



Newsletter

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Headline

Award Winners

We were delighted to be invited to attend the KM Group Kent Literacy awards on 20th June.

Our prize was for 'Best Initiative to Support EAL (English as an Additional Language) Families' and it related to the development work that we have been doing this year in reading and comprehension. Key Stage 2 have been working on their 'Reading is Understanding' project over the year and have been focusing on immersing themselves in books and poetry; developing their understanding of vocabulary (some of it being really challenging!) and then using these skills and enthusiasm to help support with reading and comprehension activities.

As the year has progressed children have developed their skills in looking at a single text (fiction or non-fiction) over a week and then studying reading techniques, vocabulary (including slang and idioms), inference and questioning. They have been reading more than ever and sometimes nag their teachers when they are told the lesson must come to an end!

The awards ceremony was a grand occasion, hosted at Hempstead House Hotel in Bapchild, near Sittingbourne. Mr Macdonald, Mrs Mason and Mrs White (our Chair of Governors) went along to represent the school and they were impressed with the other winning entries too, some of which have given them some ideas to further develop our reading in school.

Terry Waite opened the ceremony and spoke about his time in captivity as a hostage, and how reading was the main thing that kept his spirits up during this really awful time.

Look out for the award certificate in the main reception area! We are now thinking of what competition we can enter next...



Coming Soon
Y5/6 Dover trip
Friday 29th June
Club option letters home T1 and 2
Friday 29th June
Careers Fair
Wednesday 4th July
FS sports day
Thursday 5th July
Years 1 - 6 Sports day
Friday 6th July at Medway Park
Y2 Shorne Country Park
Saturday 7th July
FS2 Wingham Trip
Thursday 12th July
Tag Day 13th July
Year 3/4 residential trip
13th and 14th July
Year 1 trip to Margate
17th July
Cake Sale 3.15 in hall
Monday 23rd July
Prom - 24th July
Y6 Cinema Trip 24th July

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

Attendance:
Last week's top 3:
FS2W - 97%
1B - 97.3%
3/4A - 97.9%



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Grow Your Own

Since the spring, we have been developing our outdoor classroom and growing herbs, fruits and vegetables. Next year we hope to plant even more, and involve more of the school community. We are excited to announce that through taking part in a Medway Council project called FAST Food (Family and School Together Growing in Schools), every child has now received a Grow at Home Pack to sow some delicious salad leaves indoors. The experience of growing, harvesting and eating your own healthy produce has many benefits and we hope that everyone will get growing! We would love you to share your progress photos with us on twitter <https://twitter.com/BWPrimary> You can also let Medway Council know how you are getting on by posting photos to www.facebook.com/triforyoumedway

Reminders

PE Kits

All children should bring a named PE kit into school every Monday and take it home for washing on Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct coloured tee shirt for their house colour (surnames beginning A-E are blue; F-K are green; L-P are red and R-Z are yellow) If you need a new PE tee shirt they are available from the school office for £2.00. Thank you for your support.

Cars outside school

Please remind your children about safety around cars. The road outside both school gates gets very congested and some cars are still travelling far too quickly. It is a 15mph speed limit.

Remind your children to be aware of cars moving around and also please remember to be extra vigilant when driving on the estate and park safely away from the roundabout and zig zag lines outside school. Thank you for your support.

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

Football for girls

Anchorians Angels FC has been accredited as an FA SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Centre and provides girls aged 5-11 with regular opportunities to play football. The initiative offers organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls.

The sessions are held at Anchorians Angels SSE Wildcats Centre, Darland Avenue, Gillingham ME7 3AN on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 - 7.30pm. The cost is £2 per session. Please register at anchoriansfc.co.uk As well as activities for girls, there will also be opportunities for attending parents, carers and siblings to engage with the sport at the same time through 'Family Sessions' including Soccerise and Walking football.

Let Loose

There will be a free outdoor music concert in Gillingham High Street on 27th July from 1pm - 4pm. There will be free refreshments and you can listen to gospel bands, local bands and watch a dance performance. For more information please contact 0795 1147352

Pat on the Back

3/4A - Phoebe for writing a fairytale story at home and Maisie for her improved quality and quantity of work
3/4F - Edwin and Jamie for their hard work in multiplication this week

3/4M - Thomas for supporting peers in topic work and George for his contributions in class discussions

3/4P - George and Rares for helping David settle in and helping with his English. David for settling in well to a new school and learning some English words quickly
Romesa for writing her own fairy tale at home ensuring that she used key features

5S - Kirsty-Marie and Suzannie for their eco information posters.

5/6B - Shaun for working on Purple Mash and creating his game and Aston for his work in RW1

6T - Dorota for the excellent way she has presented her science learning this week, in particular how she has drawn a conclusion for the experiment carried out. Awal for the excellent conclusion given to his science investigation

Inclusions this week

- Grow at home seed pack

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 (07535 696125)

This school operates a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff