



Newsletter 26th May 2022



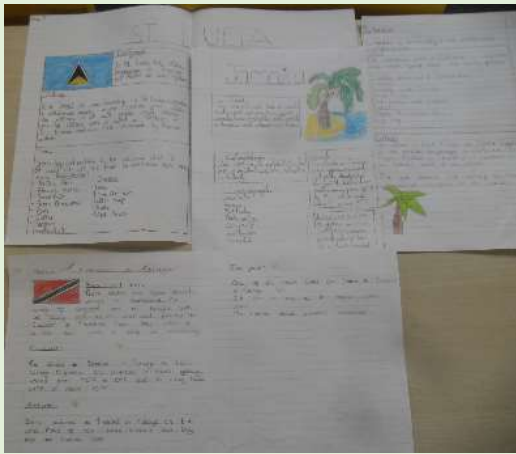
To all our families and friends,

This newsletter is dedicated primarily to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school this week. The children have designed and made crowns for the Queen in their D.T lessons, learnt about a Commonwealth country, learnt the National Anthem, had writing lessons based around a book about the Queen/Royal Family and drew portraits of the Queen also. We finished the week perfectly today with a wonderful family picnic at lunchtime followed by a showcase of everyone's crowns in a parade around the playground and the whole school singing the National Anthem together this afternoon. It really was the perfect way to finish the week. We hope that everyone has a fantastic time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next week with friends and family.

Crown making in D.T lessons



Learning about the different countries of the Commonwealth



Year 6 learnt about the Commonwealth Countries in the West Indies. They worked in pairs to research facts about their chosen countries. In the image above, children had researched St Lucia and Jamaica.



Year 2 made tourism posters for people travelling to Kenya.



Preschool were learning about the Bahamas. The children flew to the sunny Bahamas (in their box) where they saw some flamingos (children pretended to be flamingos). They coloured flags and pictures of the Yellow Elder, their national flower.

Drawing portraits of the Queen over the decades.



Family Jubilee Picnic



Birthdays this week and during the half term holiday

Beau DS - 21st May
 Jasper G - 22nd May
 Riley E - 25th May
 Lexie L - 25th May
 Alessio M - 30th May
 Jessica J - 1st June
 Eric T - 3rd June
 Poppy C - 4th June
 Charlie B - 5th June
 Flynn S - 6th June
 Grace M - 6th June



This Weeks attendance %

Donaldson class (R)	85.3%
Kerr Class(1)	97.8%
Murphy class (2)	95.7%
Lewis Class (3)	97.2%
Dahl Class (4)	98.9%
MacKenzie Class (5)	88.8%
Blackman Class (6)	97.7%
Horowitz Class (6)	96.7%

Whole School attendance this week: 94.3%
 Whole School attendance this term: 94.6%

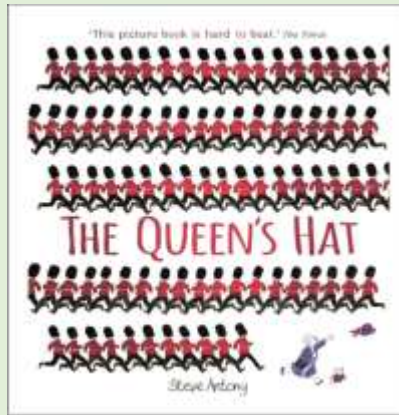
Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	Ronnie M - he has just been an all-round super star. He has settled well after a bumpy start and is following the nursery routine well.	Molly W - she has also had a fantastic week. She too has settled into the Preschool routine well. Bem T - he has wowed us with his lovely drawing of the Queen and people in general.
Nur	Sophia P - for being really resilient in all of that she does at school and working to the best of her ability in her learning. Great work Sophia, we are very proud of you!	Kennedy T - for trying really hard to listen to the adults and make the right choices. Well done Kennedy, keep it up!
Rec	Freya H - for being an all-round superstar and a friend to everyone. Freya always tries her hardest and is great company. Verity C - for always working to the best of her ability, in everything. She is a good friend to everyone and will always play with someone who is feeling lonely.	Theo JDS - for being super polite this week, especially at lunch (it was noticed and commented on by the lunchtime staff)
Year 1	Sam - for always being well mannered and paying attention to all adults.	Eleanor S - for working to the best of her ability and trying her best.
Year 2	Penny J - having a positive attitude and love for learning. Jack R - showing resilience and working to the best of his ability. .	Edward S - always being so well mannered. Cait S - including everyone at playtimes
Year 3	Isabelle - working to the best of her ability, working hard on her handwriting.	Ronny G - showing his love for learning in all subjects and showing excellent coaching skills by praising others.
Year 4	Jonah D for being well mannered and making good choices	Neave for working to the best of her ability and paying attention to all adults
Year 5	Anya J for being an outstanding role model.	Shannon P and Freya H for showing all of our gold values.
Year 6B	Emily A - for her precision and attention to detail when engaged in anything creative, whether it be art, DT or English - she always has high aspirations and takes pride in her work.	George S - is an outstanding role model, always listens to adults and others and follows the rules. He is polite and well-mannered and a good friend.
Year 6H	Yuvraj M - for impeccable Behaviour outside lessons.	Izzy C - for constantly making the right choices.

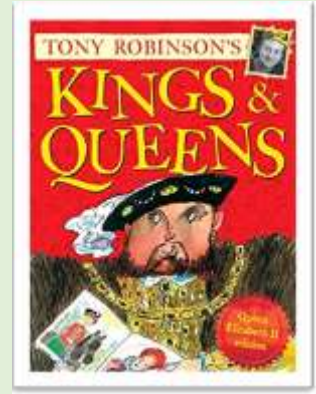
Jubilee Writing



Pre school, Nursery and Reception



Years 1, 2 and 3



Years 4, 5 and 6

Throughout this week, all of the classes writing lessons were based around a fictional or non-fictional book about the Queen. The children produced some excellent longer pieces of writing at the end of the week and thoroughly enjoyed the writing unit.

Delicious Jubilee Inspired Desserts



Thank you to the kitchen staff who prepared and made some lovely Jubilee inspired desert choices this week for the children to choose from at lunchtimes.

Commemorative Pens

Today, we have given all of the children in the school a commemorative Platinum Jubilee pen as a memento of this historical event. We hope that they are either able to use their pens or keep them in a safe place so that they can look at them or use them at a future point in time.



Key Stage One SAT's

For the last 2 weeks, Year 2 have been completing their KS1 SAT tests. The children have been amazing and approached each test with confidence, enthusiasm and a 'can do' attitude. They have tried their very hardest and for many of the children, they actually enjoyed the experience and saw it as a chance to show off everything that they had learnt. We are super proud of them all. Today, they were all awarded Headteacher's awards in recognition of their hard work and fantastic attitudes.

Singing the National Anthem



The Year 6 House and Vice House Captains led a singing assembly this week where the children learnt the first verse of the National Anthem.

Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

175 days not at school!

All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments

365 days in a calendar year



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This means that there are 175 non school days to:

- Take holidays
- Go shopping
- Visit family
- Attend routine appointments.

Did you know that whilst children are in school they:

- Make new friends
- Learn and enjoy new experiences
- Feel safe and listened to
- Grow in confidence
- Take part in school trips, events, teams and clubs
- Keep up with school work and homework
- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Are made to feel special when they do well
- Meet and help people in the community
- Are rewarded for good or improved attendance.

As a parent/carer you can help by:

- Telling your child how important school is
- Praising your child's achievements and celebrating their success
- Organising non-urgent medical appointments after school

Good Attendance at School

We are currently seeing a marked increase in the number of families who are taking their children out of school during the term time for holidays. Taking your child out of school for 1 week would mean that your child misses out on 30 lessons across the week that they may not be able to catch up on. All holidays will be recorded as unauthorised absences which can lead to a £60 fine per parent, per child if the child has 15 unauthorised absences over 2 terms. This is Hertfordshire County policy. Please remember that each day is equivalent to 2 absences (am register and pm register).

- Helping your child get into routines at bedtimes and breakfast times
- Encourage healthy eating and exercise
- Organising your child's equipment, PE kit, bus fares etc the night before school
- Taking time to talk to your child about what they have done in school and any problems they might have.

Every Schoolday Counts will help by:

- Offering your child's school all the support they need
- Rewarding and celebrating your child's good or improved attendance
- Encouraging friendly competition
- Running exciting campaigns to motivate children to attend school
- Providing an information and advice service to parents/carers

Remember, if your child is going to be absent...

- Contact the school on the first day of absence
- Advise the school as to how long you think your child will be absent, if possible
- Bring a note of explanation to school when your child returns and find out what work they may have missed.

Every Schoolday Counts

House Points

Overall House point totals this half term

1st Place - green house - 1945

2nd Place - blue house - 1931

3rd Place - yellow house - 1917

4th Place - red house - 1892

Congratulations to Green house who accumulated the most house points this half term and celebrated together yesterday afternoon.

Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

May

27th - 3rd June - Half Term (including an extra day for the Queen's Jubilee)

June

6th - INSET Day 5 (school closed for children)

7th - Children return

Week beginning 6th June - Year 1 Phonics screening check

7th - 17th June - Year 4 multiplication check

13th - Health and Fitness week

13th - Choir performance at the Drill Hall, Ware

14th - Sports Day 1

15th - Whole school pupil parliament meeting

17th - Sports Day 2 (Reserve)

17th - Father's Day stall (FOW)

22nd and 23rd June - Year 4 trip to Hudnell Park

23rd - Full Governing Body meeting

24th June - After school Payout (fundraiser organised by FOW)

27th June - 1st July - Whole School Geography Fieldwork week

28th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

28th - New to Nursery parents meeting (September 2022 starters) 6pm

29th - No Pens Day

July

1st - Doughnut day (FOW fundraiser)

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

4th - 8th - Assessment week

14th - Year 6 transition day to secondary schools

14th - All classes to move up to their new teacher/classroom for the morning

18th - Reports to parents

22nd - Feel Good Friday

22nd - End of Term 2.15pm