



Friday 13th May 2022

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COVID RELATED NEWS

What to do if your child has symptoms of Covid-19

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- 1- have a high temperature.
- 2- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

They can come back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can come to school.



This week we celebrate a pupil in our school who has been selected to exhibit her piece of work in the Royal Academy of Art in London. Congratulations to Addison Ritchie for taking the time to enter the Young Artists' Summer Show competition run by the RAA.

Less than ten pieces of artwork were chosen to be put on display out of the thousands of entrants, amplifying the significance of her achievement.

Addison's piece, Third Culture Kid, is inspired by her own heritage. She stated in the competition description:

"The art is mixed media and about my life as a third culture kid. I am mixed race, British Nigerian, but I have grown up in Tanzania, Kenya, Egypt and now I live in England. This picture is about everything I experience and love in my life".

I am sure that you will agree that she is a very talented young artist!

This week our fabulous Year 6 children sat their SATs. They all showed immense resilience and determination throughout the testing period and we are all very proud of them. The whole year group were awarded Star of the Week by the class teachers in recognition of their hard-work and achievement.

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of joining our Mini Police Cadets for their 'Passing Out Parade'. The children have spent the last few weeks learning vital skills and developing confidence while understanding the role of the police in our community.

PCSO Victoria said "We would like to say a huge well done to all the Mini Police Cadets at Herne Bay Junior School who have finished their nine-week course with us. The cadets really engaged with the course and we have loved the enthusiasm they have brought to every session. During the course, the cadets have learnt about the structure of Kent Police, looked at crimes and issues in their communities, completed a first aid course, spoken with their local town beat PC and created their own social action project to help their community. The cadets decided that they wanted their topic to be around online safety and online bullying, they learnt about the importance of online safety and being kind online and used this learning to make their own video to educate others around this subject. It has been great to work with each of the cadets and watch their confidence grow over the 9 weeks and we wish them all the success in the future".



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ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance last week was 95.19% making the attendance figure to date, 93.77%. Well done to the following classes whose attendance was all above 97%: 3BW, 5EW, 5BP, 6SE, 6LS and 6CS.
46 pupils remain in the 100 club.

HOUSE POINTS

Green House were in the lead this week with 203 HPs.
Yellow House – 190
Red House – 175
Blue House - 134

TEACHING & LEARNING

World Day for Cultural Diversity

The World Day for Cultural Diversity takes place on Saturday 21st May. This year we're delighted to be focusing a whole day of classroom activity on learning about different cultures from around the world. We really hope this will be a colourful, engaging day which the children will enjoy. Please look out for photos on Facebook. Here is some information from each year group on what's being covered, including details on dressing up for the day.

Year 3

For World Cultural Diversity Day, Year 3 are exploring Kenya. Children will be looking at Kenyan artists, learning about what life is like in Kenya and having a go at playing music and learning dances from the country. Please come in to school dressed in colours of the Kenyan flag: black, white, red and green.

Year 4

Year 4 will be celebrating Brazil for World Cultural Diversity Day. The day will consist of a round robin of four activities where the children will make carnival masks, play samba music, take part in food tasting and learn about the Brazilian cultural. We'd like the children to dress up for this day in bright, colourful clothes or the colours of the Brazilian flag (yellow and green).

Year 5

Year 5 will be learning about India. They will enjoy a scavenger hunt, tasting Indian foods, painting rangoli patterns, composing music and enjoying some Bollywood dancing! Please come dressed in the colours of the Indian flag: orange, green and/or white.

Year 6

Year 6 will be studying the culture of Japan. We will do a 'round robin' of activities where we will learn about Japanese Cartoons, poetry, art techniques and robotics. It would be lovely if the children can dress in red and white. If not, usual school uniform of red and white will suffice.

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

SEN News

SEN Surgery continues to be useful for families who are seeking additional support with referrals, assessments and behaviours. Don't hesitate to call into the SEN Team: Mrs Evett-Collins, Miss Black and Mrs Hewitt to book a slot for a discussion about your child. We hold these on Wednesday afternoons.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and this year it is raising awareness of the impact of loneliness on our mental health.

One in four adults feel lonely some, or all, of the time. There's no single cause and there's no one solution; after all, we're all different! But, the longer we feel lonely, the more we are at risk of mental health problems.

Dealing with loneliness can be difficult but there are things we can all do to make it easier and prevent some of the negative feelings and mental health problems that can come with it.

The Mental Health Foundation have worked with people who have experienced loneliness to develop some help and advice that you might find useful if you, or someone you know, is feeling lonely – we have attached the advice to this newsletter. If you would like to find out more, visit [Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation](#)

The Fantastic FRED Experience

Next Tuesday, we are excited to have The Fantastic FRED Experience coming to our school for the day.

The Fantastic FRED Experience is a live, performance-led mental health resource for primary aged children delivered by a team of trained actors. The Fantastic FRED performance has been specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience and delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health, explaining the link between our physical and mental health.

For more information, visit [Home \(thefantasticfredexperience.com\)](#)

Guidance for families supporting a Ukrainian Family

Attached to this newsletter is guidance for families who are either considering supporting a Ukrainian family or have already taken a family into their homes. This comes from ACEducation and contains some helpful tips around cultural expectations and some of the questions you may need to ask.

Advice from professionals, who have worked with children from war zones previously, inform that they may be hypervigilant and simple things like aeroplanes flying by will potentially cause them to react. This can include running for cover, herding other children off the playground and seeking adult support or first aid kits to tend to their friends. They can struggle with balloons popping or other loud bangs. However, with time and reassurance they can settle and blossom in their new surroundings.

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Healthy School



#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

Loneliness online

Does a child you know ever feel lonely when they're online? In a study by the UK's Office for National Statistics, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said that they DID often feel lonely – so any child experiencing those feelings is, sadly, far from unusual. To support Mental Health Awareness Week, which this year has the theme of 'loneliness', a guide has been put together to give you tips on how to deal with loneliness online, such as taking breaks, playing single-player games and listening to your favourite audiobooks. The guide is attached to this newsletter.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominations -

Mrs Hager nominated Febin in 6BR. She said "every morning this week he has asked whether he can help clear the hall after the Year 6 breakfast. He is always smiling and is so polite too".

Lola nominated Rainie in 5BP for being a good friend and helping her when she needs her.

Mia nominated Arthur in 3AR for being a kind person. Mia said that Arthur always helps her when she needs it and he is a great partner in class.

Awarded to -

Billy, in 5KD, nominated Dulcie, in 6CS, for being kind and playing with him at lunchtimes. Billy said that she is so nice and he really appreciates it.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council decided they wanted to raise money to help those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. They organised Class Marathons for each class to participate in and encouraged children to bring in a small donation. School Council are pleased to report that they raised £435 to be passed on to the Disaster Emergency Committee.

As a school 543 miles were run throughout the week. Thank you to everyone who donated and took part.

ROCKING READERS

Well done 6LS – Rocking Reader trophy winners for the 3rd time this school year! This week, they achieved an average of 93% in quizzing and 31 minutes of reading, per child.

4IK were recognised for their class average of 33 minutes spent reading, and 5EW for their class quizzing average of 90%. A super effort!

123 books are currently overdue in the library. A good number of classes have reduced their number of outstanding books but, for the second week, 5EW have managed to ensure that no books are overdue – thank you!

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs awarded the Sports Trophy to Year 5 this week who, in our recent charity marathon run, significantly increased the number of miles covered. Well done to all!

HALF TERM MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Inclusive Sports will be offering a Multi-Sports Club for children this half term. Please see the attached flyer for details which includes a link to book places.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR	Luca Nugent-Watkins
3BW	Oliver Emptage
3CC	Evie Wright
3WH	Ernie Boyns
4HO	Ruby Towell
4IK	Sabanna-Rose Burford
4MC	Logan Skinner
4WK	Freddie Styles
5BP	Sophia Brett
5EW	Christopher Cairo
5JN	Robin Johnson
5KD	Tylor Samways
6CS	Whole Class
6BR	Whole Class
6LS	Whole Class
6SE	Whole Class

Warm wishes,



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