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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 26th April 2024

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

30th April – Dali class swimming (in lieu of cancelled lesson)

1st May – Jemison class assembly 8:50am (parents invited)

1st to 9th May – TTRS term 5 Inter-House competition

3rd May - Parks and Shakespeare classes swimming

6th May – BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)

6th to 9th May - TTRS term 5 Inter-House competition contd.

8th May – Lancaster Presentation for Year 6 pupils

9th May – Year 6 parents Bawdsey Manor residential meeting 5pm

10th May - Parks and Shakespeare classes swimming

13th – 16th May – Year 6 SATS week

13th – 17th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

17th May - Parks and Shakespeare classes swimming

20th May – Art Ambassadors art session

21st May – Year 5 Parents Kent Test Meeting – 5:30pm

24th May – **End of Term 5 (finish 3:15pm)**

TERM 6 BEGINS – MONDAY 3rd JUNE

Last Sunday, Miss Peaks ran and completed the London Marathon in 3 hours 45 mins! This was a fantastic achievement considering the number of people taking part. Miss Peaks shared that it was rather overwhelming with so much going on around her but an experience that she would never forget. Quite remarkable that she was back in school on Monday, looking fresh and energised!

In the last few weeks, Mrs Deacon and her catering team have been revitalising our school meal offer. On Wednesday, the children tucked into a delicious roast comprising gammon, roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese and vegetables. This was enjoyed by children and staff and will become a regular on the menu, I'm sure! Included in the trials have been 'Mac & Cheese with garlic bread and salad' and 'Build your own Burger'. Additional menu items are being planned and School Council are supporting the team by asking their class mates about their likes and dislikes. Now is a good time for your child to try a school dinner if they

haven't yet done so. The menu can be found daily on our Instagram stories and children can choose to have a dinner on any day at a price of £2.50 payable via School Money.

Attached is a guidance leaflet from KCC about school attendance. It highlights useful information for parents and carers which explains the impact of poor attendance on learning and outcomes. May I remind you that parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time. We hope you may find this leaflet helpful and informative.

On Wednesday we said goodbye to Mrs Keam. We will all miss her as a teacher and colleague and wish her well for the future.

Please note that the final two **Staff Development Days** of this academic year are **Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July**.

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ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 91.2%.
Overall attendance this year to date is 92.95%.

Well done to Shakespeare class for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

41 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.
104 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

58 late codes have been recorded this week:

Year 3 – 14

Year 4 – 14

Year 5 – 17

Year 6 – 13

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

Hawks are the winners this week with 285 house points – well done!

Eagles - 246 house points

Kestrels – 240 house points

Falcons – 183 house points

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

In our Wednesday assembly this week, Shakespeare class presented a wonderful assembly about the life and works of William Shakespeare whose plays and poems continue to captivate and inspire audiences hundreds of years after his death. Many well-known phrases we use today owe their origin to Shakespeare: If you've ever been "in a pickle", waited "with bated breath", or gone on "a wild goose chase", you've been quoting from *The Tempest*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Romeo and Juliet* respectively. Next time you refer to jealousy as "the green-eyed monster", know that you're quoting Othello's arch villain, Iago. "The be-all and end-all" is uttered by Macbeth as he murderously contemplates King Duncan, and "fair play" falls from Miranda's lips in *The Tempest*. Apparently, he even invented the knock-knock joke in the famous Scottish play. Some phrases have become so enduringly well-used that they're regarded as clichés – "a heart of gold" comes from *Henry V*, while "the world's mine oyster" crops up in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. The way in which these phrase and often-quoted lines have endured is a testament to the universal experiences of life Shakespeare was able to capture in his plays. You can find photos from the assembly on our social media pages.

Year 6 SATs Week Breakfast

Starting Monday 13th May, all children in Year 6 across the UK will be completing their statutory national Key Stage 2 SAT assessments, including your child. The tests will run from Monday to Thursday. It is important that your child is in school on time and ready to do their best.

During this important week, Year 6 children will be invited in early each day for a sausage sandwich and a chance to be with their friends, relax and get settled before starting the tests. It is a great way to start the day and, hopefully, relieve some of the anxiety that can arise during this week.

The school gate will be open from 8:15 until 8:20. Please complete the form below so that we can organise how many children will be coming in and whether they would like a sausage sandwich or a vegetarian sausage sandwich. Even if your child does not want to eat, they are still very welcome to come in early and be with their friends. For those children who go to Morning Sports, they can grab a breakfast and join in the sports with Mr Hobbs as usual. If you would like your child to attend these early morning breakfasts for Year 6 children, please complete the form using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5rswFiEARL>

YEAR 3 SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mr Riseborough announced our Year 3 School Council members this morning. Well done to:

Amber Francis – Parks class

Rose Courtney- McCracken – Tolkien class

Eva Bushell – Shakespeare class

Deputy councillors are:

Eliza Waddington – Parks class

Jasper Law – Tolkien class

Evie Turner – Shakespeare class

BEACH CREATIVE EXHIBITION

Earlier this year, eight of our Year 6 children (along with a parent/carer) had the opportunity to participate in a series of cyanotype printing workshops run through Beach Creative. The work produced is soon to be exhibited at Beach Creative and everyone is invited to view this. Please see the attached flyer for details. The children who participated have also been invited to a private viewing which I'm sure will be a very special celebration of their work! We hope you are able to pop by to see what cyanotype printing is all about.

SEN NEWS

Preparing for the transition at the end of the school year, either to a new class or a new school, can be very challenging. Families and schools want to ensure that the children are prepared as best as possible for the change so that questions can be answered and anxieties can be managed as best as possible. Behind the scenes, in school, we've been preparing documents and records in preparation for the children moving to new schools and

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classes. This occurs so that the adults are best informed and ready to support each child's individual needs. The more we know about a child, the better the support can be. This is true for family knowledge too. The more you know about the new school or class, the better you can support your child. Using the link below, you can sign up to a free online course, Moving Up, designed to support both you and your child as they transition. The course builds on the principles of nurturing emotional wellbeing.

[Online Learning \(heiapply.com\)](http://heiapply.com)

As the course is online, you can watch the modules when it suits you and return to them to revisit key/useful guidance.

Another option is the Emotional Well-being Team online parent workshop, Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School. This online workshop is also free to attend and will provide an opportunity to discuss concerns and techniques that can be used at home to ensure your child feels ready to move ahead. No need to sign up, simply click on the link at the time. You can select to have your camera on or off and you don't have to participate unless you feel comfortable doing so.

Autism Apprentice – Real Life Autism Course

The next round of The Real Life Autism Course starts on Wednesday 1st May 7-8pm. This is a six week, virtual (via Zoom), interactive course delivered by experts, by experience. The cost is £80 for the full six sessions. There are no more than 12 participants in each group plus 2 family support advisors.

Each week the sessions will be geared around a different topic:

Week 1- introductions, autism and the co-occurring conditions

Week 2 - sensory processing

Week 3 - anxiety, stimming and masking

Week 4 - education

Week 5 - communication and behaviour

Week 6 - Q & A- ask us

For more information or to book please email:

admin@autismapprentice.co.uk

Information also attached to this newsletter.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Supporting your child when they feel anxious

As a parent it can be tricky to know how to support your child when they feel worried or anxious. The Charlie Waller Charity offers lots of advice and practical strategies to help you and your child talk about and support their emotional wellbeing. Please see the booklet attached to this newsletter for more information or visit their website www.charliewaller.org.

EWT Online Workshop: Understanding Behaviour

The 'Understanding your Child's Behaviour' workshop, hosted by the Emotional Wellbeing Team, will take place next Wednesday 1st May, 5.30-7.30pm. We have attached the poster, which contains the Teams link and joining information.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What you need to know about the Nintendo Switch

The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television-like traditional console (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about, like a portable console such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet (with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online), in the living room together or on the go during long journeys ... but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else! In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as indecent images, overspending and inappropriate language.

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded to:

Taylor, in Johnson class, nominated the office ladies. Taylor said "I would like to nominate them for a couple of reasons: Every day they wake up super early and start working hard. They always comfort, help and support many, many children in the school. I can't really remember a time where they haven't put others first. Last of all, whenever I hurt myself or feel sad, they always, always manage to put a smile on my face. I personally think they deserve Patch every day."

Nominated:

Grace nominated Amity, in Kahlo class, for Patch. Grace said, "Amity is always there for me, and she is the best at cheering me up. The past few weeks have been tough, but she has been very supportive."

Arabelle nominated Robyn and Elsie, in Da Vinci class. Arabelle said that they are the nicest people she's ever met, and they always cheer her up when she is upset.

Poppy, Ayden and Robert, in Banneker class, nominated Mrs Brett because of her kindness to everyone in class. They said, "She is always there to support us when we need her. She is thoughtful to all and is the best at giving hugs too!"

Kahlo class nominated Mr Hobbs. They said, "He makes us laugh but the main reason is because he does the sports days, forest and clubs. He puts a lot of effort into it, and he understands sports really well. We have a fun time in the afternoons and love the pop-up club!"

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Holly and Bobby, in Kahlo class, nominated all the staff in their class for always being there for them and cheering them up if they are sad. They said, “They help and care for us so we can be smart and funny!”.

ROCKING READERS

Well done to this week’s Rocking Readers – Hawking class! It has taken a while for the children in the class to move up through the reading ranges but in the last term, there has been a huge improvement with 66% of the class demonstrating their improvement. Miss Wilkinson is hoping that they continue to improve and has set them an average target of 87% in their quiz scores next week. Together you can do it, Hawking class!

TT ROCKSTARS

Da Vinci class are this week’s TT Rock Stars. Most of the class have logged in for at least 3 days this week with many children logging in more often. They have also improved their average minutes of engagement from 2 minutes to 4 minutes. Super effort class!

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs awarded Ava Austin the Sports Cup this week. Ava is having great success in Gymnastics outside of school. You can read about her achievement in the Personal Achievement section below.

During assembly, she demonstrated some of her skills which impressed us all!

MR FOREMAN’S ECO CORNER

Food waste – The facts.

We all know we shouldn’t waste food, we’re all told this from a young age, but I was astounded as to how big a problem food waste is. Have a quick read below, I’m sure you’ll be surprised as well.



What is food waste?

To put it simply, food waste refers to any food products that are thrown away as opposed to being eaten. Generally, this waste can be split into four categories:

By-product food waste: This refers to solid and liquid food by-products created through the manufacturing or production process or agricultural practices. This could include peels and trimmings from fruits & veg.

Expired products: These are products that have surpassed their sell-by date in shops and supermarkets and cannot be consumed.

Leftovers: This could refer to leftovers created in your household or leftovers acquired within restaurants and food preparation.

Bakery and packaged food waste: This could refer to unsold food items that could spoil quickly or packaging waste.

We all produce food waste, but here are some quite shocking facts about food waste you probably don’t know.

- 33% of all food produced globally is lost or wasted every year
- 45% of root crops, fruit and vegetables produced globally is lost or wasted per year
- 25% of the food wasted globally could feed all 795 million undernourished people in the world
- 8% of all greenhouse gas emissions each year are due to food loss and waste

Shamefully, our small island produces the highest amount of food waste per person in Europe:

- 60% of the UK’s food waste comes from our homes
- The UK throws away around 9.5 million tonnes of food waste in a single year – even though 8.4 million people in the UK are in food poverty
- Millions of pounds are wasted each year when food is disposed of unnecessarily

What are the main causes of food waste?

There are many different causes of food waste. However, the main causes are:

- Shops, supermarkets, or restaurants ordering too many products that will not sell.
- Poor education regarding how we should dispose of food waste.
- Lack of awareness of expiry dates, meaning that food is left to spoil instead of being used.

Why is food waste a problem?

Food waste presents a significant problem due to the volume of waste that is produced each year. In fact, in the UK alone, it’s estimated that we throw away around 9.5 million tonnes of food waste annually. The vast majority of food waste ends up in a landfill site – which are already overcrowded. While many people do not view this as an issue, as food items degrade naturally over time, it releases huge amounts of methane gas which contributes heavily to global warming and the erosion of the Ozone layer.

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How can we reduce food waste at home?

Thankfully, it can easily be reduced by:

- Pre-planning your meals so that you know exactly what to buy from the supermarket and do not waste money on groceries that will not get eaten.
- Cooking larger meals in bulk and freezing any leftovers to be enjoyed at a later date.
- Setting up a compost heap in your garden.
- Cleaning out your fridge regularly, ensuring that you are aware of all use-by dates.



A great website to visit is [Food Waste Statistics - 2024 \(wastemanaged.co.uk\)](http://Food Waste Statistics - 2024 (wastemanaged.co.uk)). Here you'll get all your facts hints and tips to reduce food waste and save your money. Got to be worth a look ☺

ECO dates this week:

Meat-Free May – 1st to 31st May 2024

Meat-Free May is a month-long challenge to eliminate meat from your diet for all 31 days in May. Improve your health, help the planet, all whilst doing your bit for world hunger.

National Gardening Week – 29th April to 5th May 2024

The theme for the Royal Horticultural Society's National Gardening Week in 2024 is 'Knowledge is Flower.' All week, experts at the RHS will be on hand myth-busting, debunking and demystifying the wonderful world of gardening.

HERNE BAY BANDSTAND'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Herne Bay Bandstand is 100 years old! To celebrate, Makcari's, in association with Herne Bay Jazz Festival and Canterbury City Council, are hosting a variety of entertainment this Saturday 27th April. See the attached poster for further details.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Last weekend, Ava & Ivy Austin took part in the South East Regional NDP (National Development Plan) Grades. Both girls exceeded the minimum expectation and passed with flying colours!

Ivy competed against 191 children in her grade and age, gaining 6th place overall!



Ava competed against 99 children in her group and gained 1st place becoming South East Regional Champion. This has led her to earning a prestigious place in the Kent Squad and we look forward to hearing more about her future achievements!

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	Tommy Goodchild
Shakespeare	Bryan Geoffrey
Tolkien	Bea Moore

Da Vinci	Elsie Bushell
Dali	Brookelyn Brewster
Kahlo	Willow Mount
Picasso	Malena Achurch

Anning	Tilly Rolfe
Curie	Sophie Hills
Hawking	William Mason
Jemison	Oscar Mugridge

Banneker	Poppy Leeds
Johnson	Zishan Lin
Nightingale	Ayo Akinsunmade
Turing	Kyle Adam-Parsons

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	Taylan Bernard
Year 4	Losi Crowther
Year 5	Cheyanna-Louise Hadley
Year 6	Reggie Elvidge

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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