



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2023



Celebrating Ightham Book Day.

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Term Dates

Term 1 – Monday 5th September to Friday 21st October

Term 2 – Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December

Term 3 – Wednesday 4th January to Friday 10th February

Term 4 - Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March

Term 5 – Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6 – Wednesday 7th June to Friday 21st July

Staff Development Days

3rd January 2023

5th June 2023

6th June 2023

1st September 2023

Key Dates

Wednesday 8th March

Y5 and Y6 Energy Show at Sevenoaks School

Thursday 9th March

Y3 and Y4 Liquid Nitrogen Show at Sevenoaks School

Friday 10th March

PSA Discos

W/B Monday 13th March

Science Week

Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair

Monday 20th March

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi) into school

Drama Showcase (3.30pm, Hall)

Monday 27th March

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 29th March

Parent Consultations

Dear Parent/Carer,

There has been plenty going on in school this week. Today, of course, has been Ightham Book Day. We have seen many fantastic costumes in school – thank you for your support with this. All the children, from Reception through to Year 6, listened to the book ‘Gallimoto’ this morning. This book is set in Malawi and was chosen due to our strong links with Starfish Malawi. Throughout the day, the children have been doing work linked to the book, and they will be sharing their work in assembly next week.

On Tuesday, Beech Class enjoyed a ‘Viking Day’ in school (see photos below). The feedback I have received has been excellent, and I’m sure the children learnt a lot whilst also having fun!

A number of our staff (including me) attended a first aid training refresher this week. Almost all our staff have qualifications in first aid, which is not a requirement, but is something we believe is extremely important. I mentioned our Year 5 pupil, Reuben, in a recent newsletter, and how he efficiently dealt with a choking incident at home thanks to his ‘Mini Medics’ training in school which adequately highlights the importance of first aid training.

Our choir took part in a Music Concert on Wednesday afternoon. We were one of six schools taking part from the Sevenoaks District. Miss Glasscock subsequently reported: ‘The choir performed brilliantly and I received lots of comments from audience and organisers about their passion, enthusiasm and talent!’ Very well done to those children that took part,

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.12%

Pine – 95.9%

Chestnut – 94.85%

Willow – 98.79%

Elm – 96.05%

Beech – 94.84%

Oak – 96.23%

Lateness

The number of “lates” recorded this week were as follows:

Acorn – 0

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 1

Beech - 0

Oak - 2



and my thanks to Miss Glassock for organizing our participation.

Prime Drinks

I am sure that many of you have become aware, very recently, of the current Prime drinks fad. A quick check on the internet informs me that the social media influencers, KSI and Logan Paul, are responsible for these drinks and popularity. For clarity, our position has always been that **water only** comes into school, and this has not changed. Please do not allow your child to bring Prime drinks into school.

I would further request that your child **does not** bring a Prime drink container into school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

For your information, my reading also tells me that two versions of Prime drinks are available – Energy and Hydration. It is reported that Prime Energy drink contains 200mg of caffeine. For comparison, one mug of instant coffee contains around 100mg of caffeine, according to the NHS, and you should be aware of this if you are purchasing these drinks for your children. Prime themselves say that their Energy drinks are aimed at an 18+ audience.

Year 4 Classroom – Air Conditioning Appeal

The PSA is currently raising funds to enable the school to install air conditioning in our Year 4 classroom. So far, the appeal has raised in the region of £600, and we are very grateful to those of you that have already donated.

If you would like to find out more, or make a contribution, please follow the link below:

<https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/3068323/>

Governors' 200 Club

The winners of the February draw are:

1st - Caron Pullinger £10.50

2nd - Jason Biffin £6.30

3rd - Jeff Reading £4.20

Drop-off in the morning

A reminder that drop-off at both gates is between 8.35am and 8.45am. This allows time for your child to be in the classroom ready to start their school day at 8.50am.

Mr Sherhod, Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



Thanks for all the bags2school bags this morning, great effort. We hope you have seen the PSA parent questionnaire emailed out from the school <https://forms.office.com/e/Axq2Pikhf1> we would be very great full if you could take a look and fill it out. School disco is back! Next Friday - 10th March - please book your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. Have a great weekend. Team PSA



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Absence Form

New government guidance to schools further tightens up expectations around attendance. All requests for a 'Leave of Absence' from school that involves missing part, or all, of the school day, must be authorised in advance by the Head Teacher. You are requested to give a minimum of two weeks' notice wherever possible. Leave of absence includes, but is not limited to: medical/dental appointments, holidays, requests to leave school early. We encourage medical/dental appointments to be booked out of school hours wherever possible. Leave in term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note that it is for schools to determine whether or not a leave of absence is authorised and the Head Teacher's decision is final. A link to the form is below, and is also available under 'Posts' on the school website Home Page:

<https://forms.office.com/r/02EDAVF6Wq>

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Grace M in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Isaac, Thea and Yasmine

Year 1 – Millie-Lou and Louie B

Year 2 – Evren and Isobelle

Year 3 – Harper and Poppy P

Year 4 – Albie A, Lochlan and Alice

Year 5 – Mason and Clara

Year 6 – Ella, Penny and Esme

Well done to all!

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Flavia in Year 6 who won the U12 girls3 – race cycling series, racing for Southborough and District Wheelers. The series involved three different types of cycles: cyclocross (off-road biking in the mud); a race on the road track at Cyclopark and a crit style race at Charlton Athletic Football Club. Well done Flavia!

Ightham Values

Caring

Respect

Responsibility

Tolerance

Aspiration

Honesty

Ightham Vision

Pupils should leave Ightham School with their understanding deepened, their minds enriched, and their hearts inspired, so that they love learning and embrace the challenges of the future.



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