

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 27th January 2023



GOODBYE JANUARY!

Well, here we are coming to the end of what has seemed a long January! It's nice to see the days getting slightly longer and lighter in the evenings.

Ducklings and Goslings enjoyed a fantastic trip to Aspens yesterday! They enjoyed travelling on the coach and seeing all of the animals. The staff were so impressed with how well the children behaved and I'm sure that they all slept very well last night, after their day in the outdoors! Thank you to the EYFS team and to Mr Gillinder, for making it such a lovely day for the children.

In Worship this week, we were thinking about how Jesus is the light of the world. The children in Reception painted some lovely pictures of sources of light for our worship. They painted fireworks, the sun, the moon and Charlotte made a beautiful model of a lighthouse! Next week we shall be hearing different stories of Jesus healing different people.

Can I just remind you that if you arrive early to collect children at the end of the day, please do not leave your engines idling, as we have had complaints from local residents about the effect this has on the air quality.

This has a knock on effect to all families walking in the local area, so please let's all do our bit to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

Don't forget to let Mrs Smith know the reason why your child is absent. If we do not hear from you, then we have to record it as an unauthorised absence. Thank you for everyone's support to try and improve our whole school attendance figure.

NEXT WEEK

- On Monday, there will be a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale in the New Hall after school. Come along to buy some uniform at bargain prices!
- On Tuesday, our School Improvement Advisor from Kent County Council will be spending the afternoon visiting classes and working with the teachers. I look forward to sharing his feedback with you next week.
- On Wednesday, the NEU are taking Industrial Action. Please refer to the email sent on Wednesday as to how school will be affected.
- On Thursday, Mrs Hookway is taking a group of Y5/6 pupils to a Climbing event at Chimera Climbing Wall in Tunbridge Wells. I look forward to hearing how much they enjoy it!

TERM 3 ENDS ON FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Outdoor Fun



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 had a fantastic trip yesterday! We enjoyed going on the coach, seeing all of the different farm animals and having a forest school session with Mr Gillinder. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the natural world and behaving so well. We are so proud of them all!
Y1	This week in Year 1, we have designed our very own superheroes. We thought about their superpowers and costumes and which sidekick they would need to help them to save the day. We then built up fact files for each character.
Y2	We have continued our English work on 'Where the Wild Things Are', by writing Rumpus poems. We thought of verbs to describe actions and sounds at the Rumpus and used these to write fantastic shape poems. As part of our Geography work on Hawaii, we tasted and evaluated different tropical fruits.
Y3	We have worked hard to read, write and follow instructions. In DT, we learnt what a savoury dish is and used an atlas to find out how far our food has travelled! We then tasted different salad ingredients and made our own salads. We were brave tasting new foods!
Y4	We have been thinking about different ways to reuse and recycle plastic. We followed instructions from Isatou, the lady in our story, to repurpose a plastic bag. We are learning to crochet using discarded bags.
Y5	We have been learning about earthquakes; why they happen, where in the world they happen and the repercussions afterwards. We are designing posters on how to stay safe in an earthquake. In Music, we are learning 'When the Saints Go Marching In' on the Glockenspiel and we have been researching all about Louis Armstrong, the famous American Trumpeter. Did you know he was born in 1901?
Y6	Year 6 have been very busy this week. In Literacy, we have been gathering lots of information about Emmeline Pankhurst so that we could write a biography of her interesting life. In Maths, we continue to learn about fractions and we are pleased to report that they are getting easier to understand, the more we practice! We have been investigating electricity in Science.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL

MONDAY

5S

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Lorikeets

Kookaburras

4R

Swimming 4VC

TUESDAY

Owls

Robins

6W

6H

WEDNESDAY

3DB

3TWB

4VC

4R

6W

6H

THURSDAY

3TWB

3DB

Owls

Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings

Goslings

Lorikeets

Kookaburras

**FOREST SCHOOL
KOOKABURRAS**