



Dear parents/carers,

We've enjoyed a wonderful week of weather for our sports days, the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities, competing in their events, and showing good sportsmanship to each other by giving encouragement to their teammates. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend to share these days with us, we know it can be a tricky balancing act with work and family commitments, so we do appreciate you being able to join us.

The children got to meet their new teachers this week, we held a very successful transition day on Thursday. We welcome some new teaching staff to the school, with Mrs Buckingham joining the Year 4 team, Miss Johnson joining the Year 2 team and Miss Todd joining the Year 1 team. We look forward to welcoming them to the New Horizons family. Unfortunately, that also means that some staff are moving on at the end of the Year: Mrs Fenniche is leaving after 7 years of being part of the New Horizons family, she's seen classes go through their whole school journey in that period, and she has had a positive impact on countless children during that time. Miss Chawner is continuing her teaching career at another school after working at New Horizons for over three years, she's held a number of important roles in school during that period and been a vital part of the school achieving it's current Artsmark Gold status. Ms Stroud and Miss Callender are moving on after their second year working in TSAT schools, they've been an important part of our KS1 teams during that period, ensuring children are in a good place to continue their journey with us in KS2. We wish them all luck as they continue with their teaching careers.

Mr Murphy



Dates for the Diary

Summer Fete – Saturday 8th July 11am till 3pm

Last day of Term – Thursday 19th July

Term 1 – Yr 1 – 6 – Monday 4th September

Term 1 – EYFS – Monday 11th September



New Horizons
Children's Academy

SUMMER FETE

2023

You're invited to join us for our Summer Fete

Where: New Horizons Children's Academy

When: Saturday 8th July, 11am - 3pm

What's on?

Enter our raffle and peruse our amazing stalls including; Ice Cream, Jerk Chicken, Face Painting, Cakes and Cookies and many more!

Take part in one our creative craft workshops or sign up to our BSL signing workshop and go for a bounce on the Bouncy Castle.

Enjoy our BSL performances from the Revolution Choir, a DJ set and raffle.



Thinking Inclusively

EYFS

Nursery

This week in Literacy we have been reading the traditional tale; 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' We have been using props such as story spoons and puppets to re-tell and act out the tale. Our next job was to make some delicious porridge, just like in the story. We had to make sure the porridge wasn't too hot or too cold- it was just right! In Maths we have been focusing finding one more than a given number. Nursery have also enjoyed sports day activities this week! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch and to those of you who took part in our parents' race! The sessions were enjoyed by all the children who did so well in all activities. Willow class looked amazing in their handmade medals!



Reception

It's been a busy but exciting week in Reception this week. We have continued to monitor and check in on our class caterpillars who have started to hatch into butterflies! Once they are a bit stronger, we plan to release them as classes. We had so much fun visiting our new Year 1 classrooms this week! Reception had the best time on transition day on Thursday and enjoyed meeting their new teachers.

We can't believe how quickly this has come around and are incredibly proud of the maturity and enthusiasm shown by all the children.

We finished our week this week with Sports day! What an amazing morning it was with all the children trying their very best at all activities. The children should be so proud of their hard work today and in getting ready for sports day their medals were truly well deserved! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to cheer us on! We ended our Sports day with a refreshing ice poll in our classrooms. Well done Oak, Elm and Ash class!



Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy this week, starting off with Sports day. The children enjoyed competing with each other taking part in the activities. The children were also supportive of each other and their teammates which was lovely to see.



On Wednesday Year 1 had their trip to Wingham wildlife zoo. We were very lucky to see lots of animals up close which the children loved!

The children walked around the zoo beautifully and represented our school well. They had a talk about forests and the different animals that live in forests and the types of trees that might be found there. After the children had their picnic lunch on the picnic benches, they were very excited to see the dinosaurs and giraffes.

The children also found out their new teachers this week and spent the day with their new teachers doing some lovely, fun activities getting to know them.

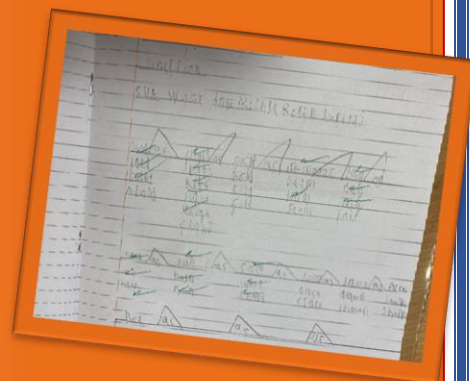
Year 2

This has been a very exciting week in Year 2 with lots of busy days.

Our week started off with a whistle and a cheer as we took part in our last KS1 Sports Day. All the staff were extremely proud of the children as they cheered their team mates on and were showing many great examples of being their best selves.

In English we have been exploring rhyming poetry, in order to be able to write our own rhyming poems about the seaside. It has been brilliant to see all the children's different ideas coming together.

While Thinking Globally, we have learnt more about the physical and human features of the British Coastline.



On Thursday, we were super excited to walk up the stairs to KS2 and meet our Year 3 teachers in our new classrooms. We all got to bring home our meet the teacher page, telling us all about our new teacher, please have a chat with us so we can tell you all about them and all the exciting things we did with bricks.

As always, the Year 2 staff are super proud with how they have adapted to all the different events and things that are going on and look forward to another exciting week!

Year 3

Year 3 has been working extremely hard this week, especially during Sports day and transition day. We have all met our new teacher, we are excited for the new adventures for next academic year.

We have all been persistent with different activities during Sports day, we have worked well as a team as well as a year group. We can't wait to find out who the winners are.

In Maths, we have been measuring in millilitres and litres as well as comparing the capacity of objects.

In English, we have been publishing our River fact files and starting our new topics on informal letters.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to watch us during Sports day. We appreciate you coming to support us.



Year 4

With just 9 school days to go, there is still bundles of fun to be had. Our topic book this week exposes Omri's secret of having a toy Indian that comes to life and now the race is on to contain this magic as much as possible. Will he be able to keep it under wraps from the world or will it be taken out of his hands? Tune in next week for the penultimate update. Writing this week has moved onto non chronological reports where the children have been focusing on the various languages, structures and features needed and Maths continues with our consolidation of fundamental knowledge lessons where this week the focus has been on fractions and decimal numbers.

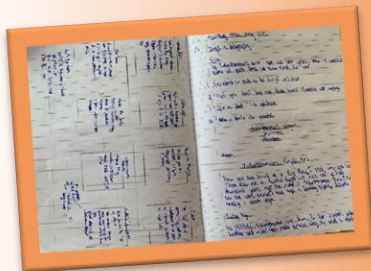
Thinking Inclusively this week has been around this terms DT project where your little legends have combined their clay skills with electricity understanding from this terms science topic to create light up totem pole night lights.

Continuing with understanding the culture of the Native Americans, the children have been able to research the importance of totem poles within the Native American culture and history of a variety of tribes. This project has also coincided with this terms art topic of making dream catchers which are again used by the Native Americans.



Year 5

This week has been a very busy week in Year 5. On Tuesday we walked to the Victory Academy and watched their production of Matilda. It is safe to say that we were blown away by the talent on display! On Wednesday we had Sports Day where lots of fun was had and Year 5's very own Mr Somers won the race that he was in! On Thursday, Year 5 visited their new Year 6 classes for the day. It was great to see them back in class buzzing with excitement having met their new teachers!



In our learning this week we have been focussing on negative numbers in Maths and have been planning and writing a biography of Tutankhamun, one of Ancient Egypt's most famous pharaohs. In Guided Reading we have been very excited to learn about what happens next to Lil, Tulip and Oz in Secrets of a Sun King.

Year 6

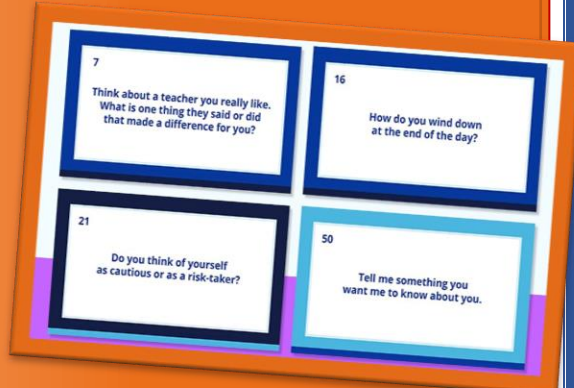
Another busy week in the Year 6 calendar. This week has been full of Oliver rehearsals, prop making and little bit of Maths and English in there for good measure.

This week in Maths, Year 6 have been creating Arithmetic challenges for the children to use all four-operations used in Year 6. Some of the challenges created by the children were as advanced as using of the algebraic expressions combined with geometrical formulas for perimeters and areas for quadrilateral shapes.

We have also continued our text, 'Holes', continuing to unpick the complexities of expectation vs reality at Camp Greenlake, as well as the intricate relationships between the campmates and their pasts.

Thinking Inclusively has been all things transition - Where are our new schools? What part of our community will we be in? Try and ask these questions to your Year 6 child today to see how they respond:

Please continue to help your child with their Oliver songs and lines!



On Friday 30th June 2023, 10 Year 3 pupils participated in HSSP Dance Festival for primary and secondary students at Brompton Academy. Pupils performed their incredible performance front of 150 people.

This is not the end!

Pupils have carried on working extremely hard with their choreography, rehearsing their dance during lunch time as well as after school. We are looking forward to performing our incredible performance during the whole school assembly next week.



Thinking Academically

TT Rockstars:

Well done to Precious (Year 6) in first place this week, followed by Joseph (Year 6) in second and Mariam (Year 4) in third.

Spelling Shed:

The top year groups this week are: Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5.

Our top spellers this week are Bisma (Year 1) in first place, Disha (Year 4) in second place and Nathan (Year 4) in third place.



Kent Police Open Day

A selection of Year 6 children joined Kent Police for their open day this week. They explored a variety of police departments, including customs, canine units and search and rescue. The children asked some great questions, showing their curiosity and wanting to know more. They were also able to meet the search and rescue dogs who were very happy to see us! They tried on some of the riot gear and commented on how heavy it was; imagine running around with that sort of weight! Finally, the highlight of the day was the police canine show where they showed us how impeccably trained the canine units are to listen to their handlers when dealing with a 'baddy'.





Thinking Globally

Eco

Welcome to the eco section of the New Horizons newsletter. We will share an idea, resource or initiative each week which could help our wider school community be a more eco-friendly environment.



Medway Valley
COUNTRYSIDE
protect / explore / enjoy

The Medway Valley Countryside Partnership aim to create, sustain and enhance Kent's landscape and its wildlife through the Medway area as well as in the boroughs of Maidstone and Tonbridge and Malling.

Find out more about their work, as well as events that they run, here <https://medwayvalley.org/what-we-do>



Thinking Inclusively

School Council



Thank you to all who donated, swapped or bought from the Swap Shop.



We will be hosting our final book shop next Friday so any donations will be welcomed.



Books will be 50p each and there will be lollies at 2 for 10p (whilst stocks last!).



See you there!



Thinking About Their Thinking



In P4C this week, we have been looking at the question should everyone learn the Countryside Code?

A new UK government campaign hopes to encourage young people to 'respect, protect and enjoy' the countryside. The campaign follows new research from Natural England, which shows that 80% of children and young people agreed that looking after the environment was important to them, and 83% said they wanted to do more to look after nature and wildlife. The well-known cartoon character, Shaun the Sheep is the new face of the Countryside Code.

Enrichment

Each week, the purpose of this section of our newsletter is to provide suggestions and enrichment opportunities to our families, that can be enjoyed in our local community.

As always, to find out about more opportunities within our local area, visit @enjoyMedway or @Visit_Medway on Twitter or <https://www.visitmedway.org/>

Medway Mile

Join thousands of other runners, joggers and walkers for this free mass participation family event.

This year's event will take place at Medway Park and Great Lines in Gillingham on Friday 21 July 2023.

Anyone is welcome to go along to the event and enjoy the free sports activities, attractions and entertainment.

For more information, and to sign up from 22 May, visit: medway.gov.uk/medwaymile



MEDWAY
Mile 2023
GILLINGHAM



Medway Summer Trails are back!

Take part in family-friendly trails throughout the summer holidays at either Rochester Castle, The Guildhall Museum, Eastgate House, Temple Manor or Upnor Castle to win one of the wonderfully cute button badges! There's a different one to collect at each site. If you complete all 5 trails, you'll be given a £5 voucher to spend in any of our gift shops.

Where to find the trails:

Knights Code of Chivalry Trail at Rochester Castle
Soldiers and Gunpowder Trail at Upnor Castle
Short Brothers Plane Trail at The Guildhall Museum
Find Tudor Ted at Eastgate House
Grand Master's Coats of Arms Trail at the Temple Manor
Trails start from 22 July and run until 2 September 2023.

The Vines Cherry Picnic is back on Saturday, 15 July.

Pop along and enjoy delicious cherries, live music, browse around the trade stalls selling books and plants.

There will also be morris dancing and crafts.

This is a free fund raising event in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.





Thinking Inclusively

We are proud that these children have demonstrated excellent Habits of Mind and as such have been rewarded the Golden Tie or have their work presented in Achievement Alley & Golden Gallery. These children have used a Growth Mind-set, worked hard and have achieved excellence in effort and achievement – well done!

Golden Tie

Ash – Annabella for a fabulous week and her participation in Sports Day

Elm – Amelia for consistently pushing herself to complete challenges

Oak – Ivan for being helpful during Sports Day

Beech – Jemima for continuing to keep trying

Hazel – Joshua for working well with others

Maple – Zach for working well with others

Birch – Jack H for always being his best self and following school rules

Pine – Jemima for continuing to keep trying

Spruce – Zakai for following all school rules every day.

Apple – Frankie for always giving great answers in class

Cherry – Imogen for trying her hardest in all she does

Damson – Josie for being a role model and working well with others.

Conifer – Dayyen for persistence in DT week

Hawthorn – Hope for persistence in DT week

Poplar – Rokas for persisting during DT week

Juniper – Peculiar for settling into our class very well and following all school rules already.

Laburnum – Stafone for taking safe risks and embracing change

Sycamore – Kennedy-Marie for following the school rules and being a good role model. Well done!

Aspen – Nikolas for working well with others and being an amazing Yr6 role model for Laburnum class

Cypress – Thenuk for showing persistence during our sports day

Elder – Jenson for his commitment to improving his physical performances; true star at sports day



Golden Gallery

Ash – George for working hard in his writing

Elm – Denise for independently using a variety of tricky words and punctuation

Oak – Jacob for applying his phonics knowledge

Beech – Olivia for showing persistence in her handwriting

Hazel – Emily for striving for accuracy

Maple – Dara for striving for accuracy

Birch – Ollie for responding with wonderment and awe

Pine – Cassia for striving for accuracy

Spruce – Lara for striving for accuracy when rhyming

Apple – Arianna for a beautifully presented NCR

Cherry – Olly for a detailed report on rivers

Damson – Harjun for being persistent with his handwriting and expanding his sentences.

Conifer – Ariane for a beautifully presented DT booklet

Hawthorn – Taila for well planned totem pole

Poplar – Daniel for using conjunctions in his DT evaluation

Juniper – Evie-Louise for her beautifully presented circle map and frame of reference when taking notes in English.

Laburnum – Jessica for a great start to her biography

Sycamore – Jack for independently writing a review about Sports day. Well done Jack!

Aspen – Oliver for creating inspiring and informative non-chronological report about Mexico.

Cypress – Jenna for creating, imagining and innovating a non chronological report in Geography

Elder – Finley for his personal commitment to writing his screenplay (in his own time filling a whole exercise book!)



Achievement Alley

Ash – Mayla for striving for accuracy in all areas of learning

Elm – Kai for exploring new areas and showing an interest in using computers

Oak – Thomas for striving for accuracy in his writing

Beech – Douglas for striving for accuracy in Maths

Hazel – Valentin for persisting in History

Maple – Alfie for taking safe risks

Birch – Robert for thinking about his thinking in Maths

Pine – Rivith for persisting in Maths

Spruce – Ariella for striving for accuracy in Geography

Apple – Swayley for always being persistent in Maths

Cherry – Jade for her persistence and positivity on Sports day

Damson – Jake for being persistent with millilitres and litres in Maths.

Conifer – Ava for an amazing totem pole

Hawthorn – Isaiah for a well designed totem pole

Poplar – Bella for a creative totem pole design

Juniper – Harry for his positive mindset with transition day yesterday.

Laburnum – Amelia for a great flow map to plan her biography

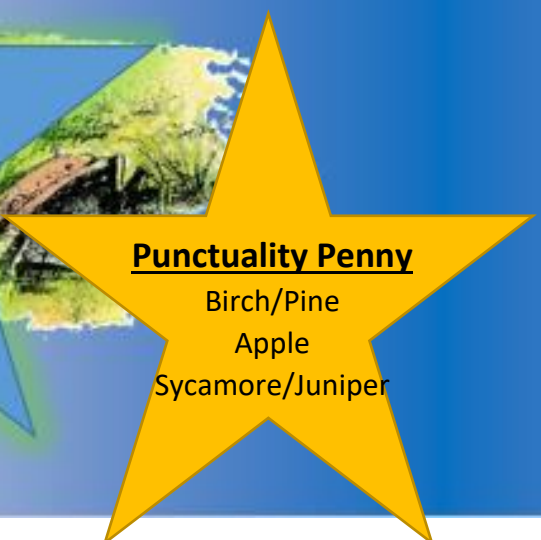
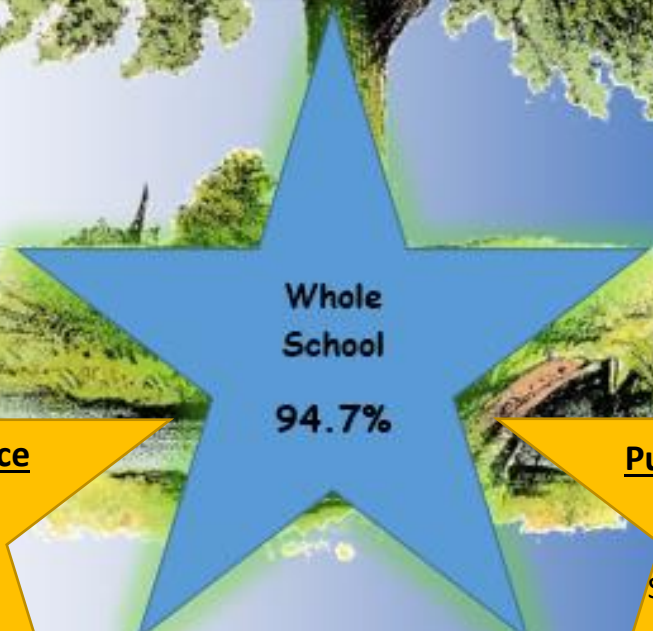
Sycamore – Evie for creating an artistic masterpiece. Well done!

Aspen – Ore for showing curiosity when gathering information and resources for his non-chronological report about Mexico

Cypress – Ollie H for listening and understanding with empathy during transition day

Elder – Ella for persistence and working interdependently to achieve and win many events at sports day.

Attendance Matters!



Term Dates

Term 6	Monday 5th June 2023 – Thursday 20th July 2023
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Friday 21st July 2023</i>

Term Dates 23-24

Term	Dates
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Friday 1st September 2023</i>
Term 1	Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 20th October 2023
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Friday 20th October 2023</i>
Autumn Break	Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 15th December 2023
Christmas Break	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 2nd January 2024</i>
Term 3	Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – Friday 9th February 2024
February Break	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19th February 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024
Good Friday Bank Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	Monday 1 st April 2024
Spring Break	Tuesday 2 nd April 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 24th May 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Late May Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024
May Break	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3rd June 2024 – Friday 19th July 2024
<i>Staff Development Days</i>	<i>Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July</i>