

Headteacher Newsletter October 18

Moving forward

We have had the busiest first month. As we start on our plans to improve especially in Year 6, we are making changes in the way we work and closely monitoring the impact of everything to ensure progress for our children. The Local Authority has also given us support in a Kent Leader of Education to ensure we have the capacity to fulfil our plans.

We continue to work closely with other local primary schools.

This month we are introducing White Rose maths to increase our children's ability to reason.

Throughout the next few weeks the SLT will be conferencing with pupils on a variety of topics to get their views on what is good and what could be even better.

11+ test

As we eagerly await the test results, we just wanted to make everyone aware that last year 12 of our students went to a grammar school, which is roughly the top 20% of the year group and the expected percentage.

We will soon be offering Year 5 the CGP practice books at a discounted rate to support with getting ready for next year.

Morning workout

We have added to our timetable a daily morning workout. Three times a week this is whole school and twice a week this is class based. The reason for this is to improve fitness levels and cognitive behaviour. Teachers and pupils have enjoyed this varied start to the day and we are continually working to improve it.

Thank you to Miss Baker, our P.E lead, for organising this and all the teachers who have volunteered to take a session.

Thank you

To everyone who has parked safely and respected our gate times. It really helps us ensure our children are safe at all times.

Extra - Curricula

Thank you to all of you who came to meet the teacher and I hope you found it helpful.

We were delighted to get so many responses to our parent survey and are collating the results now so that we can work on making our school better for everyone.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING



Also thank you to those of you who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £268.51 and we know that the PTA then continued to sell at the end of the day therefore this amount will be even higher.

All the children looked great during Jeans for Genes day and this also allowed us to donate £199.00 to a worthy charity

Finally the children organised and held a cake sale. They advertised with posters, organised the cakes and biscuits and then, at playtime, sold them to the whole school. They were very successful, raising £49.40 and we are very proud of the responsibility and teamwork they showed.



Swimming

We have now assessed all our Year 6 children to see if they have met the National Curriculum expectation of swimming 25metres and are pleased to say that 71% have.

From this week the Year 4 children will be starting their swimming lessons and we have increased the number of lessons to support more children in achieving.

Educational visits

This month Year 3 went for a walk around the local area as part of their creative curriculum topic of Communities around us.



Year 5 participated in Music @ Mallings where they performed as an ensemble in West Malling Church after a workshop in school.



Attendance

Currently our whole school attendance is at 97.61% and we know at this time of the year, as we start to get a change in weather, it becomes more difficult. So thank you especially as we have classes achieving 100%.

Coming up...

8th October – Harvest Festival services
Year 3 and 4 - 9:30am
Year 5 and 6 – 11am

Parents are welcome at either service
8th October – Music for schools presentation at 6pm.

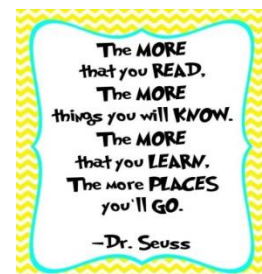
A demonstration of some of the instruments your child can learn in separate music lessons.

22nd October – Half term

29th October – Bike ability starts Year 6

2nd November – PTA's Fireworks night

Final thought



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Courage • Empathy • Respect • Responsibility