



## Founders Day and Thinking Day - 22nd February

Currently, there are nearly 3000 young people and adult leaders involved in Scouting across Gillingham alone! To celebrate this number, and in an effort raise awareness of the Scout Association, primary schools



was 'Founder's day' and celebrates the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who founded and began such an important community of children and adults.

across the district were invited to wear their uniforms to school for the day. As the day is also Thinking Day for the Guide Association we asked the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows to wear their uniforms too. Many other primary schools in Medway also took part **Why this day?** As the children were told in an informative assembly presented by the children of 4H, this

During our assembly, a number of children shared the benefits of being part of such a wonderful community and learnt the key history behind the group. In the infants the children told their classmates a little bit about being a Beaver or a Brownie and explained the badges they had earned as well as some of the exciting activities they are able to take part in.

Coming up this week.....

Wednesday 28th February & Thursday 1st March - **Bikeability Course 2 for Year 6**

Thursday 1st March - **4H & 4C Parents' Evening**

Thursday 1st March - **Official World Book Day**

Friday 2nd March - **World Book Day (Dress Up as a Book Character Day)**

**Easter Break**  
Thursday 29th March - Friday 13th April

Great news, the **Chromebooks** have arrived for our trial of Google for Education and are being set up. If you haven't replied to the ParentMail please do so as soon as you can.

**Don't forget to dress as a book character on Friday!**

More information about the Associations can be found on these websites:

[www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk](http://www.gillinghamscouts.org.uk) and [www.girlguidingkentwest.co.uk](http://www.girlguidingkentwest.co.uk)

## Extra Curricular Activities

The after school clubs are back in full swing. Everyone who has requested a place has been accepted into a club. There are a few places available for **Razzamataz, Netball and Softball**. Please let the office know if your child wants to join. Mrs Jarvis volunteers at the school and runs a **French Club** at lunchtime in the infant department for Year 2.

**Bikeability** Course 1 for Year 6 ran last week. Despite the awful weather the children did well and received their certificates and handbooks. **Course 2** is this week (Weather permitting) Please double check that your child's bike is in full working order or they will not be able to take part. **Year 4** are **Swimming** this term. The lessons are every Thursday morning, the last one will be on

**Thursday 26th April after Easter**. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school for their lesson.

The next **Mini Youth Games** event for Year 6 is on **Thursday 8th March**. The event is Tag Rugby at The Anchorians Sports ground. Parents and carers who wish to support the event are very welcome to attend!



We are very proud to tell you that **Jodie**, our **Razzamataz** teacher is appearing for four weeks in **Carmen** in the **West End**.



## Sports News

We are very excited to announce our latest new venture. We have teamed up with **The Howard School Sports Partnership**.

This will enhance our current activities and give us opportunities to participate in a range of sports festivals for Years 1-6 with lots of schools

across the Medway towns.

We are also signed up to numerous sports continuous professional development training courses for our staff.

We are also going to make sure that all our hard work in sport is recognised by getting national accreditation for the School Games Marks. <https://www.yourschoolgames.com>

Further details including upcoming events will be circulated shortly!



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## Pre-school Assembly - Dinosaur Roar

Pre-school presented a 'roarsome' assembly last week. The class made pterodactyls, triceratops masks and dinosaur pictures. The children all had a piece of information about dinosaurs to tell the rest of the school. Mrs Reid closed the assembly with a story called Dinosaur Roar. All the children found this really funny!

