



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024



Year 2 travel back in time to 1666...

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Term Dates for 2024-25

Term 1 – Wednesday 4th September to Friday 25th October
 Term 2 – Tuesday 5th November to Thursday 19th December
 Term 3 – Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February
 Term 4 – Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April
 Term 5 – Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May
 Term 6 – Tuesday 3rd June to Tuesday 22nd July

Staff Development Days for 2024-25

Monday 4th November 2024
 Friday 20th December 2024
 Monday 2nd June 2025

Key Dates

Monday 4th November

Inset Day – Pupils not in school

Tuesday 5th November

Term begins – pupils return to school

Monday 11th November

New Entrants' Open Event

Thursday 14th November

Year 3 Children in Need Bake Sale

Friday 15th November

Wear Spots for School Children in Need

Tuesday 19th November

Year 4 Trip – Chart Farm

Wednesday 20th November

New Entrants' Open Event

Thursday 28th November

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had an enjoyable week and that you were able to spend time together as a family. On Monday (whilst you were enjoying your final day of the holiday) Ightham teachers attended their first Pioneer Academy Conference. The focus was 'inclusivity for all'. We heard from some really inspirational speakers and learnt a lot. We have already put some of the strategies learnt in place and will continue to look for ways to build on our practice (as even teachers like to learn new things and improve!)

In English this week Pine Class have read a poem about whales called 'Gentle Giants'. They learnt that poems have verses and what these are. They talked about what each verse was about and then performed actions for each verse whilst it was read. The children were so inspired by whales that they then wanted to complete their own writing about them!



On Thursday, Year Two had a wonderful day, stepping back in time to 1666 to experience what it would have been like during the the Great Fire of London. Through drama, role play and a range of practical workshops, they experienced what it would have been like in London at that time. Thank you to all the parents who came to help us for the day.

This week Acorn class have begun their topic, 'Once Upon a Time' which will be based on the story of The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. They have read the story and explored the characters and setting and answered lots of questions. In maths children have continued to learn about the numbers 1,2,3. They also enjoyed their first forest school session this week.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.33%

Pine – 98.67%

Chestnut – 95.33%

Willow – 98.66%

Elm – 94.98%

Beech – 96.67%

Oak – 90.67%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

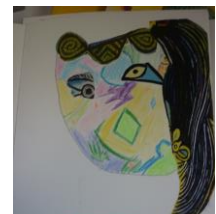
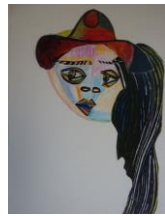
Elm – 0

Beech - 1

Oak - 1



Willow class, have been selecting and arranging materials to create a Picasso-inspired piece of abstract art. Please see below some of their masterpieces!



In their first week back, Elm Class have been looking into the achievements of the Egyptians making fact pyramids, papyrus style book marks, playing traditional board games and writing coded messages and book of the dead style hieroglyphic messages and stories. In science, they have started our new topic electricity, they have been looking at how to stay safe around electricity and how it is made. In maths, children have covered every pun connected with 'area' they could think of! You may heard a couple of their ideas at home! After all school is not the only area that maths can be fun in! (Apologies....!)

This week, on Tuesday and Friday mornings, all the Year 5 children have taken part in a 'Mini Medics' workshop. They learnt the 'DRS ABCD bleeding fractures chant', to prioritise the order of treatment: Danger, Response, Shout, Airway, Breathing, CPR, Defibrillator, Bleeding, Fractures. The children also learnt to put a casualty in the recovery position and how to deal with choking and apply bandages. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and learnt a lot. They found it very interesting and to quote Florence - "It was so useful to practise it as well as learn about it. We never know when we might need to use these skills we have learnt."



This week, the children of Oak class have explored the poem For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon with a view to write their own poem around the theme of remembrance. Further to this, the children have continued to learn about Crime and Punishment throughout the ages, this week, visiting the conundrum that was The Bloody Code. A final highlight has been science with Mrs Dix. The children started a new unit of science: Evolution and Inheritance.

Finally, I am able to announce the winners of the Governors' 200 Club for October:

1st - Demelza Carroll, £9.50

2nd - Jeff Reading, £5.80

3rd - Anna Sambuk, £3.70

Congratulations!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Snow

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PSA Update - Upcoming events

22nd November 'Elf'ridges (for those that don't know, this is held during school time - your child can come and choose a gift for a family member which will then be wrapped and labelled for your child to put under the tree)

6th December Santas Grotto and fair (3.15pm-6pm) come and join the festive fun, mulled wine, hot chocolate, bbq and games, you can also purchase a ticket to meet Santa and receive a little gift from him).

A reminder that we will be collecting gift donations for 'Elf'ridges every Monday and Friday drop off and pickup. Please look out for the PSA white buckets or hand to your rep or the PSA.



Children in Need

After school next Thursday (14th November), Year 3 will host their Pudsey Bear Bake Sale on the main playground (or in the hall if raining), cash only please. We look forward to raising as much money as possible for Children In Need.

We shall all be taking part in Children in Need next Friday and your child is encouraged to wear spotty items of clothing into school. This in return for a minimum donation of £1. Please do contribute to what is an excellent cause.



Congratulations!

Well done to Mrs Gibbins who has achieved her level 3 Forest School qualification this week! We are all very proud of you!

A big congratulations also to Miss Glassock who is celebrating a rather big birthday on Sunday (21 again 😊). We hope you have a lovely day. Willow Class especially will make a fuss of you on Monday!



Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Cordelia in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Roux and Talia
Year 1 – Millie and Arthur
Year 2 – Max and Alba
Year 3 – Lily and Raphael
Year 4 – Nevie and Theo G-P
Year 5 – Charlie and Arthur
Year 6 – Archie and Holly

Congratulations to all!

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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