



Friday 7th October 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week

10th October – World Mental Health Day; children to come to school wearing items of yellow clothing #HelloYellow
13th October – Year 5 parents Harvest assembly and visit to classrooms 2pm – 3pm
14th October – Harvest Festival

18th October – Parents Evening 5pm – 8pm
19th October – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm
19th October – Art Day for all: Black History Month
19th October – Mr Egypt – Year 4 classes (revised date)
21st October – **End of Term 1**

Holding the position of School Representative is one that many children aspire to achieve as they journey through the school. Those identified are done so because they exemplify our school values and ethos by the way they engage in school life, through supporting their peers and by consistently demonstrating their commitment to learning and achieving.

This morning, I was proud to announce this year's School Reps:

6ALT

Peyton Waddington, Albert Rose, Ronnie Eskisan,
Beau Newman

6CC

Ivy French, Harper Cotter, Oliver Hills, Robin Johnson
6LS

Isaac House, Leon Williams, Immi Griggs, Kyra Hoang
6SE

Lacie Sharpe, Mia Butler, Isaac Pacquett, Taylor Elderson

Without doubt, these children will carry out their role with pride as they diligently represent our school throughout the coming year.

We are so proud of the effort put in by the pupils this week in their Mini Marathon sponsored event. They were taken out in their classes to run with the aim of reaching 2.6kms. I've heard that many children reached this distance and some ran even further! Congratulations and thank you to all who took part. We will continue to collect sponsorship money until the end of next week, Friday 14th October. Fingers crossed we have raised enough for the defibrillator; we will inform you of the total next week.

Mr Hobbs and Miss Black ran the London Marathon last weekend and each reported having had a fantastic day. In assembly this morning, Mr Hobbs awarded his medal to Harry Stuckey in recognition of his recent enjoyment in running. Mr Hobbs hopes that Harry will be inspired to run a marathon himself one day.

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents to the classrooms in the lower years this week. Thank you to all those who have come along to share a book with your child. I hope that you have gained a better understanding of Accelerated Reader and how it supports the development and love of reading for our children.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.53%. Overall attendance to date is 95.41%.

Well done 3AR, 3BW, 3WH and 5EW who achieved 97+% attendance this week.

251 children remain in the 100 club.

251 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House are the winners this week with 281 points – well done!

Red House – 263 points

Blue House – 222 points

Green House – 206 points

CLEANER REQUIRED

We currently have a position for a cleaner. If you would be interested in this post, please apply via the following link:

www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=107297

If you would like to know more about the role, please speak to Mr Foreman, our Site Operations Manager.

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LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Year 7 Open Days

A number of local secondary schools are publishing details of their open events for current Year 6 pupils. Where available, information has already been emailed out to parents, but is also collated below:

Herne Bay High School	<p>Open mornings are taking place on 11th, 13th and 21st October between 9:00am and 10:15am.</p> <p>Open evening – 5th October between 6:00pm and 9:00pm.</p> <p>For more details use the link below: Open Events 2022 - Herne Bay High School</p>
The Whitstable School	<p>The open evening will take place on Thursday 13th October. School tours can also be booked between 17th and 21st October. Click the link below for further information. The Whitstable School - Open Evening 2022</p>
Barton Court Grammar School	<p>Open mornings are happening on 17th, 19th and 20th October between 9:00am and 10:30am. (Booking is not required)</p> <p>Open evenings are happening on 6th and 18th October between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. Booking is required for the Headteacher's presentation only (use the link below for further details). Open Evenings & Mornings 2022 - Announcements - Barton Court Grammar School</p>
The Langton Grammar School for Boys	<p>The open evening is on Wednesday 19th October from 5.45 pm until 8 pm. No booking is needed for this event.</p> <p>If you would like to visit the school during the school day, you can book onto one of our OPEN WEEK tours. Please contact reception on 01227 463567 in order to book a place. We will not be able to accommodate you if you have not phoned to book. Dates/Times available are as follows: Monday 17th October – tours available at 9.30 am; 11.30 am and 2.30 pm Tuesday 18th October – tours available at 9.30 am; 11.30 am and 2.30 pm Wednesday 19th October – tours available at 9.30 am; 11.30 am only Thursday 20th October – tours available at 9.30 am; 11.30 am and 2.30 pm <i>Note: 9.30 am tours on all days are now full</i> Admissions (thelangton.org.uk)</p>
Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School	<p>Open mornings are taking place on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 17th of October. You will need to book a place using the link below.</p> <p>An 'Open Evening' will take place on Thursday 13th October 2022 from 5:30pm-8:00pm.</p>

	<p>(Booking for the open evening is not required – please use the link below for further details)</p> <p>https://www.langton.kent.sch.uk/admissions/year-6-open-mornings-and-open-evening</p>
Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School	<p>Open mornings are taking place on 18th, 20th and 21st October. Places will need to be booked using the link below</p> <p>Open evenings are taking place on 18th and 20th October between 5:15pm and 7:30pm. Use the link below to find further details.</p> <p>Year 6 Open Events for Year 7 Admission 2023 - Announcements - Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School - CCGS (ccgrammarschool.co.uk)</p>

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

WELCOME PARENTS!

Miss Black and Mrs Hewitt are hosting termly sessions to support parents of children with difficulties. In Term 2, the focus will be **Emotional Regulation**. The session will include sharing strategies used in school and a chance to talk through difficulties. Parents will be provided with hard copies of resources that will help them in the home. We have booked an afternoon and a morning session to enable as many parents as possible to come along. There is no need to book. The sessions will take place on:
Tuesday 1st November 2-3pm
Thursday 3rd November 9-10am
Although we have an idea of what we'd like to cover through the year, we are open and welcome to your suggestions and needs. Tell us about your child's difficulties and what you'd like to learn and we'll see if we can help you.

SEN Surgery

This term has been busy for Miss Black and Mrs Hewitt. Every week three families have signed up to this phone call consultation to talk through worries about their child or the process of referral they are currently going through. The slots fill approximately a week in advance, so call and book if you'd like to discuss your child with us.

Fiddle Toys

Please do not send your child in with fiddle toys from home. Class teachers have a supply and are able to provide this for use within the classroom. Teachers will monitor use and guide children towards using them appropriately so they do not distract them or their peers.

Sensory Oral chews

Children with ASC or other Sensory needs often have a need to chew for sensory relief. You might notice your child chews the cuff of their jumper sleeve or the end of a pencil. We do not

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provide these for children in school but we do have Lego shaped pencil toppers for sale in the office at £2. Alternatively, the following website has a good range available.

[Sensory Chews | Safe Hygienic Oral Chews | Sensory Direct](#)

Ear Defenders

We have provided ear defenders for children who are sensitive to noise. We ask that if your child consistently wears these, that you purchase a pair for their ongoing use. They are available on Amazon and have a much more interesting colour range than the school's ones!

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

World Mental Health Day

This World Mental Health Day, thousands across the country are coming together to say #HelloYellow.

Your children are invited to wear yellow on Monday 10th

October to raise awareness for children and young people's mental health. We need to show them that how they feel matters and help create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.



Understanding behaviour: online parent workshop

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to an online workshop on Thursday 13th October (1 – 2.30pm) about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour and discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage. If you would like to attend the meeting, click the link in the poster attached to this newsletter.

How to cope when your child can't: free webinar

Parenting and caring for a child who is struggling to cope can be painful and stressful, and can make it very hard to enjoy life yourself. Feelings of blame, guilt, sorrow, despair, fear, and frustration may be swirling around alongside a desperate desire to cure their pain.

Although parenting a child who is experiencing difficulties is a common problem, we can feel desperately alone when it is happening to us. When someone we love is struggling – for whatever reason – we may become unhappy too. For countless parents and children there are problems with no easy solutions.

Please see the link below for a FREE recording from The Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) - How to Cope When Your Child Can't: How parents can help themselves and each other.

[How to Cope When Your Child Can't: How parents can help themselves and each other - recording - ACAMH](#)

This free session used the latest evidence-based research, and examples from parents, to help us understand what we can and cannot do; to help us to accept any distress, worry, anxiety, sadness or loss of control in our situations; to see that we can tolerate these things; and to know that there are ways to move forward.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Phoebe in 4KD nominated Luca for always being happy, smiling and a great friend - even in hard times.

Mrs Deacon nominated Elsie in 5JN -

“Apart from being a particularly lovely girl, she not only turned off the lights in the girl's toilet when she had finished but took it upon herself to turn off the boy's toilet light too! She is obviously very on board with current climate issues as well as the electricity prices!”

The Cleaning Team nominated Billy in 6SE for kindly (and politely) telling them what a great job they do in keeping the school clean. We all agree with you, Billy!

Grace Vivash nominated Mrs Roman for always having a smile on her face.

Neveah in 4OS nominated Elsie in 4WK for looking after her at breaktime when she was feeling sad.

Awarded to:

Mrs Kingsland and the Y6 team nominated Rico in 5BP.

After eating his lunch, Rico has organised a team ball game for Ayden to join in with every day. 😊

ROCKING READERS

5EW are the well-deserved award winners this week. They have been the most consistent class in Year 5 in terms of their average minutes spent reading each week. In addition, they have achieved the highest average percentage in their quizzes for 3 out of the 4 weeks since we started tracking in September.

It is vital that children are returning their books when they are due so that our stocks remain plentiful. Please remind your child to return any overdue books as soon as possible.

SPORTS AWARD

Bobby Nichol in 3WH was presented with the Sports Award today. He has been attending early morning sports and taking part enthusiastically. Well done, Bobby!

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified as this week's Stars of the Week.

3AR Holly Clark
3BW Harry Harding
3MC Lolo-Rae Lee
3WH George Wheatley

4JL Felicity Thornhill
4KD Isaac Prett
4OS Hayden Lindsay
4WK Logan Beard

5BP Darcy White
5BR Max Reilly
5EW Ellen Foxley
5JN Henry Rennells

6ALT Charlie Blesky
6CC Jacob Grimshaw
6LS Nesia Asensoh
6SE Stephanie Horsley

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.
Best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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