



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

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Moyra Pickering, one of our Governors, with all the class entries for the Ightham Open Gardens.

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

Key Dates

W/b Monday 8th July

Arts Fortnight

Drama and Choir Showcase
(3.30pm, School Hall)

Tuesday 9th July

Open Afternoon (2-3.30pm)

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi)
visiting school

Wednesday 10th July

Y2 visit to Dungeness and
Dymchurch

Choir visiting St. Peter's Church

Thursday 11th July

YR visit to Chatham Dockyard

Y6 Production 2pm and 5pm

Monday 15th July

Malawi Day

KS1 Choir Showcase (3.30pm,
Hall)

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our annual Sports Day last Friday. I thought the children demonstrated their fantastic athletic prowess but also their sportsmanship and our school values throughout the day. Very well done to them all! As I mentioned last week, there is a lot of planning that goes into an event such as this, and I am very grateful to Mrs Parkinson for all her hard work both beforehand and during the day itself. I was also grateful that summer arrived in time for us to enjoy the day without the threat of possible postponement!

This week, our lovely Oak Class children have been visiting Windmill Hill on their residential trip. I was able to spend the day with them on Wednesday and it was wonderful to see how much the children were enjoying the visit. They were very quick to tell me how wonderful the food was! Windmill Hill itself is incredibly well-organised and the PGL staff are engaging and fun. I do hope the children have returned with wonderful memories that they will cherish for years to come. I would like to thank Mrs Johnson for leading the trip – no small task given her relatively recent knee operation – as well as Mrs Gray, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Gabriel. Thank you to Miss Avery who also joined the trip on Thursday evening and into Friday.

I understand that Elm Class had an enjoyable visit to Ightham Mote on Tuesday. This was a lovely opportunity for us to further consolidate our excellent relationship with our friends at Ightham Mote.

I am very pleased to tell you that the academisation order has now been granted so we have progressed towards joining The Pioneer Academy. Given the delays due to the General Election, it is not looking realistic for the conversion to take place by 1st September, and a more



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 91.94%

Pine – 95.83%

Chestnut – 88.89%

Willow – 96.06%

Elm – 93.61%

Beech – 96.67%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 2

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 1



realistic date appears to be 1st December currently.

Well done to all our classes who took part in the Ightham Open Gardens event last weekend. Every class entered a mini garden and I understand they drew a lot of attention and gave much joy. They also helped raise money for Dandelion Time too, a Kent-based charity that supports bereaved children.

Our super School Council has a request – if you have any old copies of the Guinness Book of Records that you no longer want, please would you send them into school. Our School Council say the children love to read about the records in these books!

New PSA Treasurer Required!

Very sadly, nobody has put themselves forward to become the new Treasurer for our wonderful PSA. Natalie Adams has done the role for many years now but will be giving up the role at the end of this academic year. Can you help? I am sure Natalie would be more than happy to talk to you about the role if you wish to find out more – you can email her at: treasurer@ighthampsa.com

Year 5 Parents – Kent (PESE) Test – FINAL REMINDER!

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.

Mr D Sherhod
Head Teacher



Thank you all for your help and donations towards the sports day event. We raised just over £2,500 which is amazing! Have a great summer and see you in September.

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

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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

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Joseph, Jude and Carina

Year 1 - Leo, Daisy and Rose

Year 2 – Albert and Arlo

Year 3 – Max and Joshua

Year 4 – Isaiah and Crystal

Year 5 – Georgina, Arty and Molly

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Catherine in Year 1 for receiving her green stripe in taekwondo this week.

Well done too, to Cordelia in Year 2, who competed in a dance festival last weekend coming second in her character solo and third in her modern solo (see below).



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