

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - No. 465

### A message from Mrs Bone, Deputy Headteacher

Firstly, a huge thank you for your patience and understanding with the school closure on Tuesday. We totally understand the impact that this will have had on you at such short notice. It certainly interrupted the momentum of the week. It was lovely to see the children so excited to be back on Wednesday; some of them even running into the playground! We are so blessed to work with such a kind community of parents. I would also like to thank all members of our school team for their flexibility and response to Tuesday's closure; it was very hard for everyone.

Despite this, we have enjoyed a happy week in school. The children have been busy writing their BBC 500 word stories; many thanks to so many members of the PFA and other parents for the kind offer to type up the children's stories. I have really enjoyed listening to the children reading me their stories and to see the excitement and pride in what they have achieved. We have also celebrated National Poetry Day; this year's theme was Refuge. The children have written some amazing poems and we are looking forward to hosting a Poetry Recital next week in which the children will share and perform their poems. Many thanks to Mr Clarke for organising this.

At lunchtime today, we launched our first step on our OPAL programme. This allowed the children to choose where they wanted to play with zones for the following play; bubbles, music, bikes and scooters. We will be starting an OPAL newsletter very soon to keep you fully informed of our progress and to capture the children's voices on the changes to playtime.

Finally huge congratulations to our Boys' Football team who won the Ashford Prep tournament; we understand that they are now considered to be the team to be feared in competitive play! It was a great pleasure to celebrate their success in Worship today.

I hope you enjoy another weekend of summer sunshine and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

### Things to Remember

Year 4 - PE block week is next week (09.10.23 - 13.10.23). Please ensure your child brings to school their PE on Monday for the week.

### Dates for the Diary

10.10.23 - Y6 PGL parent meeting  
12.10.23 - KS2 Parent Maths Workshop  
13.10.23 - PFA Storytime for EYFS  
18.10.23 - Parent Consultations  
19.10.23 - Parent Consultations  
**23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - HALF TERM**  
**30.10.23 - No school - Development day**  
03.11.23 - PFA non-school uniform day  
04.11.23 - PFA Fireworks night  
6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 PGL Residential  
23.11.23 - 3G Class Assembly  
24.11.23 - PFA non-school uniform day  
28.11.23 - Flu Vaccinations

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Learning Award

1A Carter L, 1M Thomas J, 2H Harrison G, 2K Jake L, 3B Harry S, 3G Harry R, 4C Earlene W, 4MP Tony S, 5N Grace B, 5R Blake H, 6C Robyn S, 6L Harry F

#### Values Award

1A Abigail A, 1M Josephine M, 2H Caleb W, 2K Zara P, 3B Molly H, 3G Ella L, 4C Dottie PD, 4MP Sophie C, 5N Toby B, 5R Lexi S, 6C Toby T, 6L Louie A & Archie J & Jack B



The trophy this **term** is for the most read minutes each week.

This week the trophy goes to **6L**

### House Points

Beckett	446
Dickens	449
Churchill	534
Harvey	521
Holmes	461
Shakespeare	432

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
**CHURCHILL**  
This week's Winners

## School News

OPAL project - We are looking for donations of any type of fabric, dressing up clothes and any clothes the children can use for role play. If you are able to donate, please bring them to the school office.

An email has been sent out on Wednesday regarding the rise of Measles/MMR vaccination. Please [click here](#) for the back to school guidance from the NHS. We have attached the NHS MMR Poster.

OPAL - We are looking for Dressing Up clothes and large cardboard boxes, if you are able to donate, please bring them to the school office.

Following the success of the book swap held on World Book Day last year, we have set up a smaller Book Swap in the entrance lobby of the school. Please feel free to take a book, or swap a book that you no longer read.

**Book request:** At the moment we have plenty of picture books to add to the book swap, however we would love to add a selection of chapter books. Please have a look through your books at home and bring them to swap.



## Compassion UK

Last year, for Compassion UK non-uniform day, we raised enough money to send an additional financial gift to Innocent's family. We have been sent a thank you letter from Innocent detailing how the money was spent.

Thank you for your contributions and for encouraging the children to come to school in non-uniform.



### Original thank you message

Dear my lovely sponsor, greetings to you in Jesus name says Innocent, he says feels so happy with his family for the love you have given him each day, Innocent says thank you so much for the family gift you sent to him, he says received 797900sh and bought two goats each with two kids making 6 now, mattress 120000sh, bedsheets 20000, suite case 50000, rice 5000, soda 2000, cake 900sh, he says what a joy in my life and my family, Innocent says he believes that these goats are going to grow and will make abig project, thank .



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Kingsnorth U11s competed in a county-wide football competition at Ashford Prep School.

After topping our group with two comfortable wins and a nail-biting draw, we progressed straight to the cup quarter finals knockout stage. Despite this match resulting in a 0-0 draw at the final whistle, we demonstrated many qualities to stay in the game and overcame our nerves with a sensational stop from our keeper to win the penalty shoot-out.

The semi-finals saw us take another comfortable win to progress through to the finals against Junior Kings. At the final whistle, it ended in another 0-0 draw after a brilliant display of teamwork. Cool as you like, the three Kingsnorth penalty takers dispatched their opponents with three top quality finishes to lift the prestigious trophy once again.

It was a real honour to coach these young gentlemen as they upheld all our values throughout the day.  
Mr Clark & Mrs Potts

