-in' service which gives children the opportunity to speak to Tommy over lunch break on a Friday. Appointments can be arranged by taking a tear off slip from the Resource Area 2 door which provides pupils with a dedicated time to speak with Tommy.

Any parent who is keen to access the service should speak with Mr Doherty who will make arrangements for their details to be added to the waiting list.

Parent Meetings

This year's parents meetings will take place during the week beginning 21 October.

To facilitate these meetings, school will finish at 1.45pm for all pupils during this week. There will be no waiting club or after school activities during this week. There will also be only 1 afternoon bus.



8 October - P6 and P7 visit to Bethany Church

8/9/10 October - After School Clubs start

10 October - World Mental Health Day - (Yellow Day)

11 October - Aladdin Show for P4 - P7

21 - 25 October - Parent Teacher Meetings - School Closes at 1.45pm all week

25 October - Halloween Dress Up Day

11 November -Anti Bullying Week

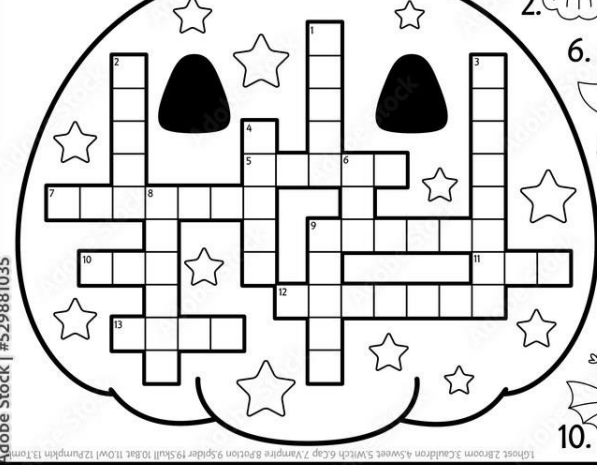
28 November - Christmas Fair



Q. Why do bees have sticky hair?

A. They use honeycombs!

HALLOWEEN crossword puzzle



iStock #529881035



iStock #529881035