

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2022

START OF TERM 2!

With the clocks going back and the weather turning colder and wetter, this week has certainly felt more wintery! So it's good to see the children back in winter uniform. Please make sure everyone comes to school with a waterproof coat every day as the weather can change very quickly!

Mrs Pollard and I have met with each teacher this week to look at the progress that pupils have made since the start of the year. You will be able to hear about your child at the parent consultations next week. If you haven't already booked your slot, please do this via your Squid account. You can do this up until 24 hours before.

This week in worship, we have been looking at the book of Proverbs and thinking how we can take the wise words of King Solomon, back into our classrooms, the playground and our homes.

Mr Cornish returned to collect the remaining donations for the Rotary Club's Christmas Appeal. He brought a selection of boxes that have been put together using our donations, so that the children could see where they would be going. He extended his warm thanks again, on behalf of the Rotary Club and the children who will receive the boxes for Christmas.

Thank you to those parents and staff who came to support the PTA at the Quiz Night last night. It was a great night. Thank you to Mr Howden for compiling the questions and to Mrs Howden for stepping in as quizmaster at the last minute! She did a fantastic job! Thanks to Sarah and Beccie and their team for organising such a great event that **raised over £400!**

NEXT WEEK

- Years 3 and 4 shall be learning about Road Safety with KCC on Monday. Take this opportunity to reinforce what they will learn by crossing safely outside school using the zebra crossing.
- We shall be showing prospective parents for September 2023 around school on Monday morning at 10am and Tuesday afternoon at 2pm. If you, or someone you know has a child starting in reception then, please apply for your place at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Applications open today and close on Monday 16th January 2023.
- Poppies will be on sale at the gate next week at the start and end of the day.
- We shall observe a minute of silence for Remembrance Day on Friday 11th at 11am.

**TERM 2 ENDS ON FRIDAY 16th
DECEMBER**



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 really enjoyed bringing our teddies in on Monday. We have talked about them, painted them and tried to write their names by using the phonics that we have learnt. We were very excited to take our first reading books home and are now reading and writing regularly at home, which is fantastic! We have planted some bulbs and are excited to see them grow!
Y1	We have been in space training this week in Y1! We have learnt how to build and draw rockets. We have also been writing in space dust and making our very own telescopes. The best part of the week was decorating our space biscuits.
Y2	'The Princess and the White Bear King' is our new book that we have started this week. We thought of questions to ask the Princess and hot-seated and acted in role to answer them. The Princess has already had many adventures and we have only just started! In History, we learnt about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot and why we celebrate Bonfire Night.
Y3	Year 3 have started the term by beginning to learn about Viking Sagas. We learnt about Odin creating three lands, and made these using collage and painting techniques. We extended our grammar knowledge by adding expanded noun phrases using an appropriate determiner.
Y4	We have started our new book 'Escape from Pompeii.' We are very excited to learn about the Romans and Mount Vesuvius. In Science, we are learning about solids, liquids and gases. We have been recording our thoughts after reading.
Y5	Year 5 have begun our new book 'Rain Player' by David Wisniewski. This is set in the Mayan period in history and the children have placed this on a timeline and located where in the world the Mayans came from. We also played 'Pok a Tok', a Mayan ball game. We enjoyed our first art session with Mr Tibbits-Williams, colour mixing using paints.
Y6	We have had a busy week. We have been learning to visualise what we read, in order to help us to understand the text. In the ICT suite, we explored coding using the platform Scratch. Our big question in RE this term is 'What would Jesus do?' and we have started to explore the Gospels. We have been looking at how to stay healthy and have produced some NHS style posters.

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

2M