

On 5th July, Mr Everett will be beginning an adventure of a lifetime to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the world's highest free-standing mountain at 5,895m / 19,308 ft. He has kindly offered to keep a video diary, so that he can share his adventure with the children on his return.

Mr Everett will be going on this expedition with Sean Swarner, the first cancer survivor to summit Mount Everest. Sean was diagnosed with two deadly, different forms of cancer at age 13 and age 16 and given two weeks to live. Although he lost the use of one lung, he went on to climb all of the seven highest peaks on each continent, as well as trek to the North and South poles. Sean has made it his mission in life to help those touched by cancer. A symbol of this is his 'Flag of Hope'. Mr Everett will be planting this flag of hope at the top of Kilimanjaro in the early hours of 10th July along with a flag of Kingsnorth School. Both will remain there up there for all future explorers to see.

Mr Everett is inviting all children to add the name of someone they know that have been touched cancer to this flag and we will publish a photo of this flag on the top of the highest peak in Africa in honour and memory of those affected by this disease. Flags like this were also planted by Sean when he climbed all six other peaks and can also be found on the north and south poles. A donation for this would be greatly appreciated and will be going towards the Sean Swarner CancerClimber Association.

We would be grateful if you could discuss the name you would like to add with your child.

Mr Everett will be taking the flag round all the classrooms on Friday the 17th June. The flag will also be kept at reception along with a donations pot, if parents would like to add their own names.

