



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024



Learning new skills at the Year 4 Artivism Day.

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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
 Monday 2nd September 2024
 Tuesday 3rd September 2024
 Monday 4th November 2024

Key Dates

Wednesday 5th June

First Day of Term 6

Tonbridge Swimming Gala

Friday 7th June

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi) into school

Class Photos

PSA Film Night

Monday 10th June

Y6 Safety in Action

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June

Y1 Phonics Screening

Monday 17th June

New Entrants' Meeting

Wednesday 19th June

Choir to St. Peter's and Ightham Mote

Friday 21st June

Sports Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

Very well done to all those children that performed in our annual Music Recital on Tuesday afternoon. It is always wonderful to note the amazing musical talent that we have at the school!

On Monday, Elm Class took part in our first 'Artivism Day'. The day was organised for Year 4 pupils across our Sevenoaks hub of schools and was dedicated to the promotion of local wildlife conservation through the creation of Art. Over 130 children took part on the day which also aimed to raise funds for the Bezos Foundation as it was offering to donate to charity for every piece of artwork submitted. We received plenty of positive feedback after the event, including the following email from the Head Teacher of Fordcombe Primary School: *"Many thanks for organising the Art Day yesterday for the Year 4s. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have come back absolutely buzzing from all the activities. I have had just had two in my office who have delighted in showing me their paper bags full of goodies and all the activities that they undertook during the day. Nixie said that it was really fun and that her favourite activity was the mini-beast hunting. Alya said that her favourite activity was the scrap-booking! Many thanks again for putting yourself out there to do something new and different."*

The day would not have happened without the fantastic efforts of Mrs Brown and Mrs Black. Mrs Brown organised for local art specialists to volunteer their time for the day. Both spent much of the weekend erecting gazebos and marquees. There was a lot to organise both beforehand and on the day. My thanks to you both.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.89%

Pine – 91.94%

Chestnut – 96.66%

Willow – 99.17%

Elm – 98.61%

Beech – 96.37%

Oak – 92.50%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 1

Beech – 1

Oak – 0



A reminder that the children do not return to school for Term 6 until Wednesday 5th June as we have two INSET days on the Monday and Tuesday. As always, Term 6 promises to be a very busy term with much to look forward to. Do make a note of the PSA Film Night which is taking place on the first Friday after half term. Our Sports Day is taking place – weather permitting – on Friday 21st June.

Year 5 Parents – Kent (PESE) Test

Parents of children in Year 5 have previously received information about the Kent (PESE) Test. If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at: www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 3 June 2024 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2024

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents and not the school to register your child for the Kent Test. If you do not register your child to take the test within the given window, your child will not be allowed to sit the test.

Dates – Reminder

Wednesday 5th June - First day of Term 6

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of the academic year and school finishes at 1.30pm. There will be no After School Club on that day so you must ensure your child is collected at that time.

Mr D Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



Thank you for your donations today.

Upcoming PSA events:

7th June - Film Night - Migration 4.45-6.20pm (ASC can come to the hall from 4.30)

****don't forget to get your tickets before 5th June****

21st June - Sports day BBQ 3.30-6pm

****Can you help set up or help run a stall? please let me or your class rep know****

We are also urgently looking for a new treasurer for the PSA. For more information, please email treasurer@ighthampsa.com

Have a great half term



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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 6

The Courtesy Cup was awarded to: Nathan in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Barney and Felix

Year 1 – Arlo, Alba and Hannah

Year 2 – Amelie and Louie P

Year 3 – Malachy, Robyn and Zac

Year 4 – Edith and Poppy P

Year 5 – Lochlan and Jackson

Year 6 – Lizzie and Nathan

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Joshua C in Year 5, who, after five weeks of second-round trials, has been selected to be part of the Tonbridge and Malling District SFA Squads 2024-25 as their goalkeeper. What a fantastic achievement!



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