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Science Week

"This week we celebrated British Science Week with a number of exciting and educational activities to suit all ages. Everyone at school thoroughly enjoyed the range of opportunities on offer. Some of these were: Zoolab; Quantum Theatre (Journey to the Bottom of the Garden); Working Science with Dr Francis; and Sublime Science. Years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to take part in a workshop with Hillview School all about space exploration and learn fun facts about the different plants. As well as this, the whole school took part in a class swap where they were able to complete an amazing experiment with different children and teachers. This included bubble shapes, rocket launching, milk planets and so much more!



We thank you for all of your support at home and your donations, as well as the PTFA funding, to enable these activities to take place." Report by Ellie and Joshua in 6R and Bo and Calum in 6E.

Dragon Class thoroughly enjoyed themselves during Science week. They integrated with Year 5 and took part in the 'Sublime Science' workshop. It was so much fun! They made slime and fizzy sweets that made tongues tingle - and tornadoes in a bottle. Their favourite investigation was worm charming, discovering different ways to create underground vibrations to encourage the worms to surface! In total they charmed 16 worms!



Dragon Class Assembly

To celebrate Schools' Autism Awareness Week, the children in Dragon Class participated in a presentation during Thursday's assembly. They each stood confidently to explain what autism means to them and shared some of their unique talents with the whole school. They closed their assembly by getting everyone up on their feet to learn the steps to their Taylor Swift dance routine.



Everyone had fun and thoroughly enjoyed it. The Dragon children were superstars!

The 'A' Word

This week is Schools' Autism Awareness Week. BBC1 will be broadcasting a drama about a family with an autistic child, "The 'A' Word", at 9.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd March. We hope you find this of interest. World Autism Awareness Week is 2nd to 8th April.

Sports Relief

Today the children ran to raise money for Sports Relief and the British Heart Foundation. Every child was given the opportunity to run and jog a minimum of five laps of the school field (this is about 1km), however some children ran much further in the time limit of 20 minutes. Reception classes also participated, running their event on the playground.

Everyone ran more than the minimum five laps, including Reception classes – Chimpanzee and Penguin! There were some notable performances from Amy in 6R (22 laps), Tom in 6E (21 laps), Charlie in 5CD, Anna in 4S, Rylee in 4K, Archie and Lucy in Griffin and Blake in Dragon. Well done everyone!

It's not too late to support these worthy causes. Please hand any donations to class teachers or the school office by Thursday next week. Thank you.



West Kent Schools' High Fives Netball Tournament

Bo, Flori and Dzenija in 6E, and Phoebe, Yasmyn and Bekki in 6R played brilliantly in this event. (Sadly, Summar in 6E was injured earlier in the day and had to drop out.) We played Stocks Green 'A' team first, which was 7-2 to Stocks Green. We then beat Hildenborough 'B' team 3-0. After these two games we were runners up playing off for 5th place. We were up against Sussex Road and played fantastic netball, beating them 7-1. Ultimately Stocks Green 'A' team beat St Margaret's 'A' team to win the final.

A big thank you to all parent supporters, particularly Phoebe's Dad and Bekki's Mum.

Clubs

Please note that after school and lunchtime clubs end today, apart from the following externally run clubs: choir; fencing; gymnastics; multi-sports (Tuesday); Skills Academy football (Wednesday); and First Class Football (Thursday). Information regarding clubs for the new school term will be sent home shortly.

Easter Week Dinner Menu

Next week Nourish will be serving their Easter Week menu. Please see their delicious offerings attached.

Reception Classes Pirate & Easter Bonnet Days

Chimpanzee and Penguin Classes are very much looking forward to their Pirate Day on Wednesday and Easter Bonnet Day on Thursday.

Residential Visit Payments

Please can you make payments for the Year 4 Arethusa Adventure Centre visit and Year

6 Windmill Hill visit (final payment for Windmill Hill) by the end of Wednesday 23rd March at the latest. Many thanks.

Parent Governor Post

We will shortly be advertising for a Parent Governor to join the Full Governing Body. Further details will follow on 11th April. If you are interested in supporting the school, you might like to give this position some consideration.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure your children have a water bottle with them each day - particularly, as we are moving into the Summer term which will hopefully bring warmer weather. With any luck we might see some sun and water bottles will be very much in need.

Bikes and Scooters

This is a polite reminder that bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the school grounds. Children must push these from the school gates. Thank you.

PTFA Easter Discos

After paying for the fab DJ and the children eating their way through approximately 270 bags of crisps, fruit, raisins and marshmallows, we made £435.90 from the school discos. This is going towards playground improvements. Thank you for your support!



Easter Holiday Activities

First Class Football Easter Holiday Soccer Schools

This activity includes: a match ticket and return travel to watch Brighton and Hove Albion FC v Burnley FC; and three days of coaching with an optional match. For information and bookings please contact

www.firstclassfootball.com

Touch Typing Course

Dyslexia Action's Tonbridge Learning Centre will be running an introductory touch typing course to help children aged 7-16 improve their skills on 4th to 6th April from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. For information and bookings please contact www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk



Local Dental Practice

GK Dental Practice at 13 London Road, Tonbridge, tel. 01732 353358, is taking new NHS patients, under 18 years of age, onto their books.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 8th June, 7.00 p.m.

Year 5 information evening for secondary school admissions, including the Kent Test and sex education.

Tuesday 12th April, 7.00 p.m.

Year 6 Windmill Hill information evening.

