

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER 2022

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Thank you so much for all of the donations that have been sent in for the Rotary Club Christmas Appeal. You have been very generous!

As October is Black History month, we have been learning about prominent black historical figures including Martin Luther King and Harriet Tubman. In worship, we talked about how Harriet and Moses both led people to freedom.

Our allotment area has had a partial makeover thanks to David, one of our neighbours. If anyone would like to donate some hardy herb plants, we would be very grateful as we would like one of the beds to be a herb garden.

Mrs Hookway took a team to the Cross Country event at Mascalls Academy on Wednesday. Over 200 children took part, and Mrs Hookway was very proud of the team, especially Anna and Julian who came 5th and 4th in their races. The football team had their first match against Skinners Kent Academy yesterday. It was the first time that they had played together and Mrs Hookway was impressed by their teamwork. Although they didn't win, the score did not reflect the amazing effort of the team.

Thank you to those parents who regularly read with their child and sign their Reading diary. It makes a real difference to the progress a child makes and children are very keen to get Dojo points for reading at home. If you would like some more information and some tips, please go to <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/parents/en-tips-on-hearing-your-child-read>

NEXT WEEK

- Any further donations for the Rotary Club Christmas Appeal can be brought in next week.
- The Y6 pupils who have signed up for it, will be completing their Bikeability course next week. Don't forget your bikes and helmets!
- 11+ results will be out on Tuesday.
- Those pupils who have parental consent, will have their flu immunisation on Friday.
- Term 1 ends next Friday and Term 2 starts on Monday 31st October. This is NOT an INSET day.
- Just to remind you that the PTA are hosting a Quiz Night on Thursday 3rd November. Teams can be up to 8 people- see attached flier.
- If you have any nativity costumes or Christmas jumpers that are now too small, please donate them to the PTA and they will sell them alongside the second hand uniform at the next sale.

TERM 1 ENDS FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER

TEAMWORK



FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



School News

YR	We have been learning about the Creation Story in RE and the children have been investigating our outside area with a new sense of wonder! The children have been practising their sounds at home and at school and some children have begun to put sounds together to make simple words.
Y1	Y1 have been using their folding, joining and strengthening skills to build a model igloo. They have been looking closely at their designs and following them. We have also been keeping daily weather journals, using weather symbols.
Y2	In PSHE we have been learning about our feelings. We have talked about how we feel in different situations and what our feelings are called. In English, we have been making story maps of the Beast's journey back home and as part of our Art, we have been using clay to create a friend for him. Now, he has lots of friends and will never be lonely again!
Y3	In Computing, Y3 wrote algorithms to move a Bee-Bot from one square to another. If we ended up somewhere unexpected, we debugged our algorithm and tried again! In Geography, we compared physical and human features found in North and South America.
Y4	4VC had a wonderful time at Forest School. We made structures and investigated to see how many logs they could hold up. In Literacy, we are writing instructions to make a pamphlet to demonstrate how to care for a sea monkey.
Y5	This week, Y5 made rockets from film canisters and effervescent tablets. We discussed fair tests, variables and drawing scientific conclusions. In Art, we have drawn Chinese Dragons said to bring people wisdom, luck and wealth! We have now finished our book 'Around the World in 80 Days.' In Maths, we have been doing lots of addition and subtraction calculations.
Y6	As part of Black History month, we have been learning about the Windrush Generation and how they came to this country to help re-build Britain after the Second World War. We have also created a self-portrait using charcoal as a printing medium and then shaded our faces using tonal values. In Science, we have undertaken an investigation using gummy worms and skittles to help us to understand how nutrients are absorbed into the blood stream.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5C
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4R

Swimming 4VC

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

3TWB
3DB
4VC
4R
6H
6W

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

5S