

Overheard at The Orchard ~ PE & Reminders~

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Term 1 Sports Review. 2018

Fantastic News we have been awarded a GOLD Kite mark for commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive sport.

3PR enjoyed their Sailing session at Westbere Lakes. Some had the opportunity to go out in their own small boat and learn how to navigate the lake, other pupils learnt how to help sail the larger boats.

A group of pupils also had the last Gliding session of the year. Unfortunately 2 of our sessions were cancelled because of high winds of heavy rain.

These activities will start again next spring.

Football Coach

Cori Daniels has been running Football Coaching sessions during Enrichment on a Friday which has been very successful.

The Kent Special schools football league started this week with our Football team winning 3 games and drawing one, a great start to the season.

The Kent School Games

Next term we have the heats for East Kent in Boccia at St. Anslem's school in Nov and in December the Indoor rowing heats take place at Herne Bay High School

Swimming begins next term for year 5.

Year 6 will have the opportunity to go and use a 3G football pitch at Aylesham Leisure Centre which is a new link for Orchard School.

Satellite boxing club with Canterbury City Boxing.

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully bid for funding so we can continue to run this club again for 18 weeks. (This is beginning in January 2019)

Football Tournament

Orchard won three out of four games and drew the last one (scores were: 2:1, 3:1, 1:0, 0:0). Best plays of the day was a great assist from Harry S to Cameron N resulting in a victory. Another special moment was Cameron goal from a throw in. Tournament will continue at a future date but we are off to a good start.

Well done to all

Gaynor Harvey & Jamie Goode
PE Department



Gentle reminders:

Please ensure your comes to school in correct uniform: black trousers or skirt, blue polo and sweatshirt with school logo. Thank you.

Absences—if your child is absent from school due to illness please contact the school first thing in the morning on each day of absence. Thank you.



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Term 1, October 2018

Message from the Headteacher

As we move into Autumn, we look forward to the changing seasons and the celebrations ahead for the coming festive term. But before we get there we have the opportunity to reflect on previous term.

The Orchard is now a bigger community with over 90 pupils on our school roll. This led to greater engagement by our community in decision that involve them. You will read later about our Student Council and their decision making. But I would like to take this opportunity to invite, as parents & carers to have a positive impact on our school. We are continuing to seek any parents or carers that have an interest in supporting our school through governance. We still require parent governors and would love to encourage any of you whom have a few hours free each term to join us in the leadership of our school. I hope some of you may be interested and I am happy to discuss this in more detail should any of you feel you take on the role.

I hope to hear from some of you in the new term, but in the meantime, I hope you all have a happy, safe time during the half term.



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Update from Primary:

Our primary pupils have had a good start to the new school year and are settling well in to their new classes. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns – you can contact the teachers on their school phones or via the office, or you are welcome to speak to Karen Hollands (PSO) or myself.

Starfish – Miss Murphy/Ms Stewart

Stingrays – Miss Apps

Sharks – Mr Cottam

Next term, Stingrays class will be starting swimming lessons (on Mondays from 5th November) and we are hoping to organise some off-site sports activities for Sharks class. Details will follow soon.

The children are looking smart in their uniforms – please remember to send them in with a coat so they can enjoy outdoor breaks as well as appropriate kit for P.E lessons.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

SEMH Parent Support Group

Following requests from some parents, we are pleased to tell you that our first parent support group will meet at school on Thursday 6th December from 10am - 12pm.

This group will be an opportunity to meet informally with other parents who have children with complex Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. Of course, there will be some tea and biscuits to help our discussion!

This group will be run by Mrs Stephens (Assistant Head/Outreach lead) and Clara Bovingdon (Specialist Speech and Language Therapist).

Further details will be sent out after half term.

Mrs Sarah Stephens – Assistant Headteacher.

Pumpkin picking

Stingrays visited a Pumpkin Patch where we picked our own pumpkins and bought them back to school to carve ready for Halloween. We really enjoyed our trip and making the pumpkins look scary.



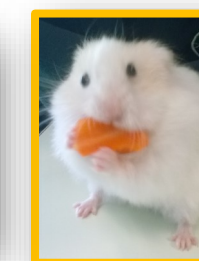
Donations required:

Starfish are requesting donations of bedding, pet food/ vegetables or treats for their pet hamster Snowy.

To promote reading and literacy in the primary department we are asking if parents/ carers are able to donate any children's comic books or magazines.

If you are able to donate any of the above please send them in to school with your child or pop in to the school office.

Thank you.



**Term 2
Pupils
return to School
Tuesday
30th
October 2018**



Attendance

23 pupils @ 100%
&
22 pupils > 95%

Well done !

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Student Council

Term 1 September 2018 has seen the launch of the full year for our Student Council. There were a total of 65 nominations throughout the school, which was amazing.

During the Whole School Assembly on the 14th September the following pupils were appointed for this Academic Year 2018 – 2019.

Primary

COMMUNITY – Alfie

LEARNING – Maxxie

SPORT – Francesca

KS3

COMMUNITY – Liam

LEARNING – Will

SPORT – Bradley

KS4

COMMUNITY – Abigail

LEARNING – Kieran

SPORT – Cameron

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.

Agenda 1 was presented to each class. This was discussed during Tutor Time with the pupils coming up with ideas and requests.

The Student Council Leaders met with the Pastoral Support Officers to again brainstorm all of the areas to present to Mrs Lilley. Mrs Lilley had also tasked the committee with looking at the Hall and how this could be redesigned and updated. They all had great ideas! (Watch this space).

Actioned from the meeting subsequently held with Mrs Lilley:

MORE TUCK CHOICES - we now offer crisps, biscuits and bottled flavoured water priced between 10 and 20p per item.

LOCKS ON TOILET DOORS - have been replaced

FOOD BANK TO RUN FOR TERM 2 – we're accepting food donations please see enclosed flyer designed by our very own Will Tubby (designed in 5 vibrant colours). Great work Will.

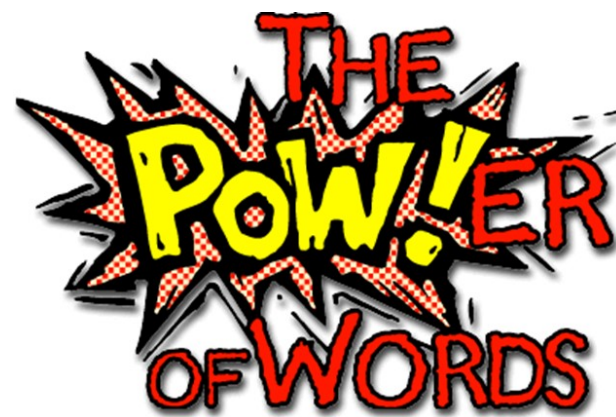
SMALLER GOAL POSTS ON THE PLAYING FIELD FOR PRIMARY

ALONGSIDE THE MAIN PITCH - new football goals have been ordered and should be with us ready for next term.

MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – a great success please see update overleaf.

SHOE BOX APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS – has begun and we're now accepting donations.

There may also be other requests actioned as the school year progresses!



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Student Council Interview Meeting

6 of the Student Council Leaders hosted a Q and A for candidates for a new Learning Mentor post in school.

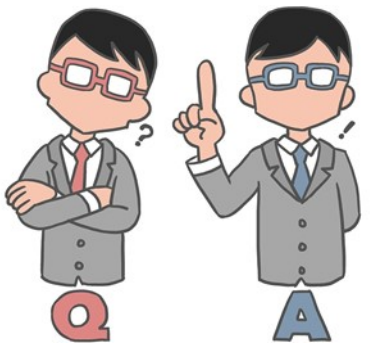
They asked some great questions:

What skills do you have that might benefit the young people here?

What are your strengths and weaknesses?

What are Learning Mentors for?

The students then discussed their thoughts about who might be a great candidate for the role. This was then fed back to Mrs Lilley.



Our Enterprise group organised the Macmillan coffee morning and once again it was a great success and we raised £104.81! Thank you to all pupils, parents/carers and staff who baked and purchased a fantastic variety of cakes.

We had a baking competition and 1st prize for staff's baking went to Teaching Assistant, Sally Wood and we had joint winners for primary children: Zachary and Kiera! Well done and thank you all for your continued support.



The Enterprise group have also set up the 'Bottle Squad' - we have been glass etching water bottles and tumblers to sell to raise money for the Christmas shoe box appeal. This is to promote using re-usable bottles instead of throw-away plastic and keeping healthy and hydrated. They have been shopping with the money they raised to buy gifts for children who won't otherwise get any Christmas presents to send off around the world: donations welcome.

