

LENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

SCIENCE WEEK

This year Lenham Primary celebrated Science week with lots of exciting experiments and visitors. We were lucky enough to successfully apply for £2000 from the Royal Society of Chemistry before Christmas, which allowed us to pay for new scientific equipment and a special visitor during Science week.

A big thank you first of all to all of the volunteers who gave up their time to visit the school and demonstrate experiments or talk to classes about their scientific background. In particular, Mrs Still and Dr Bratt were involved with several classes during the week. Thank you!

The children enthusiastically completed their own scientific experiments at home and brought them in to show their classmates and teachers. There were clearly lots of messy but fun experiments conducted- and of course lots of scientific discoveries! Well done to all who took part, and of course the winners.

Dr Bratt visited years 2-6 on the Tuesday and Wednesday to conduct exciting experiments proving that materials don't always behave as we'd expect. The children particularly enjoyed making non-Newtonian fluid using cornflour and water- something they can easily try at home if they'd wish.



Mr Berry visited us on Thursday to carry out even more experiments with all of the children. Year 6 enjoyed making their own chocolate and using a range of scientific equipment accurately, and Year 2 used their knowledge of forces to propel boxes across the hall.

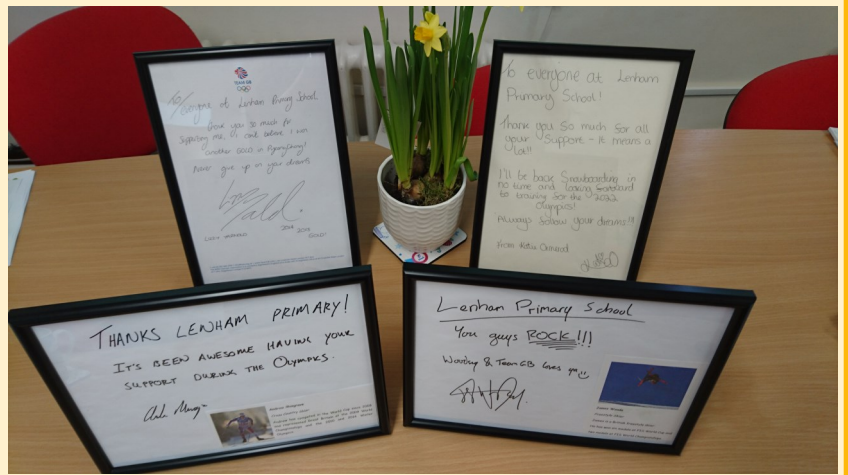


Science week has been thoroughly enjoyable and informative for both students and staff- we are already looking forward to next year!

Mrs Culver would like to thank Miss Parry for organising the whole event and our visitors for giving up their time and inspiring our children in the wonderful world of science.

We have been lucky enough to receive letters, addressed to the school, from four Olympians, who recently competed at the Winter Olympics in South Korea. Cross-country skier **Andrew Musgrave**, snowboarder **Katie Ormerod**, freestyle skier **James Woods** and gold medallist in the skeleton, **Lizzy Yarnold**, have all expressed how much they appreciated the school's support during the games.

Next time you are in school, take a closer look at the frames on display in our cabinets in the office area.



Come and join the hunt at...

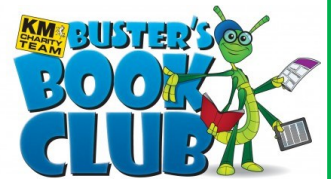
*eggsciting manhunt! easter egg giveaway!
crafty fun! music and story time free refreshments!*



AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, LENHAM, GOOD FRIDAY 10.30am -12pm

For more info 01622 850604

Buster's Big Bash is now open for booking!



This free family event takes place on the morning of Saturday 12th May in Dane John Gardens, Canterbury. It is a celebration of the achievements of pupils in schools using the KM Green travel and Literacy schemes. As well as taking part in our record-attempt walking bus crocodile through Canterbury, children will complete a series of physical and sporting challenges, learn circus skills, race space hoppers and enjoy the go-karts. Bring teddy bears and join others for a picnic in front of the circus show. Some special guests are rumoured to be attending this year....keep your eyes peeled for Buster and his friends!

Check out this link for more details and to book your free place: <http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/walktoschool/bigbash/>

Places are first-come first served and goody bags will be allocated to the first 300 children checking in at 9.45am on the day. All children who complete the challenge activities will receive attraction vouchers. Please address any queries to: chayes@thekmgroup.co.uk



CONGRATULATIONS! Leeds Castle presentation

On Tuesday 20th March Katherine and I went to Leeds castle to collect some vouchers and a certificate for the most home reading minutes for Busters Book Club and we won out of over 100 schools and so far have read for over 3.6 million minutes

by Jesse Blee

Year 6 has discovered another Lenham Primary School in South Africa! We have made contact and are starting to write letters to the pupils and make pen pals. Like us, the children are quite sporty and apparently big Premier League fans.

We look forward to telling you more news about our African friends in other newsletters.



ATTENDANCE We celebrate attendance & punctuality weekly by presenting Attendance Ted to the class who has the highest attendance, & Punctuality Pup for the class with the fewest amount of late marks. The bear and dog visit the children in class for the week. If more than one class have won, Ted and Pup share time between the classes.

DATE (w/c)	Attendance Ted	Punctuality Pup
5th March	Classes 2 & 3	Classes 2,3 & 4
12th March	Classes 1 &2	Class 2
19th March	Class 1	Classes 1, 2, 4 & 6
26th March	Class 1	Classes 1 & 4

MINUTES LOST We have produced a new report to look at punctuality, and record the minutes lost from teaching, by pupils turning up late. In March, the total number of minutes lost for all classes was 482, equating to 8 hours and 3 minutes. Class 4 was the most punctual, with only five minutes lost.

GUIDED WALKS IN THE KENT DOWNS

31st March: morning guided walk from Bridge, Canterbury

28th April: afternoon guided walk looking at Whitstable's hidden river with people's stories and memories of the Gorrel Stream- further details will follow. Part of the Our Stour programme.

6th May: morning guided walk from Wye to Chilham

26th May: morning guided walk from Wye National Nature Reserve focused on the 'Ash Tree' –further details will follow.



For more info and to book please email kentishstour@kent.gov.uk

Charing tennis club will be running weekly junior tennis coaching starting after the Easter school holidays.

Tuesdays 3.45pm for children 5-7yrs, Thursdays 3.45pm for children 8-10yrs.

For further details please contact Ginny on 07968 820566 or email ginnybozeat@hotmail.com.





Lizzy Yarnold became the most successful ever British Winter Olympic athlete when she defended her skeleton title at PyeongChang 2018.


We thought that you may like to see the photos again of when she came to visit us. A former pupil of Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, Lizzy supports Kent schools when she can, coming in to give inspirational assemblies.

She came to Lenham Primary following her success in the previous Winter Olympics, when she won Team GB's only gold medal of the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games after dominating the women's skeleton from start to finish.


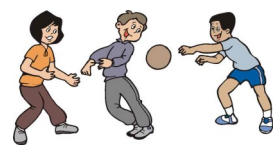



She is pictured here giving Ms Howell advice on how to position yourself on a skeleton bobsleigh. You can see how precarious it is to balance yourself on a tea tray on a table!





Years 4 & 5 will be participating in a six week health programme hosted by Charlton Athletic Community Trust. They will take part in different theory based lessons on exercise, the human body, diet, nutrition and hydration. They will also have two weeks training each of football, dodgeball and handball.

Easter Workshops

Stagecoach Bearsted are offering a Performing Arts workshop this Easter at Invicta Grammar School - Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th April, 10am - 4pm. £130 for the week and sibling discounts available.

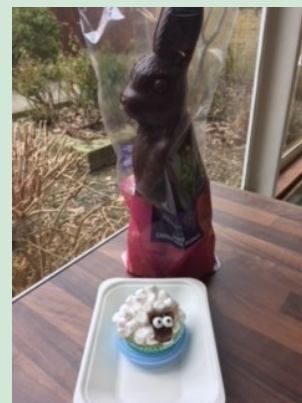


Make new friends, learn new skills and encourage confidence!

Contact Shane on 01622 910051 or bearsted@stagecoach.co.uk

EASTER CAKE COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition. The cakes were displayed in the office and all visitors who weren't connected to the school were asked to vote for their favourite. Mrs Pike and Mrs Hewish exercised enormous restraint in NOT sampling the beautiful baked goods, and David in Class 4's sheep cake was voted the winner. He won a chocolate Easter Bunny kindly donated by the PTA.



EVENTS 2018

April

- 16th** Term 5 begins
- 17th** Family Trust Assembly
- 18th** Year R Cycle Ready session

May

- 1st** Years 1-6 FitFence tbc
- 4th** INSET day. School closed to pupils.
- 5th** Village Spring Clean. 9am at The Red Lion
- 7th** Bank Holiday
- 8th-11th** Year 5 Relationships and sex education week
- 9th** Year R Forest School
- 10th** Class photos
- 14th-17th** KS2 SATs
- 19th** Cleaning of the Lenham Cross. 9am at the cross
- 21st** Book Look 2:30 pm. PESE (secondary school entry) meeting year 5
- 22nd** New Intake Parents meeting 6-7 pm tbc
- 23rd** Parent consultations 3:30-7:00 pm
- 25th** Term 5 ends

June

- 4th** Term 6 begins
- 4th-8th** Wellbeing Week tbc
- 6th** New Intake Stay and Play 1:30-2.30 pm
- 9th** Lenham Family Festival at the Community Centre

June

- 13th** New Intake Stay and Play 1:30-2.30 pm
- 15th** Year R Forest School
- 20th** New Intake Stay and Play 1:30-2.30 pm
- 26th** Family Trust Assembly
- 27th** New Intake Stay and Play 1:30-2:30 pm
- 29th** INSET day. School closed to pupils

July

- 2nd-6th** Sports Week. Book Fair
- 4th** New intake taster lunch 11:45 (tbc) with Stay and Play until 2.30 pm. Year 7 taster day (tbc)
- 6th** Sports Day. Kitchen closed—only school packed lunches for those eligible for free meals.
Book Look 1:15 pm.
- 11th** New intake Stay and Play 1:30- 2.30 pm
- 16th** KS2 theatrical performance dress rehearsal. Parents and pre-schoolers invited. 1:30-3 pm tbc
- 17-18th** Years 3-6 theatrical performance. Parents invited. NO pre-schoolers. 6-7 pm
- 24th** Year 6 Leavers Assembly. Parents invited 1:30-3pm followed by a cream tea 3-4:30 pm
- Term 6 ends**



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

*Sun and shade, water to wade, Frogs and bugs, Grass for rugs,
Eating outside, A tree swing ride, Tomatoes and corn, Dew in the
morn. Whatever Summer means for you Enjoy!*



School Year 2018-19

September 2018

- 3rd** Term 1 begins
- 19th-21st** Year 6 residential to Grosvenor Hall, Kingswood

October 2018

- 19th** Term 1 ends
- 29th** Term 2 begins

December 2018


- 19th** Term 2 ends

Governors Corner

It has been a short month for governance with the snow and the water stealing our days at school! The winter has been a difficult one for the school in terms of the impact the cold temperatures and rapid thaw have had on the school's building, so our premises and finance committee have been busy this month trying to fast-track the work that is required. Hopefully with the warmer weather and the Easter Break we will be able to resolve all the issues that have caused problems this term.

It was also nice to share time with the teachers and receive training around the diversity of our country and embracing the differences. It is important that the school is forward thinking and our children are educated in an environment that is positive for everyone. Governors also came along to the last book look and talked to the children about their books and what the different coloured pens meant. It was lovely to hear and see the beautiful work they have been producing across the school and to hear the children's enthusiasm for what they have learnt.

We are also hoping to come along to see the fabulous plans the PTA have put together for the final week of term, I'm hoping that we don't have to put any skates on and join in!

We wish you all a Happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you in term 5, when  will hopefully have finally sprung! Ceri Norey, Chair of Governors

CLUBS IN TERM FIVE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast Club 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child	Breakfast Club 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child	Breakfast Club 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child	Breakfast Club 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child	Breakfast Club 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child
Speedstack Lunchtime Years 3-4 Mrs Middleton		Speedstack Lunchtime Years 5-6 Mrs Middleton		
Gardening 3:15-4:30 Years 4-6 Limited to 15 children Miss Parry	Art 3:15-4:30 Years 4-6 Mrs Fisher			
Toastie Club 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only	Toastie Club 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only	Toastie Club 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only	Toastie Club 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only	Toastie Club 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only

Can I just have a quick word?

As you know we have an open door policy at school. However, if you have a concern about your child, please do not go straight to Ms Howell. In the first instance please see your child's class teacher, who will inform our senior leadership team if the problem cannot be resolved, and needs to be escalated. Thank you.



Sunday 6 May 2018



Bluebell Walk 2018

Discounted early bird entry until 8 April 2018

A 6 mile circular route starting and finishing at Harrietsham Village Hall. Walk amongst the bluebells on the North Downs and through the beautiful Kent countryside in support of Heart of Kent Hospice. **Dogs welcome.**

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