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For safeguarding, the school office will be closed from 8.35am-8.50am and 3.15pm-3.25pm daily. This is to allow the children to enter and exit the site safely. Please call or use the intercom during these times for assistance.

Friday 14th June 2024

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

17th June – Class Photos – full school uniform to be worn - Year 5 to come to school in uniform and bring trainers for PE

17th June – Year 3, 4 & 5 termly projects due in

18th June – Da Vinci and Picasso classes to visit Activity Box

18th June – Nick Cobb, visiting artist in to Year 5

19th June – Hawking class assembly – Parents invited 8:50am

21st June – HBJs SUMMER FAIR

21st June – new classes emailed to parents for current Y3, 4 & 5 pupils

24th June – Kahlo and Dali classes to visit Activity Box

25th June – Year 5 parents invited to see projects 9am – 9:30am

25th June – Year 2 Parents meeting and tours – 6pm

26th June – Tolkien class assembly – parents invited 8:50am

26th June – Year 4 parents invited to see projects 2:30pm – 3pm

27th June – Year 3 parents invited to see projects 9am – 9:30am

28th June – Tolkien class Swimming

1st July – SPORTS DAY Year 3 & 4 parents 9am; Year 5 & 6 parents 1pm

4th July – Whole School Transition Day

5th July – Tolkien class Swimming

10th July – Parks class assembly – parents invited 8:50am

12th July – Tolkien class Swimming

16th July – Year 6 Production matinee performance 1:30pm

17th July – Year 6 Production evening performance – 7pm

18th July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Christ Church (Y5 children to attend) Y6 Parents welcome

19th July – End of Term 6 – 1:15pm finish (After School Club closed)

Last Friday, a tired but very happy group of 73 Year 6 children returned from Bawdsey Manor where they had enjoyed a week of adventure and fun. They all had the opportunity to try out exciting new challenges such as rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, ziplining and even a giant swing. It was a fantastic week and the children amazed the adults that accompanied them with their bravery and resilience. Mrs Lewis-Taggart told me “we were also extremely proud of the children’s behaviour and good manners throughout the week; something which was commented on a number of times by PGL staff.”

Well done to all the children who participated.

On Wednesday, Anning class presented their assembly to the school sharing the life of British palaeontologist, Mary Anning. We were informed about Mary’s fascinating life; how she became interested in fossils as a young child growing up in Lyme Regis through to the impact she had on our knowledge of prehistoric life, through the discoveries she made. Many of these can be viewed at the National History Museum today. The children delivered their lines with confidence watched by their parents, along with the rest of the school.

Next week we look forward to seeing the home-learning projects arrive in school. Dates for you to come and see these being showcased can be found at the top of this newsletter.

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SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is planned for Monday 1st July.

Year 3 & 4 events will take place in the morning. Parents are invited to attend at **9am**.

Year 5 & 6 events will take place in the afternoon. Parents are invited to attend at **1pm**.

You will be able to access the field **via the car park pedestrian gate only**.

Further details will follow in due course.

SUMMER FAIR NEWS

A reminder that our Summer Fair will be taking place on Friday 21st June, from 1.30pm - 3.00pm. The theme this year is 'Midsummer Madness' and the children can come to school wearing bright and cheerful clothing.

There will be lots of exciting stalls and games for children and adults to enjoy with prices ranging from 20p to £1. Alongside, there will be refreshment stalls (selling drinks, ice lollies, cakes and sweets), a cake and a BBQ.

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents, grandparents and friends to our school during the afternoon. If you are unable to join us, your child will be able to enjoy the afternoon with their friends. Please could we ask, if this is the case, any money your child brings in is in a named and sealed envelope or purse which they can keep safe until the start of the fair.

We look forward to seeing you next Friday!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 90.99%.

Overall attendance this year to date is 92.68%.

No class achieved 97+% attendance this week.

33 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.

107 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

76 late codes have been recorded this week:

Year 3 – 16

Year 4 – 17

Year 5 – 23

Year 6 – 20

All children must arrive at school **by 8:45am** each day to avoid being coded as 'late'. A late arrival results in a disrupted start to the day. Learning begins at 8:45am: a child arriving late will find it difficult to join in a lesson that has already started.

Early Morning Sports Club is **free of charge** and open for all children to attend. It starts promptly at **8:20am** each day. Please consider this if your child is held up by you dropping siblings to other schools.

HOUSE POINTS

Kestrels are the winners this week with 189 house points – well done!

Hawks - 180 house points

Eagles – 160 house points

Falcons – 151 house points

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

Year 6 Transition

This week, Year 6 had the school transition team in to discuss moving to secondary school and how to prepare for this change. Look out for the booklet your child received with hints and ideas to help them feel more confident about this important time.

Art Ambassadors visit to Archbishop's School, Canterbury

On Monday, the Art Ambassadors went to Archbishop's for an art workshop in their Art Department. When we first arrived, we had a mini tour and then enjoyed a complimentary lunch. We then set to



work doing two different activities. First of all, we painted the African Savannah taking our inspiration from The Lion King. After this, while waiting for it to dry, we did some paint pouring activities. Once the paint from our savannahs had dried, we used oil pastels to add the trees in and to layer our paintwork. Finally, we put all of our paintings together to form an art gallery and discussed ones that stood out and gave our reasons why. (Review by Delilah, Year 4)

Multiplication Tables Check

Congratulations to Year 4 who this week completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). We are very proud of the effort they have put into learning their tables. The MTC is an important check but it is not why we learn the times tables. The knowledge the children have spent time learning and practicing will be invaluable next year and the years that follow. It will boost their confidence and give a strong foundation for future concepts to link in with such as fractions, decimals, percentages, area, volume and many more. Practise does not stop now either. We will continue to practice these key facts in school and will encourage children to continue practicing at home through the use of Times Tables Rock Stars - a program they have been so engaged with this year. There will be some children who have not yet grasped all these key facts. The outcomes of the MTC will allow us to identify and support these children for the remainder of Year for and beyond so that they have a confident grasp of these facts by the time they leave Year 6. Results for the MTC will be shared with parents on Friday 28th June.

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PESE (Kent Test / 11+) applications are now open

Year 5 children who wish to be considered for a Grammar School place in September 2025 must sit the Kent Test. Registration is now open and closes at midnight on Monday 1st July. Please register online using the following link. If you are unable to register online, please contact the school office for assistance.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

SEN NEWS

Does your child have an EHCP? Have the local authority agreed to assess their needs and write a draft?

Is your child in Yr4 or Yr5? It's time to think about secondary school now...yes now!

Sammy Black, SENCO, is holding an information sharing event on Wednesday 19th June at 2:30pm. This informal event will allow you to understand the secondary transition process for children with EHCPs and ask further questions.

Come along to find out more about the processes you will need to consider to ensure your child attends the right school for them.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Food and Energy Support Scheme

The Household Support Fund is a scheme funded by the government to help lower income households. The scheme will offer energy and/or food support at a total of **£100**.

To apply, you must:

- Live in the Canterbury district and be 16 or over
- Have a total household income of £40,000 or less before tax - this includes any money from employment or benefits
- Not have savings above £1000
- Not be receiving free school meal support

More information, as well as the application form, can be found on Canterbury City Council's website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/adult-social-care/paying-for-care/benefits/household-support-fund>

Please speak with Miss Wood if you would like support to complete the application.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

Fair Play and Friendly Competition

With football's European Championships about to kick off, it's likely that young fans will be inspired to take to the pitch themselves, or perhaps they're naturally sporty already. High-profile tournaments such as this can be a great opportunity to teach children and young people about what constitutes being 'a good sport', not just in terms of technique, but also attitude.

The guide attached collates expert tips for encouraging fair play and friendly competition between children. It will help you to

ensure that they can relish an enjoyable game of football, rugby or something else entirely, without unhealthy approaches to winning and losing polluting what could be an uplifting experience for all.

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded to:

The Year 5 TAs nominated Finlay, from Curie class, for Patch. They said "Finlay is a sweet, mature member of Year 5 and we are all so proud of him. During last week's PE lesson, several of the adults commented on what a superstar he was.

Finn demonstrated what it means to be a great sportsperson and team player. He teamed up with another child and kindly helped them to understand the games and encouraged them to join in.

He did this with true patience and respect."

Nominated:

Miss Findeis nominated Grace, from Kahlo class, for Patch.

"I feel Grace is truly deserving of Patch as recognition for all the kind and selfless things she does for others around her. Grace is always happy to offer a helping hand to anyone. However, I'm not nominating for just this one reason, nor can I write down a list of everything kind or generous Grace has done as it would be endless. I would like this nomination to be a round up for all the times Grace has offered help, checked others are ok and made someone's day just that bit brighter. I guarantee that everyone has a smile on their face when Grace is around as her warmth and kindness always shines through."

Freya, in Parks class, nominated Mrs Dyson for helping her with her project and for being so kind and wonderful.

Isla nominated Rose, in Tolkien class, for always being a kind friend. Isla said, "Everyone should have a friend like Rose."

Evie, Bea and the rest of Tolkien class also nominated Rose. They said "Rose always sticks up for us. She also tells funny jokes and makes us laugh. She cheers us up when we are down and makes us all feel happy."

Tolkien class nominated Mrs Pym-Gale for being kind and one of the best teachers ever! They said that they do not know what they would do without her.

Mrs Evett-Collins was nominated for Patch by Holly in Kahlo. Holly said, "Whenever I am sad, she is sorry. Every time I am happy, she is pleased for me. She cheers me up when I am sad and she always brightens up my day."

ROCKING READERS

This week the Rocking Reader trophy goes to Johnson class. They have achieved an average of 96% in their quizzes – well done!

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TT ROCKSTARS

Our TT Rock Star award goes to an individual child this week. Buddy Prior in Parks class, played the most days in the whole school – 6 days! He also achieved his ‘Gone Green’ certificate as well. Superstar!

TT ROCK STARS COMPETITION

The Year 4 vs the Rest of the School competition ends on Monday. As of Thursday evening, the Rest of the School team have 229 points and Year 4 have 443 points. We will announce the winners next week!

MR FOREMAN’S ECO CORNER

A Monumental Idea

As you may know, I like to cover a wide a range of eco subject material. Some maybe a bit mundane, others may be a bit odd, but they all highlight that within every aspect of our life we can make a change.

However, it is apparent that we can now make a small positive eco contribution when we reach the end of our life too. Interested in my rather macabre eco find? Then please read on.



In Denmark, like the UK, the tradition of using granite for gravestones is creating significant environmental challenges due to importation from countries like India and China, adding significantly to

CO2 emissions.

However, a Danish chap, Nikolaj Tymmm-Andersen, a visionary stonemason, has decided a different path by replacing granite with a local resource: clay.

Tymm-Andersen's clay gravestones, which can be fired like roof tiles, have gained approval earning him multiple European design awards. His creations are not only climate-friendly but also pleasing to the eye and available in a wide range of colours, guaranteed to brighten up any cemetery.

This transition to an eco-friendlier product, mean that Danish cemeteries are not only adopting a greater environmental responsibility but also building a connection with nature that is respectful and enduring.

Now who'd have thought you'd be reading about that on a school newsletter!

Eco dates for the coming week:

Clean Air Day – 15th June 2024

Clean Air Day, run by Global Action Plan, is the UK’s largest campaign on air pollution. This annual event aims to help drive a positive shift in public knowledge and action around air pollution. As such, it is a chance to find out more about air pollution, share information, and make the air cleaner and healthier for everyone.

World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought – 17th June 2024

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The day looks to remind everyone that land degradation neutrality is achievable through problem-solving, strong community involvement and cooperation at all levels.

HERNE BAY LIBRARY CRAFT AND ACTIVITY EVENT

To celebrate Euro Football 2024, Herne Bay Library are holding a craft and activity event on Saturday 22nd June. See the attached poster for details.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified by their class teachers as this week's Stars of the Week. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

Parks Liam Spiller
Shakespeare Malakai Venkatachellum
Tolkien Rose Courtney-McCracken

Da Vinci Andile Ncube
Dali Musab Mutlu
Kahlo Amity Lee-Jones
Picasso Amiyah Johnson

Anning Whole Class
Curie Ziyad Barakat
Hawing Molly-Jane Ashby
Jemison Hayden Lindsey

Banneker Rico Nash
Johnson Macie Miller & Freddie Crouch
Nightingale Lexi Reeves
Turing Daniel Barnes

TA RECOGNITION AWARD

Each week, our TAs recognise those children who consistently shine as positive role models to others during break and lunch times. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

This week's awards go to:

Year 3 Alfred Mason
Year 4 Andile Ncube
Year 5 Ed Udonsi
Year 6 Martha Cowling

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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