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A message from Mrs Bone, Deputy Headteacher

It now feels as if the end of term is rushing in on us! Thank you for your continued support and kind words; this is much appreciated. All our school colleagues work incredibly hard to support your children and your wider family and we are very grateful to you for taking the time to share this with us.

This week has been an incredibly exciting one. On Tuesday the whole school celebrated National Poetry Day; each class performed a poem together using expression and actions in order to bring it to life. The children did incredibly well and some individual children also volunteered to perform their own poem. We are so very proud of all of the children. Yesterday we welcomed Rocksteady to school; this is an inclusive music programme which allows the children to work in small groups with their friends in order to learn how to play instruments - keyboard, electric guitar, singing and drums - and in order to enjoy learning to be musicians. The children had so much fun in their workshops, it was so nice to see the joy on their faces. You may already have been encouraged to fill out the application form! Many thanks to Mrs Potts for organising this opportunity for the children.

Last week we hosted Year 2's Harvest Festival. We wanted to say a huge thank you to all parents who attended for their patience and accommodation as we had an unexpected fire alarm. What we have learned is that we can still evacuate the school in under three minutes during an event. A huge thank you to the Year 2 teaching team for their work with the children and of course many congratulations to the children themselves for managing this tricky interruption and sharing their important messages.

I would like to thank Lucas and Noah in Year 5 for helping me to lead Collective Worship on Monday. They shared some amazing ideas about how to support and encourage others to persevere through the Bible example of Barnabas. Finally we hosted our second OPAL lunchtime play today. We are so pleased that the children are enjoying this; School Council have guided us on how to make improvements which we have put into place. If you have any unwanted dressing up clothes please let us know; we would love to take them off your hands!

I hope you have some invaluable family time at the weekend.

Dates for the Diary

18.10.23 - Parent Consultations
19.10.23 - Parent Consultations
23rd - 27th Oct - HALF TERM
30.10.23 - No school - Development day
03.11.23 - PFA non-school uniform day
04.11.23 - PFA Fireworks night
6th - 10th November - Y6 PGL Residential
22.11.23 - Open Evening for New YR
23.11.23 - 3G Class Assembly
28.11.23 - Flu Vaccinations
01.12.23 - PFA non-school uniform day
02.12.23 - PFA Christmas Fayre

ACHIEVEMENTS

Learning Award

1A Ace M, 1M William K, 2H Lydia AJ,
2K Luna D, 3B Daniel M, 3G Summer W,
4C Benjamin S, 4MP Alex C, 5N Jessica
D, 5R Elliott D, 6C Maisie R, 6L Amelie S

Values Award

1A Advik M, 1M Emilia B, 2H the whole
class, 2K the whole class, 3B Mya B,
3G Joey M, 4C Emily C, 4MP Noah M,
5N Riley V, 5R Tristan L, 6C Lara C,
6L Maisy B



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

This week the trophy goes to **4MP**

House Points

Beckett	611
Dickens	572
Churchill	722
Harvey	669
Holmes	571
Shakespeare	575

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

School News

The Autumn/Winter school dinner menu starts on 30th October 2023. Please find the new menu attached.

OPAL project - We are looking for donations of role play clothes and large cardboard boxes. If you are able to donate, please bring them to the school office.

Elizabeth in Year 3, is currently working towards her charity badge at brownies and was inspired by the harvest festival to raise money for the local food bank. So last weekend, Elizabeth made cookies, made leaflets to put through the neighbour's doors and then sold them to the local community.

Elizabeth raised an incredible £60 for the food bank. Well done this is an amazing achievement.



Year 3 & Year 4 attended Lenham Secondary School to take part in a Multi-skills festival on Tuesday.

They worked together as a team to complete multiple activities including speed stacking, speed bounce and relay races. They competed against other schools to get the highest or fastest scores and they won the relay race.

They all did incredibly well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



RGF Learning

RGF have been enjoying their outdoor learning this week, making patterns with the leaves and sticks.



This week the Nurture group have been preparing flower pots to plant pansies and carnations together. They have placed the pots around the pond area in view of the whole school to create a colourful display.



As part of our changes to play time, the children have been enjoying the freedom to explore both playgrounds every Friday. We will be slowly making changes. So far children have been creative with chalk, dancing to music, exploring bubbles, moving tyres and riding on scooters.

Please look out for messages requesting donations for future projects.



Thursday morning was ROCKSTEADY day at Kingsnorth! The children were all surprised to be greeted by the talented and enthusiastic Ross and his drum kit, guitars, microphones and keyboard. We all enjoyed a noisy and exciting Collective Worship, followed by a workshop to get to know the instruments better. Some children even had a go at being part of a band!

In the future, ROCKSTEADY will be visiting the school every Monday and working with the children who have signed up for rocking music lessons with the company. We look forward to hearing some of their bands play!

