

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have had some very exciting lessons! For our English, we have been looking at different types of crossings and how they are used, in particular Pelican crossings. We have been writing an explanation text about these pelican crossings, using our subheadings and new knowledge. We have challenged ourselves to use our conjunctions and expanded noun phrases!

In Maths we have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes and looking at the pattern between sides and vertices. Some of us have even been sorting these shapes into groups!

The rest of our week has also been very exciting, as Thursday and Friday have been our DT days! We have been designing, practicing and finally making our very own lavender draw string bags. We have learnt all about the benefits of lavender, and just how strong it smells!



Year 3

Year three have had an exciting week this week! On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we enjoyed our DT days. We focussed on investigating, designing, making and evaluating our own carrier belt, that could hold the tools needed to help us be the bridge designers we have been all term. We enjoyed practising a range of sewing techniques, before choosing running stitch to attach pockets to our carrier belts. We were all very proud of sewing efforts this term and enjoyed thinking artistically to design the belt in our own unique styles.

On Wednesday we were also extremely lucky to have a visit from The Rochester Bridge Trust, who taught us about how the bridges local to us were built and the important steps to consider when designing and building a bridge. We also enjoyed participating in many scientific enquiries, such as: How does bridge length affect how much it can hold? Which material would be the most suitable for a bridge? and Will Iron be a suitable material to build a bridge? We were excited to use the knowledge from today to help us in our art lessons, where we were challenged to build the longest and strongest class bridge. This week we have also enjoyed choreographing and practising our dance routines, ready to perform to our parents on Monday!



Year 4

One week to go! It would not be a surprise at this time of the term that the children are starting to relax and need a little encouragement to keep going...but...NOT year 4! These little legends have been working super hard all week and have achieved so much. English this week has seen the children celebrate World Poetry Day with some fantastic examples of rhyming poems as well as the traditional Japanese Haiku poems constructed over 3 lines and consisting of a 5, 7 and 5 syllable formats. Confused? Why not ask your epic writer to compose a special Haiku this weekend, record their performance and share on Seesaw – we would love to see them. Mathematics has seen the end of decimals with some jaw dropping consolidation posters making way for next week's mathematic extravaganza – 'Statistics' Woohoo!

This week in Thinking Artistically, the children have finished creating some stunning sketches of mountain landscapes with a beautiful use of watercolours that are realistic and mesmerising. Some great examples to share with the rest of the school in our NHCA art gallery. As part of our art this week, the children have also created some awesome posters that will be displayed in a celebration of Strood as the historic town is being rejuvenated with hot tourist attractions. Sad times ahead folks – yep, our dance topics are soon coming to an end but don't despair as your dance legends of tomorrow have work relentlessly on their style of dance and are ready to showcase at Victory in the weeks to come.



Year 5

As we complete our penultimate week in Year 5, we have continued to explore our core text, Coraline.

After reading chapter 10, the children explored and explained using P.E.E authorial intent using evidence from the text. We have focused in on making our reasoning for answers more precise, considering how we use the text to give evidence. This links with our writing where we have written a letter to the landlord of the house Coraline lives in with some very intense questioning over the choices he has made within the house. Understanding this needed to be a formal letter, children have explored the different types of language needed.

During Maths this week, children continued to use their fractions knowledge to compare and use decimals and percentages together. This is by far one of the units that children tend to find the most difficult, however through the use of resources and pictorial strategies, Year 5 have tackled this with confidence, striving for accuracy.



Throughout our Thinking Artistically units this term, we have explored Alchemy Island in a range of mediums. In Art, we are now at the stage of painting our mixed media islands, ready to evaluate them next week. Music has been the highlight this term, where we explored rap music history and have bopped along to 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'. What has been most impressive this week has been the children's ability to play the correct notes on time and in unison using the glockenspiel.

Year 6

Year 6 have continued to work hard, preparing for their SATS, working hard within the morning, completing extra work at home and attending booster sessions. It's so brilliant to see year 6 developing their confidence and using their own techniques and strategies to improve. Their desire to be better and see what mistakes they made on their mock SATS to learn for next time is lovely to see.

This term, Year 6 have particularly impressed us with their Thinking Artistically work. We have been doing observational drawings of animals and they've worked so hard on them. We have even gone outside and drawn observational drawings of the animals we have seen around us. We've taken inspiration from artists such as Rousseau to create depth in our backgrounds and to use a range of contrasting colours. It's been lovely seeing the children being creative and applying the habit of mind of persisting - even when they find art tricky!



This week and next, children across New Horizons have been trying to make an active journey to reach school as part of the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. Lots of children have been scooting or walking to school or driving but parking a short way away and walking the rest of the way. We love the positive changes that we have been hearing about and look forward to seeing lots more active journeys.

"We have walked to school together this morning!"



"I've been parking a few streets away from the school and then walking in. It's been really fun!"





Thinking Academically



TT Rockstars:

Well done to Joseph (Year 5) in first place this week, followed by Kardin (Year 5) in second and Ali (Year 5) in third.

Spelling Shed:

The top year groups this week are: Year 1, Year 4 and Year 3. The top spellers are Walter (Year 1) in first place, Hanna (Year 4) in second place and Ekisha (Year 6) in third place.



Thinking About Their Thinking



In P4C this week, we have been looking at the question is there still a place for letters in today's world? Royal Mail has announced that stamp prices are to go up for both 1st and 2nd class options. The price of a 1st class stamp will rise by 10p to 95p on 4th April. The cost of a 2nd class stamp will increase by 2p to 68p. Royal Mail has explained that prices have had to go up as people are sending fewer letters and its running costs have increased. In a statement it said, "Royal Mail has considered these pricing changes very carefully in light of the long-term structural decline in letter usage"

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.

Why not improve your fitness and health at Chatham Football Club. Every Saturday morning the club have 'Chaturday' coaching sessions for boys and girls aged 4-12 from 8.30-9.30am. Come along and enjoy the first football session for free! For more information, visit: <http://www.chathamtownfc.com/pages/chaturdays>

This month there will be a 'Fight for Rights: Women's Suffrage' exhibition in Medway:

- Date: 7th March 2022 - 31st March 2022 - Every day - Time: 09:00 - 18:00 - Cost: Free
- Location: Gillingham Community Hub, High Street, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1BG

A new exhibition open to the public to raise awareness of the history of the Suffrage movement in Medway.

The Fight for Rights: Women's Suffrage in Medway will open at Gillingham Community Hub Library from Monday 7 March until Thursday 31 March 2022.

The illustrated exhibition covers issues such as:

- The 1832 Rights of Women Petition, Black Friday, Late Victorian Suffrage.

Other issues will be covered and real newspaper reports available to view.

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

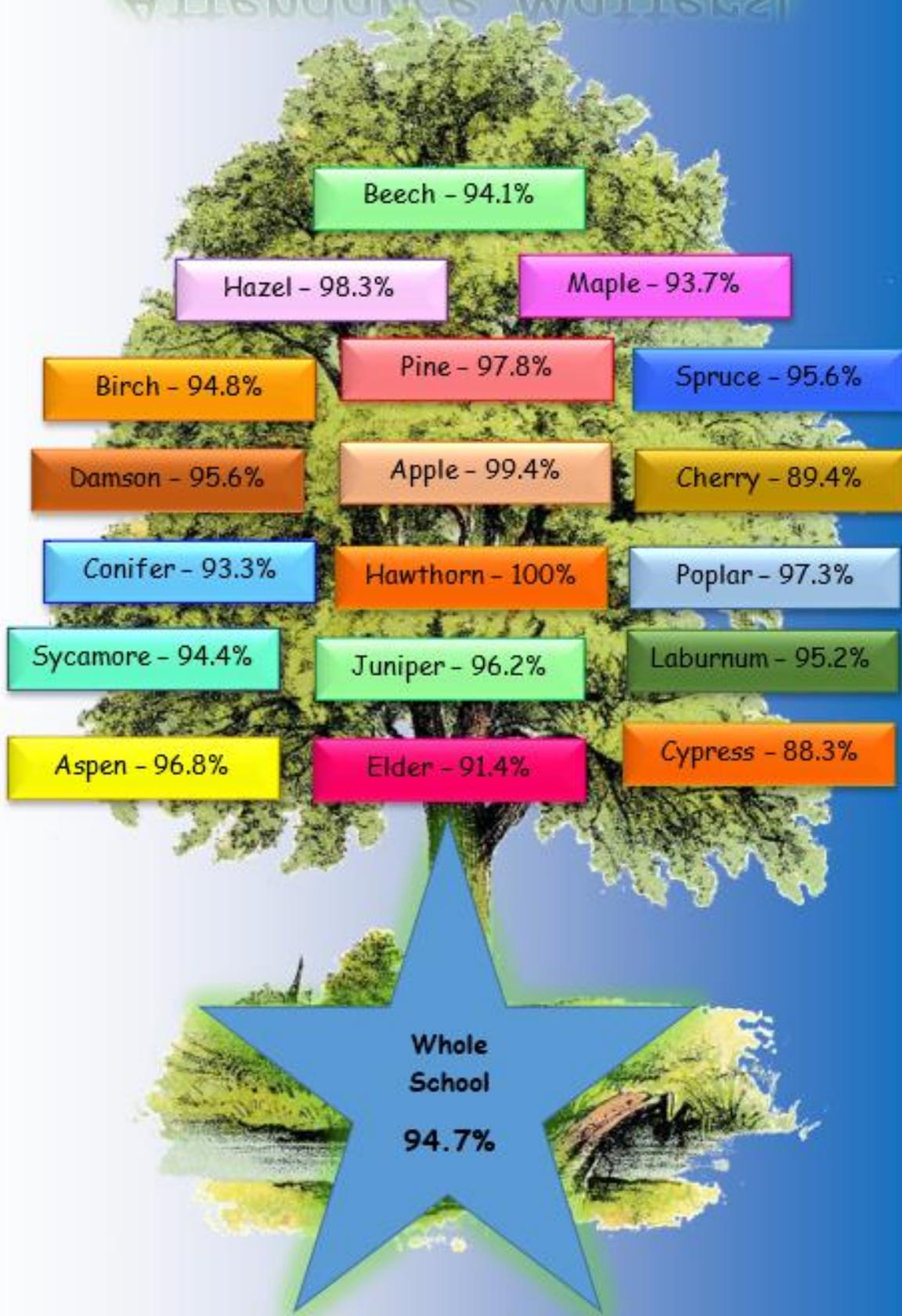


Thinking Inclusively

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. These children have used a Growth Mind-set, worked hard and have achieved excellence in effort and achievement – well done!

TEAM POINTS	
This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to Castle.	
Attendance Ace	Hazel, Hawthorn & Aspen
Punctuality Penny	Beech, Pine, Apple, Cherry & Laburnum
Golden Tie	<p>Ash – Eliora for always following rules and being a good friend</p> <p>Elm – Rumi for trying hard in all areas of learning</p> <p>Oak – Sophia for continuing to work hard and being a good role model to the class</p> <p>Beech – Charlie for working well with others</p> <p>Hazel – Kayin for taking safe risks</p> <p>Maple – Aston for working well with others</p> <p>Birch – Elijah for we think before we act</p> <p>Pine – Juran for being his best self</p> <p>Spruce – Evie for taking safe risks</p> <p>Apple – Annie for always keeping on trying</p> <p>Cherry – Lily-Rose for always trying</p> <p>Damson – Ebube for always being his best self</p> <p>Conifer – Harry W for always trying</p> <p>Hawthorn – Melanie for always supporting others as class PM</p> <p>Poplar – Olivia for always trying her best</p> <p>Juniper – Kiera for always choosing her words carefully</p> <p>Laburnum – Lydia for always working well with others</p> <p>Sycamore – Henry for working well with others and thinking interdependently</p> <p>Aspen – Kiefer for following all school rules</p> <p>Cypress – Ekisha for being open to continuous learning and role model</p> <p>Elder – Vihann for thinking before he acts</p>
Achievement Alley	<p>Ash – Alfie for persisting in segmenting and blending</p> <p>Elm – Kalilah for striving for accuracy by applying her phonics knowledge</p> <p>Oak – Jemima for striving for accuracy by applying his phonics knowledge</p> <p>Beech – Precious for striving for accuracy</p> <p>Hazel – Eloisa for striving for accuracy</p> <p>Maple – Robert for taking safe risks</p> <p>Birch – Lily for responding with awe</p> <p>Pine – Chloe for responding with wonderment in DT</p> <p>Spruce – Jade for persistence</p> <p>Apple – Teni for a thoughtful hat reflection in DT</p> <p>Cherry – Dominic for fantastic sewing in his DT project</p> <p>Damson – Alice for persisting with her sewing in DT</p> <p>Conifer – Darcey for responding with awe and wonderment in the Welcome Strood launch</p> <p>Hawthorn – Harry for superb French understanding and conversational ability</p> <p>Poplar – Shelby for her excellent demonstration of dividing by 10 and 100</p> <p>Juniper – Maci for her Humanities work</p> <p>Laburnum – Carolina for resilience during learning Maths</p> <p>Sycamore – Kardin for good directions in Maths</p> <p>Aspen – Gracie-Mae for creative and critical thinking</p> <p>Cypress – Jenae for applying past knowledge in compass work</p> <p>Elder – Brook for striving with accuracy with her Charles Darwin Poster</p>

Attendance Matters!



Term Dates

Term	Dates
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021</i>
Term 1	Monday 6th September 2021 – Friday 22nd October 2021
Autumn Break	Monday 25 th October 2021 – Friday 29 th October 2021
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st November 2021</i>
Term 2	Tuesday 2nd November 2021 – Friday 17th December 2021
Christmas Break	Monday 20 th December 2021 – Monday 3 rd January 2022
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 4th January 2022</i>
Term 3	Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Friday 11th February 2022
February Break	Monday 14 th February 2022 – Friday 18 th February 2022
Term 4	Monday 21st February 2022 – Friday 1st April 2022
Spring Break	Monday 4 th April 2022 – Monday 18 th April 2022
Term 5	Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Late May Bank Holiday	Monday 30 th May 2022
May Break	Monday 30 th May 2022 – Friday 3 rd June 2022
Term 6	Monday 6th June 2022 – Thursday 21st July 2022
<i>Staff Development Day</i>	<i>Friday 22nd July 2022</i>