

# NEWSLETTER

## 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 87.12%.

Congratulations to Year 6 Shakespeare who are the attendance winners this week with 94.7%. As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day next week.



For more information about our school, use our QR code to link to the website at any time.

### Reminders

**Tues 14.03.23**  
**Maths Day at St Barnabas (Yr3&4)**  
*For selected pupils. Please refer to letter.*

**14.00 – EYFS**  
**Mothering Sunday Tea Party.**  
*For Yr R parents / carers. Please refer to invite / letter*

**Fri 17.03.23:**  
**Comic Relief**  
*Pupils may wear one red item with school uniform (no football shirts or red hair)*

**09.05 – Celebration Assembly**  
*For selected parents / carers notified by text.*

Please note that due to snow disruption last week, we will confirm the classes who have **Forest School** as soon as possible early next week, and notify parents via Class Dojo or Parent Mail.

**Future dates**  
There will be a **non-school uniform day** on Thursday **23.03.23** in return for a donation of

### Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents / Carers

Thanks go to all parents / carers, staff and the wider school community for dealing with disruption to the heating system and the 'snow day' this week. Pupils showed tremendous resilience which we were proud to see.

Despite some disruption, lessons have been going ahead as usual, so please take a look at the class pages to see a round up of the productive learning which has taken place this week.

Next week, we plan to mark 'Comic Relief' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March and children are invited to wear one red item to school on that day.

Best wishes, The Senior Leadership Team

### Safeguarding:

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child please contact the NSPCC on their helpline: **0808 800 5000**

or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger call 999. Our school safeguarding leaders can be contacted by emailing

[stillman@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:stillman@templegroveacademy.com)

or telephoning 07835946414 / 07943276854

### Stars of the Week:



R - Esme  
Year 1 – Lilly L  
Year 2 – Izabella  
Year 3 – Charlotte  
Year 4 – Gregory  
Year 5 – Riley  
Year 6 – Sara S

### Early Years Foundation Stage

This week in Jeffers class we have been busy preparing for our Mother's Day Tea Party. We have been learning songs and talking about why our mothers are special to us. We are very excited to share this with you next Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March.

In phonics we have been practising reading and spelling words adjacent consonants +s (as in the word *swim*) and s+ (as in the word *best*). The children have been applying their growing knowledge of adjacent consonants to their reading and spelling.

In maths the children have enjoyed playing bingo with numbers 1-10 and ordering numerals to 10.

In PE the children are continuing to focus on ball skills – they had lots of fun practising throwing and catching within goals. They are continuing to apply their growing ball skills during child-initiated learning time. During wet play on Thursday the children had great fun playing parachute games.



### Year 1: Dahl

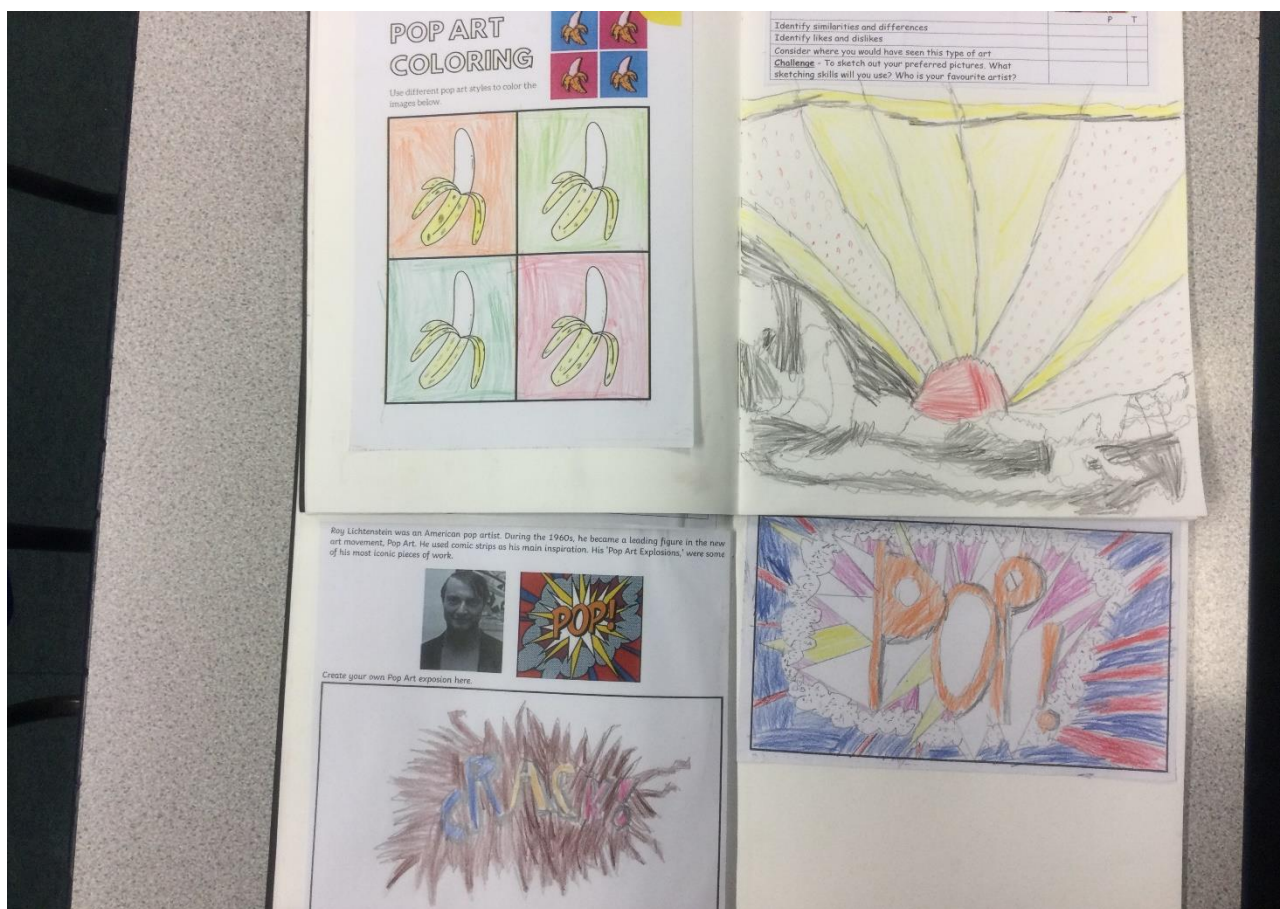
Dahl class have been thoroughly enjoying their book 'The Lonely Beast'. They created their own story sequence bunting. The children have also been learning about Geography linked to mountains, a river, the park and the sea that are featured. After they explored the layout of school, they took an imaginary walk through the area they live in to spot and describe the features they see.





## Year 2: Browne

During Art this week, Year 2 have been learning all about 'Pop Art'. They have researched various famous 'Pop Art' artists like Roy Lichtenstein and have been studying a range of different/exciting techniques to create their own masterpieces. All children have enjoyed participating in a range of different activities allowing them to showcase their **OUTSTANDING** outcomes. Well done everyone!



### Year 3 Walliams:

The children conducted an investigation to measure friction created by different surfaces. They took careful measurements in a controlled test.



Jackson C also created a wonderful model of a Viking longship. He painstakingly fixed a surface of wood pieces to serve as planks and painted the sail beautifully.

Here it is proudly presented in the classroom.





### Year 4 Snicket:

Year 4 wrapped up warm and enjoyed Forest School this week. They made potions in the mud kitchen, swung on the tyre swing and attempted to cross a muddy puddle on the rope swing!

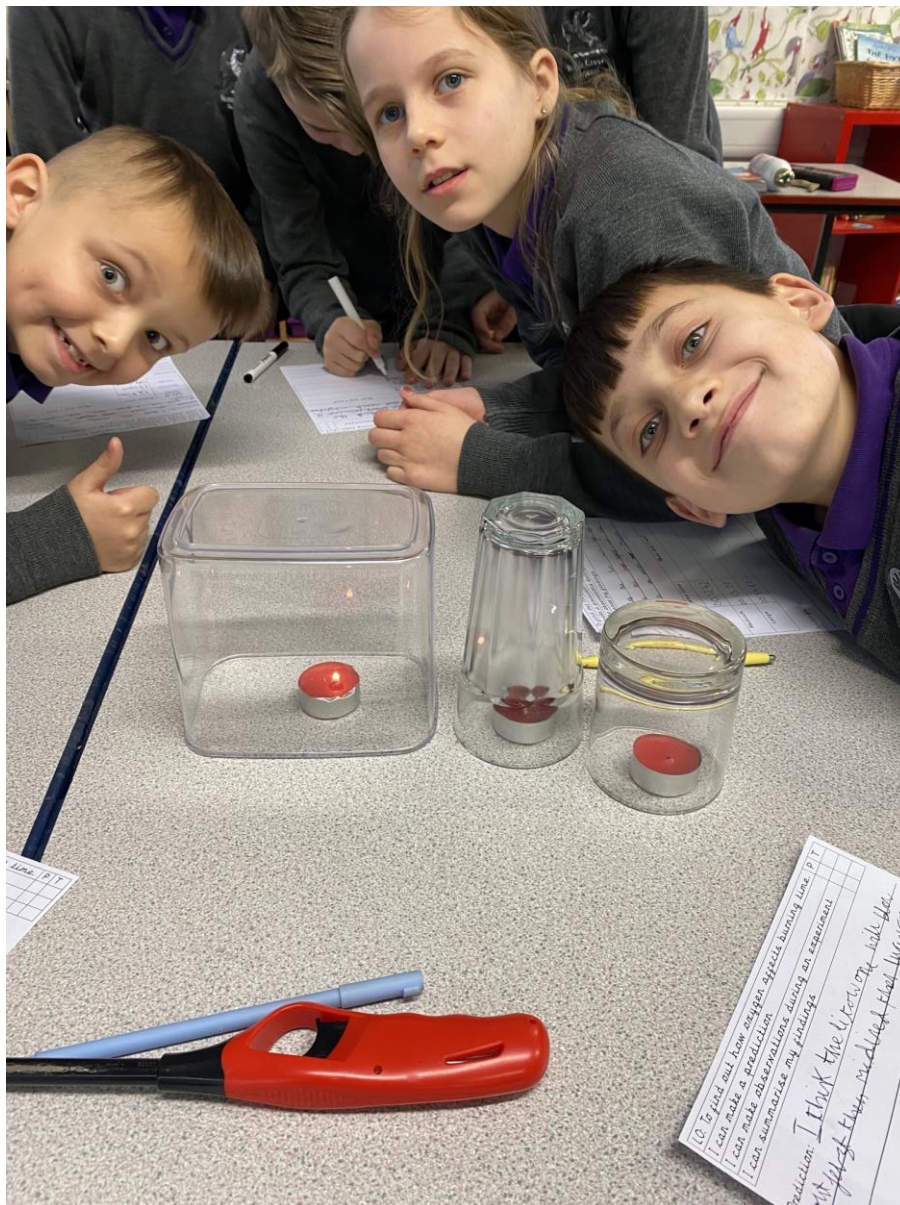




### Year 5 Blake:

In science, Year 5 carried out an experiment to investigate how oxygen affects fire.

The children made their prediction before lighting candles and covering them with glasses of varying sizes. They then timed how long it took each flame to go out and recorded the results. Everyone really enjoyed the experiment!



### Year 6 Shakespeare:

Year 6 have overcome the challenges of the week and showed great focus on finding percentages amounts. They have begun to consider and plan their own Mexican folktales in literacy. The children who were able to attend the production of Grease this week were exceptionally well-behaved. Lastly, we painted our Ancient Greek pots made in our lovely ceramic workshop at the start of term.





# Over and above

## Over and Above Club this Week:

Jeffers: Reggie  
Dahl: Haylen  
Browne: Annabelle & Bill  
Walliams: Karina  
Snicket: Izzy  
Blake: Isabella  
Shakespeare: Libby



*kindness*

## **Kindness certificate winners this week:**

Jeffers: Bailey  
Dahl: Harleigh  
Browne: Cara  
Walliams: Zara  
Snicket: Maizie S  
Blake: Samuel  
Shakespeare: Ruby

**This week here are children who demonstrated our School Value of...**



**Reception Jeffers: Aliza for being always saying please and thank you.**

**Year 1 Dahl: Ema for consistently showing good manners and being respectful.**

**Year 2 Browne: Charlotte for continuing to showcase immaculate behaviour to her peers and teachers.**

**Year 3 Walliams: Timi helps to keep his classmates' work area organised.**

**Year 4 Snicket: Oliver is always polite and respectful to all staff.**

**Year 5 Blake: Millie for being a considerate, helpful and respectful member of the class.**

**Year 6 Shakespeare: Kiara for representing the school perfectly on the trip to see 'Grease'.**





On Friday 17th March at 3.30pm, we will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in the school hall. The book fair will run every afternoon after school until Thursday 23rd March.

It will also run during Parents Evening on Wednesday 22nd March.

Books are available to purchase from just £2.99 and Scholastic reward the school by giving us a portion of the money raised to buy books!

The more books you buy for home, the more we will be able to buy for our school library and classrooms!

To celebrate World Book Day (2nd March) all pupils will also be given a £1 World Book Day Voucher which can be used at the Book Fair for books of £2.99 or more.

## Film Club



Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who help run Film Club each week. The club is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to relax and enjoy both familiar and new film titles with their friends. They are also treated to delicious refreshments, cosy cushions and bean-bags for the viewing.

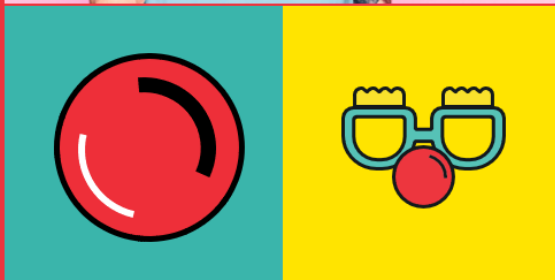




**Comic Relief 2023**

**17.03.23**

# READY FOR THE BEST DAY EVER?



## What?

**Wear one **red** item to school  
on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023!**  
(No red hair or football shirts)

## How?

**On the day, donate £1 using  
the collection buckets on the  
school gate and playgrounds.**

### Primary School Applications

Applications for transfer to primary school for both the Reception year and Year 3 (junior school) in September 2023 will open on Friday 4 November 2022 and close on Monday 16 January 2023.

Applications can be made online. Please visit [Primary school places - Kent County Council](#) for more information or to apply.



### Summer-born children

As you may be aware, while most children start school in the September following their 4th birthday, they do not reach Compulsory School Age (CSA) until the term after their 5th birthday. For children who are under CSA, once a place has been accepted, parents/guardians can decide for their child to start a pattern of part time attendance or a delayed start until later in the school year.

<b>DOB</b>	<b>May start school full or part time from</b>	<b>Must start school full time no later than</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2018 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018	September 2023	January 2024
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2019	September 2023	April 2024 (Usually following the Easter Holidays)
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2019 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2019 (also known as a Summer Born child)	September 2023	September 2024 (starting from Year 1)

If you think this arrangement may apply to you, please use the Parental [advice](#) from the Department of Education to help you make a decision.