



'Diwali' - Year 1 Assembly



Coming Up Next Week

**Monday 11th - Year 6
Magistrates Visit**

**Tuesday 12th -
Pre-school & Reception
Parents - Tapestry and
Phonics Workshop 2-3p.m.**

**Thursday 14th - Year 5
Swimming**

**Thursday 14th - Year 6
Parents' evening at
Meresborough**



On Monday the children performed a play for the rest of the school to celebrate Diwali festival, directed by Mrs Saroya. They all played a part in the story of Guru Hargobind and the 52 Kings. What a fantastic performance and well done to all the children for remembering their lines.

Thank you to Ms Brooker for providing a lovely outfit for Amarjeet to wear during the performance.

Mrs Farnes, Miss Hills and Mrs Saroya.



Reception Diva Lamps

Reception class really enjoyed making Diva lamps for Diwali.



Super Healthy Smoothies - Year 6

In Design and Technology, Year 6 have been learning about fruit and vegetables focusing on the benefits they offer, the fair trade market and finally, using smoothie recipes to design our own recipes. The children compiled their own list of ingredients which they brought into school just before half term. Their bags were filled with healthy fruit and vegetables ready to create a their very own 'healthy' smoothies!



The children were given a work station with a chopping board and began the session with health and safety instructions which included ensuring aprons are worn, hair was tied back and hands were washed.

Preparation was key. The children arranged their ingredients and tools required ready for the practical activity.

Mrs Platford demonstrated how to effectively but safely cut a range of different fruit and vegetables to ensure that their ingredients were not only small enough to fit in the blender but we discussed how smaller pieces could make smoother 'smoothies'!



Using different knives safely, the children independently cut the different fruits and vegetables ready for blending.



Depending how the smoothie looked and tasted the children added ingredients and adapted their recipes accordingly.

Not only were the children enthusiastic, they were a credit to the school for demonstrating extremely sensible behaviour given the nature of the activity.

They loved seeing the different colours of the smoothies and overall, the taste of the smoothies was a success all around!

I think the main joy was how the children felt like they were in 'Masterchef'!

Well done Year 6!

Mrs Platford and Mrs Rivers



Year 2 Space Rocket Experiment

In art and DT last term, Year 2 designed and made their own space rockets. They had a small criteria to meet, ensuring their rockets could fit a film canister to assist with the launch of their rockets.

Below is a write up of our science experiment written by Elijah.

Introduction:

On Thursday morning, we are going to launch our rockets in the playground. We want to find out what will happen when we mix water with a fizzy vitamin tablet. To make it a fair test we will all use one tablet and the same amount of water.

What I need:

I need blue tac, water, fizzy vitamin, film canister and my rocket to carry out this experiment.

My Prediction:

I think my one will fly but without its roof and because I think the fizzing is a good combination.

Conclusion:

Today we tried to launch our rockets. Tom's one was awesome it sounded like a firecracker, it was so high! Tom's one was high because he had no roof. My one was pretty good, I think my roof was blocking it from getting air.

Jeevat concluded that; "It made little bubbles because it needed to have some air. The rocket also caused an explosion because the gas builds up pressure or a force and needed to escape".

Mrs Dyne

Ovo - "My one sounded like a firework!"

Folashade - "My rocket flew a little bit".

Veer - "We had to stand back from our rocket to watch it fly".



Tom - "Mine went the highest because it had no roof!"



Hug a Bear Day in Reception!

The reception children celebrated 'Hug a Bear' day.



The children brought in a bear from home.



They also made their own bears and enjoyed a hug from our own Mrs Bear (AKA Mrs White)!!!

Mrs Oliver & Mrs White

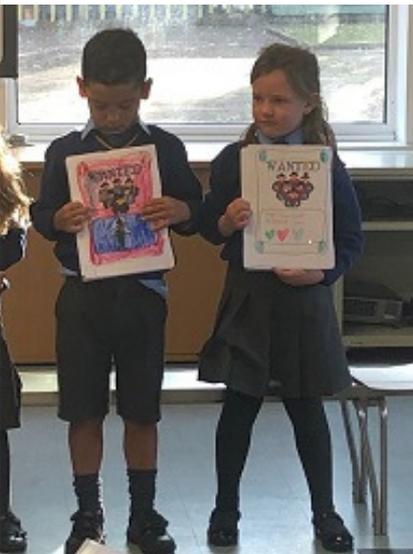
Get set to Eat Fresh

We have done fantastically with the Get Set to Eat Fresh promotion for schools. Aldi stopped giving away stickers earlier this week and we are only 75 stickers away from our target... **Please, please, please** can you check your bags, purses, wallets and cars for any last stickers you may have We can add these to our poster before we send it off. We would love to be able to receive our Sports kit and be entered into the competition to win £20,000.....



Year 1 Assembly

Today the year one children re-told the story of Guy Fawkes and the gun powder plot. They showed beautiful pieces of work and the fantastic firework pictures they created in class.



The children all spoke beautifully and performed lovely rhymes to remember the 5th of November and how to keep safe with fireworks. Well done to all the children.



Mrs Farnes, Miss Hills, and Mrs Saroya

Infant Leaders

A huge congratulations to **Harry** and **Veer** who are the infant leaders for this term!



Internet Safety

Here are two useful websites full of advice and help you to keep your child safe on line.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

UK Parliament Week

Excitingly, on 22nd November, both Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Sky Studios exploring different media aspects. This experience, as well as the Year 5 English topic on democracy and debates, will be focusing on Parliament and the impact of MPs and local councillors on our community and country.



To further enhance the children's learning, **Mr Prenter**, a local councillor, kindly volunteered his time to come in and speak with the children of Year 5 and 6. Mr Prenter informed us that this week is Parliament week, encouraging children to be aware of Government and Parliament. During a very informative discussion, Mr Prenter explained the difference between UK Parliament and local Parliament, and MPs and local councillors. Mr Prenter provided different examples of situations which would be discussed by local councillors (i.e.: building a rollercoaster in a local area) or by MPs (for example, going to war with a country) giving some children the role of a local councillor and an MP.



The children then learnt about voting accurately at a polling station. They even took part in their own vote- should we come to school on Saturdays?

The children voted a clear "no"!

They were extremely enthusiastic and quickly progressed in their learning of these key ideas especially as Government and Parliament is a key aspect in our current climate.



We would like to thank Mr Prenter again for giving up his time to support with this learning and making an informative and interactive presentation!

Mrs Ware and Mrs Platford

Mini Youth Games Basketball

We took part in the Mini Youth Games basketball event this week. Mrs Atkins took a team of 5 boys and 3 girls to Medway Park for the event.

We finished the morning session with a clean sheet winning all of the four games. During the afternoon the competition grew more challenging and although we played extremely well we lost 3 of the 4 games.

The children worked well as a team and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day. Bryony finished a very respectable 10th out of 22 schools. Well done to you all.....



Juniors Multi-sports & Netball

This term we have Netball and Multisports running at our junior site. Netball is on a Tuesday with Mrs Atkins. Multi-sports is on a Wednesday with Jordan from Strive PE and Sport. Both clubs run from 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. Its not too late to sign up. If you want to register please complete the ParentMail forms previously sent or contact the school office.

Medway Sport Swim Academy is proud to support this year's Big School Swim which takes place across the nation from 11-15 November. The Big School Swim is an annual Swim England event which celebrates the fun and importance of learning how to swim and staying safe in the water. The main focus of this year's celebration is water safety and we will be taking part in this specially designed Water Safety Lesson during our normal swimming lesson next week.

Extra Curricular Golf

John from Year 6 has achieved his Blue Golf Bag Tag with a score of 35 at his local club in the "Race to River Valley Grand Final" last month.

**Great news
John, well
done.**



Extra Curricular Gymnastics

Congratulations to Myla from year 5 winning gymnast of month for October. She trains twice a week and each session is scored the gymnast with the highest score wins gymnast of the month.

Well done Myla.



Year 6 - Brilliant Bonfire Maths

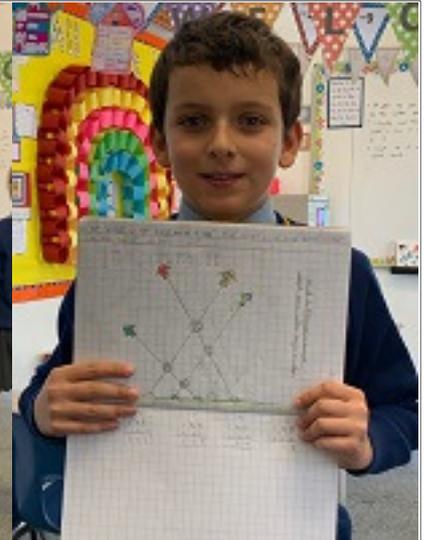
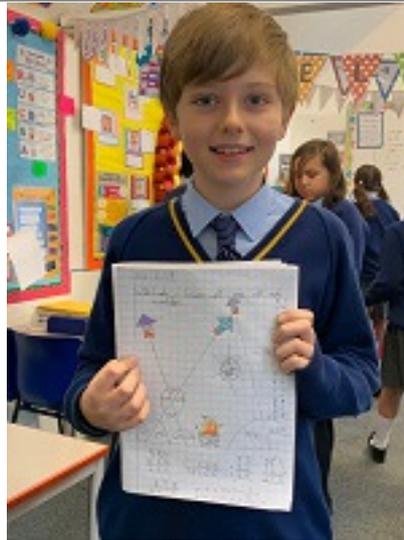
On Tuesday 5th November, whilst some Year 6 children were attending a Mini Youth Games event, the rest of the year group enjoyed creating a firework and bonfire scene linking their art and maths knowledge together!

Firstly, the children shared their knowledge of measuring angles using a protractor, revising how to accurately measure a variety of angles. This was followed by revision of different angle rules like recognising that angles on a straight line add up to 180 degrees, intersecting angles have opposite angles that are the same and how angles in a full turn add up to 360 degrees.

Mrs Platford then demonstrated how to create a firework scene using a straight line as the ground, with rocket lines extending up from the ground therefore creating an angle. One angle then needed to be measured and the other solved using angle knowledge.

Year 6 were truly inspired and began creating amazing pieces of work with outstanding knowledge and sensational outcomes! Not only were angles created by firework rockets, some children created angles in and amongst bonfires or even in a firework exploding!

Mrs Platford was extremely impressed with the quality of work and the enthusiasm for the activity which furthermore linked to vital revision towards the end of year 6 SATs. Well done year 6!



Mrs Platford

Year 3 - Fruit Skewers

This week both 3R and 3C created fruit skewers as part of Design Technology. Last term the children explored a wide range of familiar and new fruits. The children considered Fair Trade and where lots of fruit that we buy and eat comes from.

This week they considered how to prepare food hygienically and prepare their skewers safely using knives and peelers. The children enjoyed themselves immensely and were impeccably behaved, we are very proud of them!



Mrs Rivers and Mrs Platford



Half Term Halloween Fun



We had a fantastic time at this years Halloween party. **Mrs Notley, Mrs Prenter and Mrs Saroya** decorated Lordswood Sports and Social Club Hall for a fun two hours of party games, dancing and food. All the children and some adults looked amazing in their costumes...Here are a few pictures from the afternoon.

We are always looking for FoBS to help organise events like this so if you would like to get involved please contact the school office. We need regular helpers to make the events a success. The next fundraiser on the agenda will be the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Shop.

