

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## RESPONSIBLE CHILDREN

We changed our morning routine this week and we have been very impressed with how well the children have come into school so independently. It has made the mornings really smooth and the children have been in the 'green zone' ready for their learning once they get into the classroom.

I've also noticed that more children are carrying their own bags which again is helping children show responsibility.

An Astrodome filled the Old Hall yesterday and sparked interest and curiosity to all those who went past. Year 5 were treated to a display about the stars, planets and constellations which helped bring their science learning to life. Thanks to Mr Smith and Miss Bradley for organising this.

It was lovely to have Chris Wicks come into school this week for worship. We have focussed this week on Growing in readiness for Harvest next week.

I enjoyed trying out new skills on the playground with year 1 when the tennis coach visited.



## NEXT WEEK

Our Harvest service is on Monday in St Matt's Church. Please bring any donations for the community larder in on Monday and leave them at the gate in the morning. We will be walking down so please make sure you check the weather and have raincoats ready!

The school has been invited to attend the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom Awards afternoon next week.

There is a special taster Superhero menu on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, please have a look at the menu on our website.



Year 4 challenged me to make a Jam sandwich following their written instructions!

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.



<b>YR</b>	This week we have started learning our sounds in daily phonics sessions. The children have been amazing at learning the new sounds and completing handwriting as homework. We have enjoyed seeing parents reading with us every Tuesday and this week we also started Helicopter stories and really enjoyed acting them out. We have been busy in our group learning counting and colour mixing.
<b>Y1</b>	This week in Year 1 we have been practising writing our numbers beautifully. We have discussed what we would like to be when we grow up and written sentences about it using finger spaces.
<b>Y2</b>	This week in Year 2 we have written incredible collaborative poems about jellyfish. We worked hard to think of some unusual adjectives to describe jellyfish. We have enjoyed creating harvest art using a collage technique, making an effort to use different materials. We have also thought about why Christians say thank you at harvest, and have had a go at writing our own harvest prayers.
<b>Y3</b>	We have learnt about the four layers of the rainforest and watched clips to show us the animals, plants and trees which live there and listened to the sounds they make. We used our knowledge to write descriptive sentences. In art we began our printing project tracing a tree outline and adding texture using circles. We have also learnt about respecting people's personal space in PSHE.
<b>Y4</b>	This week, children have produced some fantastic Artwork for a Harvest display and we have been looking at the story of Ruth and what we can learn from it. In Literacy, we have finished our Diary entries and written them up for display. The children have enjoyed learning about mountains and locating famous mountain ranges around the world.
<b>Y5</b>	Year 5's highlight of the week was the visit of the Astronomy Roadshow with their pop-up planetarium; there was much to appreciate and learn. In literacy, we continued reading our class text, 'Around the World in Eighty Days' and we started re-telling Fogg's journey through India. Related to this, we studied traditional Indian music and compared it with modern Bollywood hits.
<b>Y6</b>	This week Year 6 have been debating and writing an argument as to whether the family in our text should move to America or stay in Italy. In science, we have been learning about the human circulatory system and representing this through drama! The children have been thinking about how Christians view science and religion and in PSHE learning about puberty and in particular, girls' bodies.

**WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.**

**MONDAY**

- 5S
- 5B
- Lorikeets
- Kookaburras
- 4B

**Swimming 4VC**

**TUESDAY**

- Owls
- Robins
- 6W
- 6H

**WEDNESDAY**

- 3DB
- 3TWB
- 4VC
- 4B
- 6W
- 6H

**THURSDAY**

- 3TWB
- 3DB
- Owls
- Robins

**FRIDAY**

- Ducklings
- Goslings
- Lorikeets
- Kookaburras

**FOREST SCHOOL**

- 4B