



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

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A visit by the police to Year R.

Term Dates

Term 1 – Monday 4th September to Thursday 19th October
 Term 2 – Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December
 Term 3 – Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 9th February
 Term 4 – Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March
 Term 5 – Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May
 Term 6 – Wednesday 5th June to Tuesday 23rd July

Staff Development Days

Monday 3rd June 2024
 Tuesday 4th June 2024

Key Dates

Friday 1st March

Y6 National Offer Day

Tuesday 5th March

Y3 visit to Kent Life

Friday 8th March

Ightham Book Day

Wk Beginning 11th March

Science Week

Monday 11th March

Science Boffins Workshops

Monday 18th March

Drama Showcase (3.30pm)

Tuesday 19th March

Y3 Rocks Workshop

Wednesday 20th March

Spring Concert (2pm, Village Hall)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Very well done to Mrs Black who completed the Brighton Half Marathon on Sunday and raised almost £3000 for Dementia UK in the process. What an amazing effort – we are all very proud of her!

Beech Class enjoyed their Viking Day on Monday. Thank you to parents for supporting the children with their costumes.

Beech, Willow and Oak classes attended Science workshops at Sevenoaks School this week. Thank you to all our parents for transporting the children to take part in these extremely worthwhile workshops. I am grateful to Sevenoaks School and their outreach team for once again inviting our children to take part.

Willow class hosted their Community Afternoon at St.Peter's Church Hall on Thursday afternoon. Very well done to all the children and my thanks to Miss Glassock for organising the afternoon once more. I understand it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

We were delighted to welcome Chris Knott into school on Tuesday. He led a special assembly in the morning and then worked with our KS1 children in class. In the afternoon, we held 'Ightham Has Talent' in the School Hall. Every class has been busy rewriting a traditional tale over the last two or three weeks and these tales were presented to the rest of the school. The presentations were also filmed so they can be sent to Thugulu School for the children in our link school to enjoy. The plan is to print and bind each class book with thirty copies of each to be produced. With seven classes, this means that 210 books in total will be produced. The next container ship to Malawi departs in early June and we plan to send these books to Thugulu



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 99.17%

Pine – 99.72%

Chestnut – 95.00%

Willow – 92.5%

Elm – 96.94%

Beech – 98.06%

Oak – 96.84%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 2

Beech – 0

Oak – 2



so the children there can use them and enjoy them. This is a fantastic whole school project and I would like to say thank you to Mrs Black whose hard work and vision is bringing this to life. My thanks to all the class-based staff who have been supporting the project to ensure its success too.

Acorn class had a visit by a real police officer on Thursday and they learned all about the uniform, equipment and the job. They even got to sit in the police car with the lights on!

Well done to all the girls that took part in the football competition at Kemsing last week. They won all their group matches and went to the semi-finals which ended in extra time and penalties! I am pleased to say that they made it to the finals and also won the final match without conceding a goal in the whole tournament. Well done to all the girls who played brilliantly and showed fantastic teamwork. My thanks to Mrs Parkinson for organising and supporting the team.

We are looking forward to Ightham Book Day on Friday next week. As you know, we recently ran our annual parent survey and we received some feedback about the cost of living crisis and the difficulty some parents have financially. I am sure you will therefore totally appreciate that our decisions around Ightham Book Day were informed by this and were made with the best of intentions to help our whole school community. To confirm - children are expected to either come to school dressed as a book character **or** in their school uniform next Friday.

Willow Class will be visiting Kent Life on Tuesday next week. The following week is Science Week and we are very much looking forward to that. We shall be welcoming a group called ‘Science Boffins’ into school on Monday 11th March to run workshops and assemblies throughout the day. This is being paid for from the School Voluntary Fund so we shall not be asking parents to contribute towards the cost of this exciting day.

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



Remember to clear out your cupboards this weekend for bags2school on Friday 8th. If you have any unwanted gifts please bring them too and create a separate pile and we can collect these too.

If you want any portrait/professional photos please take a look here [JB Photography](#) The PSA will get £10 for any booking from Ightham parents.

Looking forward to seeing you at the quiz night tonight.

Team PSA



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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.

Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Kaiden in Year 4

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Grayson, Sophie and Nia

Year 1 – Alba and Aiden

Year 2 – Millie-Lou and Millie

Year 3 – Lily, Marlowe and Rufus

Year 4 – Isaiah and Matilda

Year 5 – Arty and Olivia

Year 6 – Sofia and Ruby Th

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Lily, Year 6, who won the coaches' award for female swimmer of the year at Sevenoaks Swim Club presentation evening. It was a very special evening for everyone involved as it encourages and recognises the potential in individuals that don't feel confident.



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