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## A message from Mrs Bone, Deputy Headteacher

We seem to be moving very quickly towards the end of term with many exciting events queuing up. I know that the reports today have been keenly awaited together with details of your child's new teacher. Included with this are details of our planned transition sessions in order to help all children get ready for the change in classrooms and teaching teams. If you have any questions about this or if you feel that your child may need support in other ways, please do contact us. We are really happy to help and guide.

Our theme in Collective Worship this week has been Compassion. I would like to thank James and Tilly from Year 5 who helped me to lead this to the whole school on Monday. They did a great job; it is no mean feat sharing ideas in front of over four hundred pupils! I am so proud of them. The children have continued to explore how we show compassion during the course of the week; thank you for your support of our Compassion UK Day on Tuesday. We are still counting the money raised in order to support our sponsored child, Innocent in Uganda and will let you know the amount soon. This will make a huge difference to him and to his family; thank you for your generosity and kindness.

It has been a busy week as ever in school; Year 6 are in the final throes of the finishing touches for their production and are looking forward to welcoming their audience next week. Year 5 had a fabulous day at Herstmonceux on Thursday; many thanks to Mrs Riseley for organising this and for all adults who supported the children. Year 3 have shared some of their amazing writing with me this week; this has been based on their text The Tin Forest. I have been so impressed with their use of language and vocabulary choices in order to bring the setting alive.

I hope that you have a happy and peaceful weekend and have the time to enjoy invaluable family time and the return for some sunshine!

## Things to Remember

Year 5 - PE block week is next week (10.07.23 - 14.07.23). Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on Monday for the week.

If your child brings into school an air up bottle, they **MUST NOT** share or swop the pods with each other for hygiene reasons.

Please can we remind everyone that there is NO riding bikes/scooters on school grounds.

A reminder that children should wear **black** school shoes to school.

## Dates for the Diary

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Production to parents  
14.07.23 - Year 6 Leavers Party  
12.07.23 - Class Move up session PM  
13.07.23 - Class Move up all day  
14.07.23 - Class Move up all day  
14.07.23 - Year 6 Leavers Party  
17.07.23 - Class Move up session AM  
17.07.23 - Open Classrooms @ 15.15  
21.07.23 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
21.07.23 - Y6 Leavers Parade at 13.30  
21.07.23 - Last day of Term 13.15 finish

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Learning Award

RB Emilia B, RCA Paisley N, 1A Lizzie P, 1M Albie L, 2H Harry W, 2S Ethan M, 3G Eibhlin M, 3Gr Ella-Rose P, 4K Jack S, 4M Jemima M, 5F Archie J, 5R the whole class, 6C Ronnie S, 6N Menahem Z

### Value Award

RB Ella H, RCA Freddie B, 1A Sofia B, 1M Laura R, 2H Hattie M, 2S Elodie G, 3G Max T, 3Gr Bella R, 4K Tristan L, 4M Harrison H, 5F Erdi M, 5R the whole class, 6C Raife M

## Accelerated Reader<sup>®</sup> CLASS READING AWARD

1M  
Most Read Minutes

### House Points

Beckett	4940
Dickens	5222
Churchill	5203
Harvey	4653
Holmes	4823
Shakespeare	4915

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
**DICKENS**  
This week's winners

## School News

### **Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?**

We are working with a charity called Coram Beanstalk to recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can commit to an afternoon a week to come in to school. As a reading helper you will support at least 3 children on a one to one basis outside of the classroom environment. You will be sharing and talking about books, helping them to grow in confidence and develop a lifelong love of reading.

For more information or if you wish to apply, visit the website at [www.corambeanstalk.org.uk](http://www.corambeanstalk.org.uk) or call 0207 729 4087.

Year 1 are looking for donations of construction toys such as, knex/duplo/generic Lego (not sets). If you are able to donate, please bring them to the office.

A letter will be emailed out next week outlining new classes for next academic year.

Menu Change - On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July there will be a change to the dinner menu, it will be Hot Dog and Chips.

### **Parent Volunteers**

From September, we are looking to invite any parents/grandparents who would like to volunteer on a regular basis, to support our children in their learning.

You may be asked to listen to children read, assist in constructive play or work with the children on mini projects in the afternoon.

Do you share our vision and passion to help our children to flourish?

If you would have regular time, no matter how big or small, and would like to help our children during the school day, please contact the school office for further information.

We look forward to welcoming you from the middle of September to work alongside our amazing Kingsnorth family.

On Tuesday, two netball teams from Kingsnorth played Kennington in a match. Both teams played brilliantly and represented the school exceptionally well through both good sportsmanship and teamwork. The teams were closely matched, although some children were very new to the club, and the progress made by the children, who have attended regularly has been incredible. Well done to everyone who played and who represented the school so well. You should be very proud of yourselves!

Well done to Kayden W, in Year 4 for passing his Stage 5 Swimming.



Harriet BG in Year 4 took part in a National Taekwondo Championships at Crystal Palace last weekend. Harriet came first in her individual category and first in a pair category, making it double golds!

Harriet is hoping to qualify for the Great Britain team in October, so she can compete internationally.

Well done Harriet and Good Luck in October!



## Year 2 Learning

Year 2 have been exploring the work on Vincent Van Gogh, in particular his 'Sunflower' painting. We worked together to create a collaborative piece where we were each given a segment of the puzzle and we then pieced it together.



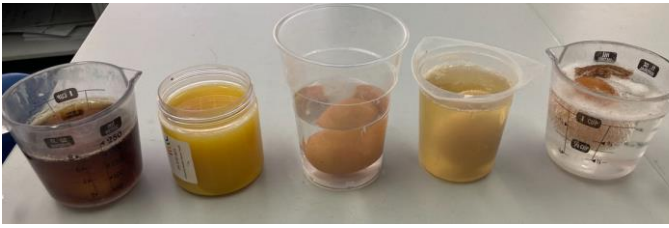
## 2H Learning

2H had a lovely morning on Thursday meeting a guinea pig. In English they had been writing stories about the furry animals so being able to read their stories to a real guinea pig was so much fun! 2S are looking forward to their turn next week.



## Year 4 Learning

This week in Science, Year 4 looked at the effects of different liquids on human teeth. We used eggshells to represent our teeth and were surprised by which liquids had more of an impact. We have definitely learnt the importance of looking after our teeth!



## Year 5 School Trip

The Year 5 children had an amazing day at Herstmonceux. They enjoyed a number of scientific sculptures, a guided tour of the observatory as well as hands on experiments using water. The children were very well behaved and were a credit to the school.

