



Newsletter

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Headline

'Purple Mash' launched in school

We are delighted to announce that we are using a web based platform called Purple Mash in school to teach our computing curriculum.

In a world which is becoming more dependent on the use of technology, this will give children the opportunity to learn many new skills including coding, programming and animation design.

As children progress through the school they will learn and develop more advanced skills which will hopefully help them in our new ever changing world. Each child in school has been given their own personal login and password which will be used to access and store all of the activities they complete. As well as computing skills, Purple Mash will also be used to support children's learning across the curriculum including in numeracy, literacy and topic lessons.

Throughout this learning children will be reminded of the school's E-safety policy which will allow the children to be safe and excited learners. Remember, children should try to remember these points whenever they are using technology whether this is at home or in school.

Below is a reminder of the schools three C's for online safety:

- Content – Are the things you are doing appropriate?
- Conduct – Are you behaving in the right way online?
- Contact – Do you know who you are talking to?

Children will be given the opportunity to access Purple Mash at home in the near future and may be set tasks which will help them with their learning.

Mr Fright
Computing Lead Teacher

Purple Mash is a really exciting opportunity for our children to further their computing skills.

We cannot stress enough that the opportunities provided by computing also brings with it dangers which we all need to be aware of. Mr Fright (our Computing Leader) and Mrs Marie (our PSHE leader) have worked together to ensure that children will have chances to learn about how to be safe when using Computing and Social Media. We will be using resources produced by, amongst others, the NSPCC, ThinkUKnow and PSHE Association.

As a parent myself I find that the intricacies of Social Media apps such as Whats App, Snapchat, Instagram can be confusing and it can be really hard to keep up! The good news is that there is loads of help out there. A good starting point would be the following website <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>.

Good sound advice would be to be aware of which apps your children are using; model good social media conduct yourself; encourage your children to be open with what they are doing and be aware of age restrictions on apps.

Herb tasting before passing them to the kitchen to use



Coming Soon
FS sports day
Thursday 5th July
Years 1 - 6 Sports day
Friday 6th July at Medway Park

Term Dates 2017/18
Term 6
Tuesday 5th June 2018
until
Wednesday 25th July 2018

Term Dates 2018/19
Term 1
Tuesday 4th September 2018
until
Friday 19th October 2018

Term 2
Monday 29th October 2018
until
Tuesday 18th December 2018

Term 3
Thursday 3rd January 2019
until
Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4
Tuesday 26th February 2019
until
Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5
Tuesday 23rd April 2019
until
Friday 25th May 2019

Term 6
Tuesday 4th June 2019
until
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Attendance:

Last week's top 3 :

5S - 95.6
5/6B - 96.3
2M - 98%



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Measles

As you may be aware there has been an increase in the number of children and adults contracting measles. We are therefore raising awareness of the MMR vaccine and encouraging people to get vaccinated. If parents think they or a family member have been in contact with someone with measles they are advised to phone their GP and NOT visit them to seek advice. There is no upper age limit for having the free MMR vaccine, so if parents and students are not sure they have received two doses of MMR, they should be encouraged to contact their GP.

FS Moderation

Our moderation went well and Medway Early Years Ltd agreed with all of our assessments and levels - thank you for your help and support.

Sharing Information

The old Sure Start noticeboard at the front gate is being used for displaying the weekly Newsletter, Rights Respecting Schools Article and any other useful information. Please get into the habit of checking it regularly. Thank you.

Vacancy

We have an exciting vacancy for someone to assist in our Breakfast and After School Club (BA Club) If you would like more information, please see the attached advertisement. There is an application form available to download on the school website.

Reminders

British values

British values are an important part of our education offer. Through our teaching of PSHE and our Rights Respecting Schools work, we promote British values within our curriculum.



British values are:

- democracy.
- the rule of law.
- individual liberty.
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

In The Community

Summer of Sport

Enjoy an active summer with Medway Sport. You can find more information on the booklet given to every child today.

Pat on the Back

FS2C - Fraser for displaying a good understanding of measures and Mia for always working hard in all areas of learning

FS2L - Sarvgunn and Kieron for improvement in writing independent sentences

FS2W - Hallie for her independent writing this week and Harry C for being a positive role model

1B - Cole for completing his computing tasks with speed and confidence and Max for becoming more confident in his learning particularly in maths this week

1C - Riley W for coming up with interesting ideas for his underwater story and Jamey for persevering with her phonics work this week

2C - Olivia for superb numeracy work this week and Luke for his enthusiasm towards all of his learning

2M - Emily S for always being a bright and cheerful member of our class ready to help and learn.

Aksha for rising to maths challenges posed and solving them logically.

Also, a special mention to Mrs Millward's RWI group for publishing some outstanding dragonology work

Inclusions this week

- Job Advertisement
- Sports Day lunch options
- Summer of Sport booklet

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason

Deputy Heads: Mrs Price (4-7 year olds) and Mr Presneill (7-11 year olds)

Family Liaison Officer: Mrs Liddle

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This school operates a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff