



Headteacher's Blog

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Last Week's Round-up...

Another busy week as we head towards the half term holiday.

We ended the week in great style with our FOSP film night. Our youngest children enjoyed Zog with a drink and a biscuit, while our Y1s - Y6s had a great time watching Super Mario Bros with their friends. Hot dogs, snacks and drinks added to the fun! My thanks to the Friends committee and Mrs Young in the office for all the time and care given to ensuring this was an enjoyable event. Thanks also to all of the volunteers who came along to help on Friday - we couldn't offer these experiences without this support. We'll bring you the fundraising total when we have it.

Rowan class enjoyed having lunch with family and friends on Wednesday - thanks to all who came along. This was followed later on Wednesday afternoon with a fabulous assembly given by Larch class. Everyone who came along really enjoyed finding out more about mountain ranges of our world. There was plenty of entertainment along the way - a few cracking jokes and super songs!

I do hope that everyone enjoyed the Masked Reader fun last week - huge thanks to all who read stories and special thanks to Miss Back for organising all of the story-telling fun!

Willow and Maple classes enjoyed trips to the library last week. Why not ask your child which books they enjoyed taking a look at and what they brought back for their classroom.



What's on this week...

There's a strong science theme for our UKS2 children this week with some brilliant experiences and opportunities to come. On Wednesday, children will be taking part in a live online 'ask a scientist' Q and A session. Ahead of this, the children will spend some time researching the qualifications, work and interests of the scientists on the panel, using their findings to inform their questions and discussions.

Then on Friday, the children are heading to the Centre for Life. In amongst an action packed day at this amazing venue, the children will take part in a 'Destination Space' workshop.

There will be a report on their experiences in the newsletter after the half term holiday.

Our second round of parent consultations will take place after the half term holiday and information on dates and booking appointments will be with you early in the week.

Our whole school attendance was 93.4% and Beech class were our top attenders with 98.6%. Well done Beech friends!





A HUGE WELL DONE TO...

★ *Violet Lillico, Max Westwell, Sid Raine, Charlie Pateman-Keeble, Mylah Smith, Casey Smith, Harry Baker, Wilf Hughes, Hugo Hughes, Alfie Gardner, Danny Phelan, MJ Pringle*

We are very proud of you all!

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR LEARNERS...

Talking about what you've learnt and recapping new knowledge is a great way to get learning to 'stick'.

Here are some quick questions you can ask your children this week to support their growing geographical knowledge:

KS1: What is the name of our nearest city? Can you name any more cities in the UK? Can you think of some of the human features we would expect to see in a city?

LKS2: What is Thanet Earth and why is it so brilliant?

UKS2: What causes a volcano to erupt? Can you name some volcanos and in which continents are they located?

SECRET HEAD TEACHER SPOTS...

Following our weekly visit to Clarty Commandos on Wednesday, Mrs Pickard came to let me know how hugely impressed she was with Sebastien and Ollie from Y6. These boys make the most of this wonderful weekly opportunity, get stuck into the learning, show oodles of responsibility and are a pleasure to spend time with! Well done boys - we're really proud of you.

In our KS2 assembly on Friday when we discussed Holocaust Memorial Day and thought about how we can play our part in building a better future, I was so impressed with the contribution made by Katy from Sycamore. Katy's thoughtful and intelligent contributions were really welcomed and appreciated and encouraged others to get involved in the discussion too. You're such a responsible member of our school Katy, thank you!

HAVE A LISTEN TO THIS...

With a bit of a space theme to the week for our UKS2 children, here's a great tune for us all to listen to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VE8dOOhkX8s>

