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School News



SPORTS ROUND UP

RUGBY 7S

Cranbrook have entered a number of sevens tournaments this year with considerable success. The Seniors have played in Worth, St. Olave's and Reigate Sevens reaching the semi-finals in every competition. At the Reigate Sevens (Sussex 7s), the team ended up in the 'group from hell' with games against Brighton College, Oaklands College (Saracens Academy) and Filton College (Bristol Academy). However, the team performed well and progressed to the semi-final of the bowl competition beating Gresham's School 26-12 in the quarter final before finally losing out to Wisbech.

The Senior Girls also entered Reigate Sevens with a number of players who were new to the sport. Despite losing in their rounds to the eventual winners, Epsom, they convincingly beat Hurstpierpoint 25-5 and showed a dogged determination that was impressive. Notable performances were by India Roche, Charlotte Robinson and Natalie Gibbs.

At the St. Olave's Sevens, the Senior Boys team demonstrated how much they had progressed, playing some outstanding sevens in the rounds, defeating Ravenswood and St. Olave's convincingly before losing out to a strong Skinner's side in the semi-final.

At the Worth Sevens, the Senior Boys came up against Brighton College again and fared much better, despite going down 25-5. They then went on to convincingly beat Worth and Reed's School in the rounds which took them through to the semi-final against London Oratory. With the heavens opening, the game was made more complex and the team were beaten 15-5. Well done to the squad of Burke-Nash, Forbes, Waterworth (captain), Macklin, Coleman, Jelly, Skarbek, Scully, Schindler, Hodgkins, Harrison, Pettet, Jamieson, Karg, Rugg and Biggs for providing some outstanding and entertaining sevens!

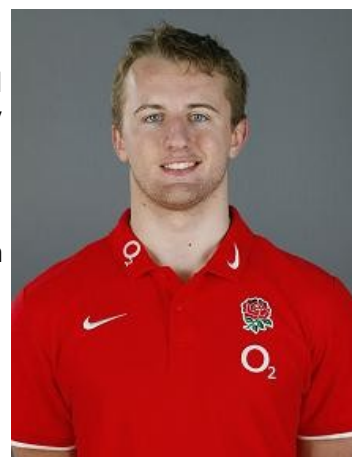
The U15s played in the Kent Sevens, winning two games, drawing one and losing one in their rounds. Only the group's winners progressed so Cranbrook were heading home, however the 17-15 victory over Duke of York's and the 31-7 defeat of Simon Langton's were very satisfactory. Some superb sevens were played by Sinden, Hodges, Hawkins and Ward.

PLAYING FOR ENGLAND!

Josh Pettet, Year 13, has been selected to play Rugby for England.

This amazing achievement has seen Josh playing in the South East Trials where he was selected for the South East

final squad. He then played in the Regional Tournament in the north at Broadstreet RFC where England selectors picked him for the Under 18 School squad to play against Ireland on the 10th April in Dublin. Congratulations and good luck Josh!



SURREY STORM v LEEDS CARNEGIE: A group of girls from the senior and U15 netball team recently travelled to Surrey Sports Park in Guildford to watch league standard netball. Amongst the players was Natalie Seaton who provided a pre-season netball workshop for Cranbrook netball teams. All the girls benefited from watching the game and have picked up new drills to practice in their own training sessions. Surrey Storm won 77-49.

NETBALL

TOTAL MATCHES PLAYED FIRST HALF TERM: 37

WON 24: 65%

LOST 13: 35%

Half term 1st team Netball Report

The first half of the Netball season has been a great success for the 1sts. We eased ourselves in with the versatility tournament at Kent College, Pembury, but we had been training hard, (as always!), towards the regional round of the National Tournament, in which we achieved a fantastic 6th place - beating the recent Kent County Champions - Highworth in our last game. With unfortunate losses all round against Kings Canterbury, our first weekend match knocked us back a bit. However, after this defeat, effort in training increased even further and determination to win the next match was high. Matches against Sutton Valence, St Leonards, Kent College Pembury and Eastbourne were won and this has boosted the 1st team's confidence and we are looking forward to the second half of the season. Everyone has put in loads of effort for this first half of term, which has brought some great results, even with exams interrupting in the middle! So hopefully, with an undisturbed second half of term, we can achieve some great results.

Vicki Locking (Captain)

HOCKEY

The boys' hockey season is in full swing and all of the school teams are playing regular fixtures. At the junior end the U14C team remain the only unbeaten side in the school while the A team are developing their skills and playing well. Frank Reynolds and Dan Crispin are consistently the top players in the side.

The U15s are proving to be a very strong side with Toby Russell-Vick scoring at will and Ed Houchin looking solid at the back. The U16 team have won the Kent County Plate competition beating Duke of York's 1v0 with a goal from George Katis. Two of the lads have represented the 1st XI, Sam Kemp and Tobyn Hargrave-Smith, while captain Rory Miles continues to play for Kent. Tobyn is also in the Kent squad.

The seniors are playing and working well. The 3rd has only lost once and are 2nd in the national merit table. Brilliantly led by Jim Brinklow the side is enthusiastic and hardworking. Many of the team are rugby players and it has to be said this shows a little in their play.

The 2nds are, as always, a hard side to beat and working under Soro ensures that they learn and play good hockey. They have lost a couple of games but generally are one of the strongest teams on the circuit.

Mr Pohio's 1st XI are mixing frustrating and some-

times naïve hockey with some sublime play. Dan Jelly has been outstanding both as a player and a captain while Tom Berger has been a clam at the back. The usual problem of scoring goals is still



there and this means that wins are always hard earned .

Mr Presnell

Overall so far

Played 67 won 34 drawn 4 lost 29

BASKETBALL

This Basketball season was a very successful one for the under 14s. Playing against sides that had been playing together for two years the team quickly developed its own style. In the West Kent League the team won the majority of their games. The two lost games were against Hayesbrook and TWBGS.

The League semi final saw the team play Hayesbrook again and having improved significantly Cranbrook won 44 to 36. The final was a good game and Cranbrook beat TWBGS by eight points to lift the trophy. In the Kent Cup the team progressed smoothly to the semi-final where they lost by four points to Northfleet Technology College a specialist Basketball School. Special mention should go to Matt Leckie, Alex Weighton, Will Walter, James Wallner, Wesley Walton, Olli Bond and Kelvin Leung who were the key players.

Cranbrook's under 15 basketball team has had a successful term on the court. The under-15s captured the West Kent Under 15 League Title. They defeated Judd in the final winning decisively 53-17. Particular mention goes to Jamie Drummond for his outstanding performance in this match.

The following week was the semi-final of the Kent Cup. This was a dubbed as being the biggest basketball match played at this school in 10 years. The boys did not disappoint. They came up against a skilfully superior team with at least one player who plays with the England side. They

started strong and even led for a while in the first quarter. Their defence was strong and they executed well on offense. However, the strong shooting of Canterbury slowly overcame their efforts. The three-point shooting of Canterbury was outstanding and proved to be our downfall. Even with the strong defensive play of Josh Humphries and the effective offensive play of Mike Jelly we could not stay with them. The final score was 81-53. The boys did work extremely hard and should be very proud of their efforts. If we meet this team again in the future we will be more prepared and ready for them.

Huge congratulations to the teams for a successful year, which is over for the most part, although there still may be the odd match or competition remaining.



SWIMMING

The Cranbrook Swim Team has competed in two galas so far this term against Sutton Valence and Sevenoaks. On 26th January, the swim team travelled to Sutton Valence's new pool to compete at Junior (Year 9), Intermediate (Year 10 & 11) and Senior (Year 12 & 13) levels for both the boys and girls. The teams performed outstandingly well, particularly the Inter Girls, and narrowly won in all three age groups. Outstanding performances were by Sasha Morgan and Kelvin Leung in the Juniors, Beth Coombe-Jones and Sophie Griggs in the Intermediates and Tom Beresford-West and Clara Cheng in the Seniors. A rematch is planned for the beginning of next term.

Against Sevenoaks, one of the South East's top swimming schools, the Cranbrook Swim Team pushed them all the way, narrowly losing out by 332 points to 292. Despite this, there were some excellent swims and with a result like this, it's clear that Cranbrook can compete with the best. Matt Leckie showed tremendous potential in the

Junior Boys, Flossie Harris admirably stepped up to compete in the Senior IM Girls and Harry Davison swam superbly for the Inter Boys. With training on at the Weald, 4-5pm on a Thursday, the swim team has a place to train regularly, and should begin to improve.
Mr Green

COURT BATTLE WON

A team from Cranbrook won a closely fought local heat of the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial competition held at Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court at the beginning of the month. They beat last year's winners, Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar and now move on to the regional final in May. The competition sees teams of 12 to 14 year olds taking on the roles of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates and court staff and their performance is judged by experts from the legal profession. The winning team for Cranbrook comprised Jess Fox, Hannah Stainsby, Megan Clube, Charlie Barnett, Katie Nafig, Emily Allchin, Izzy Powell, Oli Bond, Dominic Gould, Eleanor Wride, Miranda Adams, Philippa Dorey, Harriet Turner and Jamie Lerpiniere.



SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

Held in February and with the theme of 'Sustainable Seas and Fish Stocks', this was a great success. The Sustainable Fish List, compiled by sixth form student Josh Powell, to help you make the right choices when eating fish, can be downloaded from the School website www.cranbrookschool.co.uk under 'News Archive'

ARTS WEEK

Blessed with good weather again Arts Week was a vibrant, lively mix of outdoor lunchtime music, film, dance, art, literature and comedy; a real celebration enjoyed by the school and the community.



LUNCHTIME MUSIC



CREATIVE WRITING WITH MARCUS



MAKING MOBILES



STOPPING TO READ



SWEET CHARITY



CHEER LEADING WORKSHOP

