



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

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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



Lottie, Y5, winning the NSEA competition
(see Pupil Achievements)

Key Dates

Monday 26th February

Y5 Viking Day

Tuesday 27th February

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi) into school

Willow and Oak to Science Workshops at Sevenoaks School

Thursday 29th February

Y3 Community Afternoon

Beech to Science Workshop at Sevenoaks School

Friday 1st March

Y6 National Offer Day

Tuesday 5th March

Y3 visit to Kent Life

Friday 8th March

Ightham Book Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mrs Warnes, our Music Leader, booked a Music Company to come to Ightham for all of Key Stage 2 on Monday. The hour-long interactive workshop, entitled 'Bach to the Future' was an hour long interactive workshop which aimed to inspire students to learn a musical instrument. It also encouraged pupils to have an understanding of how valuable music is in our everyday lives. I received very positive feedback about the workshop from both pupils and staff, and my thanks to Mrs Warnes for organising this experience for our children.

You may be interested to know that Mrs Black is running the Brighton half marathon this weekend for Dementia UK. If you would like to sponsor Mrs Black to raise funds for this extremely worthwhile charity, please click on the link below:

[Mrs Black – Dementia UK](#)

You may have noticed, via our Key Dates, that we had planned a French Day this week. This has been postponed until Wednesday 17th April.

Onto next week, and Beech Class are very much looking forward to their Viking Day on Monday. Beech, Willow and Oak classes will also be attending Science workshops at Sevenoaks School next week. These workshops are always very worthwhile and I am sure the children will gain much from attending. Willow class will also be hosting their Community Afternoon at St. Peter's Church Hall on Thursday afternoon.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.11%

Pine – 98.06%

Chestnut – 92.78%

Willow – 90.83%

Elm – 94.94%

Beech – 96.94%

Oak – 98.28%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 1

Oak - 2

I am delighted that we will, once again, be welcoming Chris Knott into school on Tuesday. Every class has been working hard to produce their own version of a traditional African tale. These will be performed to the rest of the school. Afterwards, the stories will hopefully be published with thirty copies of every story being printed. Chris Knott will then take the stories with him to Thugulu when he visits in April for the children there. My thanks to Mrs Black for her creativity with leading on this project, and to all the teachers who have been working hard with their class to prepare their traditional tale.

Our girls' football team are taking part in a competition this afternoon. I shall let you know in the newsletter next week how they got on!

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



With just one week to go until the Quiz Night, we still have a few tables remaining, so gather your team together and get your tickets now. This is not just for parents at the school, you can bring friends and family too.

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Ticket sales close Sunday 9pm.

Kind Regards,
Joanna Crisp



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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: Alex in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Heidi and Maddie

Year 1 – Theo and Catherine

Year 2 – Olivia and Raphael

Year 3 – Teddy, Oliver and Nevie

Year 4 – Hudson and Lily

Year 5 – Georgina, Holly and Albie A

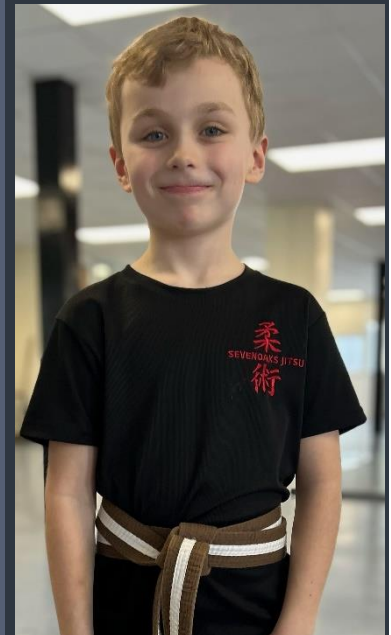
Year 6 – Frankie and Evan

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Lottie, Year 5, competed at a NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) competition during half term. She came first which means she has qualified for a show at Hickstead in August. Well done Lottie!

Congratulations to Gabriel in Year 3 who was awarded his brown belt with white stripe in Ju Jitsu during half term.



Gabriel, Y3, with his brown belt with white stripe.



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