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Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for a lovely first full week back with the children. We were delighted to welcome you to our curriculum sessions; I hope that you found these informative. If you were unable to attend, the presentations are now accessible on our website. We welcomed the Head of Art from Invicta Grammar School, Mrs Hambley to school this week. Children in all classes worked on an art project focussed on Roald Dahl which will culminate in a set of installation pieces outside the hall in our role play area. We will look forward to inviting you to visit this once complete. A huge well done also to Year 6 who have had a very busy start to term with both PESE and Bikeability.

Specialist Resource Provision

We are very pleased that our Specialist Resource Provision has opened this September. At present, two specialist colleagues run the Provision, which is dedicated to meeting the needs of children with a diagnosis of ASD. This is an exciting development within school and allows for this specialist knowledge and expertise to permeate the wider school. Children in the SRP will join some mainstream lessons in order to affect integration into the school as appropriate to their needs. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Walls and Miss Burford.

Music @ Malling

We are very excited to be once again part of this fantastic initiative. Musicians will be visiting all classes on Monday and will work with Years 5 and 6 principally in order to compose and rehearse a piece based on Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes at the concert. All KS2 children will attend the concert which is at The Discovery School on Wednesday 27 September @ 2pm. More details of this year's festival can be found at;

<http://musicatmalling.com/current-festivals>

School Uniform

Thank you for your support in adopting our Winter uniform. Please ensure that if your daughter is in Y2 – Y6 they are wearing the correct shirt with revere collar; these can be purchased from our supplier Pages, or from local supermarkets. As part of the work of last year's Parent Forum, branded rucksacks for children in KS2 and water bottles for all children will soon be available for purchase from Pages. We will confirm the "launch date" in due course!

Data Collection / Child Collection

Copies of these documents have been put in your child's book bag. We would be very grateful if you could complete the child collection sheet and sign this for this year. As part of our Child Protection policy we will only release your child to a named adult on this sheet. We would also be grateful if you could check, correct, where appropriate, and return the data collection sheet to the school office at your earliest convenience.

Music Lessons

We are very keen to develop music lessons in school. These will be through Kent Music School. Please contact the school office if you are interested in starting lessons for your child; we are working with Tom Kemp from Music @ Malling to try to establish violin lessons however we need at least four children to register in order for it to be viable. It would be fantastic if we could achieve this!

Parent Forum

I am delighted that we have received four nominations from Panda class to be a representative on our new Parent Forum. The date of our first meeting has been moved to Tuesday 26 September in order to allow for elections to be held and for full representation to be in place. We will post details of the completed Parent Forum on the school noticeboard in due course.

E Safety

As part of our protective embedded curriculum, all the children are focussed on how to keep safe online as part of their computing lessons. They will be creating class rules as a result of this work which I hope they will share with you. You may find the following websites an invaluable source of information;

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- www.childnet.com
- www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Year 6 Dragon's Den

Further to our Careers session last year, we will be developing a series of enterprise workshops for our Year 6 children. These are designed to further their understanding of the world of work around them and to be entrepreneurs themselves at the centre of this. We are therefore looking for some Dragons to whom the children will present. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Lunn or Mrs Mason in the school office. The first session is the last day of term – Friday 20 October.

Attendance

As you will be aware, we presented the importance and impact of attendance and punctuality through the curriculum meetings. Thank you for your support in working towards the school target of 98%. This week's whole school attendance is 95.69%; the winning class is Year 5 with 97.32%. The children were very excited to accept the Attendance Ted for the week – congratulations! Please can I remind all parents that holidays in term will be not authorised and we ask that all non-urgent medical appointments are made after school.

Reading Challenge

Reading for pleasure is the single most important factor in determining a child's life chances; it provides them with a platform of choices as a young adult and indeed throughout adulthood. Children are expected to read at least four times per week and this is celebrated in assembly and in class. The results for this week are as follows;

- Y1 57%
- Y2 45%
- Y3 73%
- Y4 70%
- Y5 60%
- Y6 87%

Congratulations to Year 6 who win this week's Reading Ted. Please support your child by ensuring that their reading record is in school on Friday and has been signed. I am sure that the challenge will now be on for Y1 and Y2 to improve these results!

Panda Class

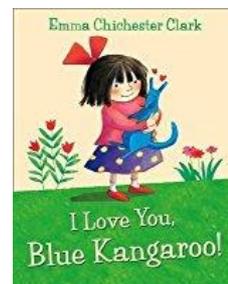
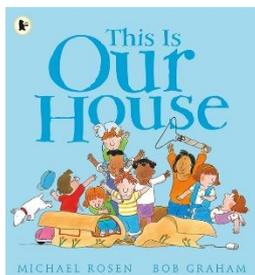
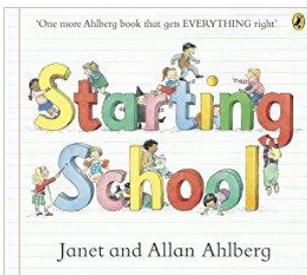
Panda Class have had a very busy week continuing to get to know each other. They have been learning to play with each other and listening and enjoying a whole range of stories, many of which have been followed by lengthy discussions. We have been talking about ourselves and adapting to our new environment. This week we were extremely lucky to have Mrs. Hambley from the Art Department at Invicta Grammar School who helped us bring the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' to life; with all of our Pandas enjoying helping to paint some of the characters from the story. We have also enjoyed our first P.E. lesson. Pandas are very excited about meeting the rest of their class and staying for lunch next week.

How can you help at home?

We are beginning to look at the season of Autumn, please talk to your children about the changes they may begin to notice.



Books we have enjoyed this week;



Year 2

This week we had a very exciting opportunity to work with an Art specialist from Invicta Grammar School. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and they were praised for their fantastic engagement in their task.

In Maths, we have begun our place value topic, comparing and ordering numbers using more than and less than symbols as well as looking at tens and units columns to help us. In English, we have begun our Roald Dahl text, *The Magic Finger*, and the children have been writing letters to Roald Dahl explaining why they would like a magic finger, as well as learning the structure of a formal letter.

We have also begun our topic work, in which the children came up with an excellent range of questions that they would like to find out about Neil Armstrong and what it takes to be an astronaut.

How can you help at home?

Compare and order groups of number. Discuss the value of each digit in the number.

Year 3/4

This week, Years 3 and 4 have been revising word classes using *Fantastic Mr Fox* and have created a storyboard to share their understanding of the action so far. In Maths, we have been learning about Place Value with children considering the value of each digit in 3 or 4-digit numbers. Our RE lesson this week saw us focusing on the celebration of Diwali, and the children showed us some wonderful acting skills during their retelling of the story of Rama and Sita. On Wednesday, Years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to participate in a special art project, which enabled them to work as a team to create a brilliant painting of *Little Red Riding Hood*. We have also used Atlases to explore the map of the United Kingdom, and have developed our dribbling skills in Football.

How can I help at home?

Your child will benefit from practising the times table facts regularly.



Year 5

This week we were extremely busy! We have started our Dahl topic which focuses on Danny the Champion of the World. We have been character detectives and have written biographies about the main character, Danny. On Tuesday, we had also our first German lesson in which we learned to say our names and how we are feeling. On Friday, we were able to participate in an exciting art project which is connected to the Revolting Rhymes Project, as part of the Music at Malling festival. We have additionally started our learning in music; exploring different types of note and computing a four-beat bar on the computers. In Physical Education we have explored different types of spins.



How can you help at home?

When reading with your child develop their inference and predication skills by asking your child what their opinion is of a text is and ask “why” questions.

Congratulations to Kaci Yates who has achieved two first places in her recent show jumping competition. Well Done Kaci you should be extremely proud of your achievements.



Year 6

It has been a very busy and exciting week for year 6. Many of the children have been involved with Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability. The instructors commented on how sensible and well-behaved the children were out on the road; well done! In Maths we have continued our work on place value, focusing on negative numbers. In English we read Chapter 2 of Matilda and became illustrators when we drew Mr Wormwood from Roald Dahl's detailed descriptions. I am also delighted that 11 of our Year 6 children will have their Once Upon a Dream poems published in an anthology! Congratulations poets!



How can you help at home?

In Computing we are going to be talking about Internet Safety. Ask your child what this means and talk about what they can do to stay safe online.

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl Elanna Fitzpatrick Year 6

I have read this book over and over again and I would highly recommend you reading it. George's Marvellous Medicine is a really fun and interesting book. As soon as I picked this book up, I just couldn't put it down.

George's Marvellous Medicine is all about this little boy who gets left at home with his horrible, ugly and mean grandma. He has to give her some medicine but because he despises her so much he decides to make his own medicine out of what he can find!

I would rate this book five stars easily and I would aim it at Year 3 to 6 and maybe even Year 2 if you are a confident reader. I think that you will love this book and I really hope that you enjoy it.

Pupil Successes

Lewis, Shana, Samuel, Thomas, Jasmine , William, Alex, Isabella, Cameron Mia, Annabel, Yasmine in Year 2 for completing the Library challenge

Shana, Indiana, and Ava in Year 2 for receiving their certificates and badges for Gymnastics

Lewis, Cody, Kenzi and Samuel in Y2 for receiving Football medals

Preesha in Year 2 for receiving a pink prize in the Sandcastle competition during her holiday in India

Isla in Year 3 for achieving her deputy black belt in Karate

Sienna in Year 3 for receiving a trophy for great batting and bowling in Cricket

Mya in Year 3 and Charlotte in Year 3 for moving up a grade in Swimming

Sophie in Year 3 for winning a trophy for Football

Amelia in Year 3 for winning a trophy and medal for Elite Ballet

Rhovie in Year 3 for swimming 25m backstroke and front crawl

Emily in Year 3 for achieving badge 7 in Gymnastics

Kaci in Year 5 for winning a horse riding trophy

James in Year 5 for winning an award for his all-round cricket ability

William, Aurelia, Tilly, Lily, Mo, Katrina, Ashley, Amber, Elanna and Alexei in Year 6 all have had their *Once Upon a Dream* poems chosen to be published in an anthology by Young Writers

Date	Year Group	Event
18 September	Y5 and Y6	Music @ Malling workshop
20 September		Governors meeting @4.30pm
22 September	Y6	Magistrates visit @2pm (details to follow)
25 September	Panda	Pandas start fulltime
27 September	Y3-Y6	Music @ Malling Concert at Discovery School
29 September	All Years	MacMillan Coffee Morning (details to follow)
4 October	All Years	Grandparents Roast Dinner
5 October	Y5 and Y6	Theatre Trip to School of Rock
9 October	Y5 and Y6	Lego Challenge
9 October	Y2 and Y5	Story Share
10 October	Y6 and Y1	Story Share
11 October	All Years	No Pens Day
11 October	Panda and Y1	Story Share
12 October	Y6	11 plus results
12 October	All Years	Individual School Photos
13 October	All Years	Harvest festival
17 October	All Years	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6pm
18 October	All Years	Parent Consultations 4pm – 7.30pm
19 October	Y5 and Y6	Quiz Club Science Competition
20 October	Invitation Only	Celebration Assembly
20 October	Y6	Enterprise Day
20 October	All Years	Uniform Sale
20 October	All Years	Last day of Term 1