

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2022

THANK YOU!

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to you all. Firstly, the Book Fair was really well supported this week. Thank you to Miss Walters for organising this for us. You bought over £1000 worth of books! That means that we can claim £600 in books to replenish the library stock. That is amazing news! In addition to that, you also dug deep today for Children In Need and we collected over £300 this morning! In the current financial climate that is fantastic, so for that I thank you. Someone else that wants to say thank you is our surprise visitor today. Pudsey popped in to see the children in YR/Y1/Y2 to say thank you and to answer some of their questions. The looks on their faces when he walked in were priceless to see! You will be able to donate at the gate at the end of the day too.

On Sunday, Hannah T in Y6 read a beautiful poem written by her Great Grandfather at the Remembrance Service in Southborough. It was lovely to see lots of families from school there too. St Matthew's was well represented and Hannah did us proud!

On Monday, we wore odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. We discussed what bullying is and how we must 'Reach Out' if we see or hear anything that makes us feel uncomfortable. There is a pack available for parents at <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Mrs Hookway was also feeling very proud this week, as the girls basketball team played brilliantly at the tournament at Hayesbrook School on Wednesday. They reached the final, but were a point behind when the final whistle blew. Well done girls, we are SO proud of you!

NEXT WEEK

- On Thursday, Mrs Hookway is taking the Y5/6 basketball team to The Skinners' School for a tournament. We wish them luck!
- On Friday, we are asking for the children to come in non-uniform, in return for bringing in a donation for the PTA. For YR/Y1/Y2 we would like children to bring in a donation for the Christmas hampers. This could be some festive food, a tree decoration, a bottle of wine or a box of chocolates. For children in KS2, we would like donations for the present sale. These are items that will be wrapped and bought by the children to give to **adults** as presents. This might include candles, toiletries etc.
- Don't forget to buy your ticket for the discos on Thursday 1st December. Please see the email that was sent yesterday. Tickets cost £5 and include squash and a goody bag.

**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	This week, we have been learning about France with Barnaby Bear. We have counted in French, looked in atlases to see where France is and we have spoken about transport and food. Yesterday, we tried croissants and pain au chocolat and they were delicious!
Y1	There has been great excitement this week as our space role play area has opened! We have loved playing inside. We learned some more about Katherine Johnson and wrote about what we enjoy doing in school.
Y2	In History this week, we have found it fascinating to learn all about castles. We labelled the features of a castle and even had a go at designing our own, using the same features. In Maths, we have been learning how to subtract two 2 digit numbers and in Literacy we have been using lots of adjectives to describe the White Bear King's castle.
Y3	In Literacy, we have been using a conscience alley to decide whether Loki should help Iduna return the necklace as part of our Viking Sagas. We are now moving on to learning how to punctuate speech. We used primary colours to create a colour wheel in Art. Can you name the three primary colours?
Y4	We have been experimenting with our voice, facial expressions and actions to perform poetry. In Music, Mrs Morton created an orchestra to perform music for Pompeii.
Y5	Year 5 are making Mayan inspired masks with Mr Tibbits-Williams, using the skills of tracing, drawing in proportion and emulating Mayan design. In Science, we have been investigating the link between a mammal's mass and its gestation period. We presented our data in a bar graph. In Literacy, we have been learning how to include figurative language, verb sentence starts and relative clauses in our writing.
Y6	We celebrated our differences on Odd Socks Day on Monday, when discussing anti-bullying. In computing, we have been practising our coding skills. We are pleased to report that our understanding of long division has greatly improved this week! Our House Captains and Prefects have been busy showing prospective parents around and presenting our Children In Need money to Pudsey!

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

3DB

HONESTY • RESPECT • KINDNESS • RESPONSIBILITY