



Newsletter – TERM 1 2021

Welcome to the first Newsletter of this academic year. Here we aim to share with you the achievements of this term and take some time to promote activities that you and your children might enjoy outside of school hours.

TEACHING AND LEARNING SHOWCASE

Year R

This term's project was 'Me and My Community'. Rainbow Class have had a very busy first term at school! We started by thinking about friendships and families; talking about how we are all different but special. We used mirrors to look carefully at our faces and drew self-portraits. We also shared photos of our families with each other.



Everyday we practice our fine motor skills ready for writing and our gross motor skills to keep healthy and fit!





We have enjoyed listening to lots of stories such as, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Peace at Last and FunnyBones and explored them further through fun activities linked to each story.

These included, making an x-ray picture of our hand, re telling the stories in our own words using props, making tactile story maps and even pretend role play in our hospital!





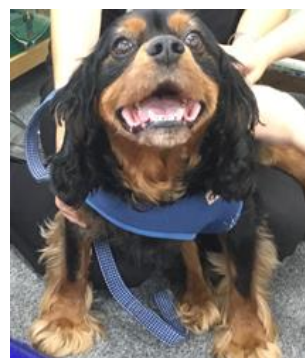
In maths, we have been exploring numbers and counting. Numicon is helping us to work on these skills.

We even had a visitor when we talked about people who help us in our community. Thank you Inspector Milton!



Year 1

This term's project was 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'



The project got off to an exciting start when Henry, Mrs Miller's dog, came for the afternoon! We learnt all about how to look after, feed and exercise him. We even got to stroke and cuddle him as he came round to say hello!



We learnt to sort animals as to whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.

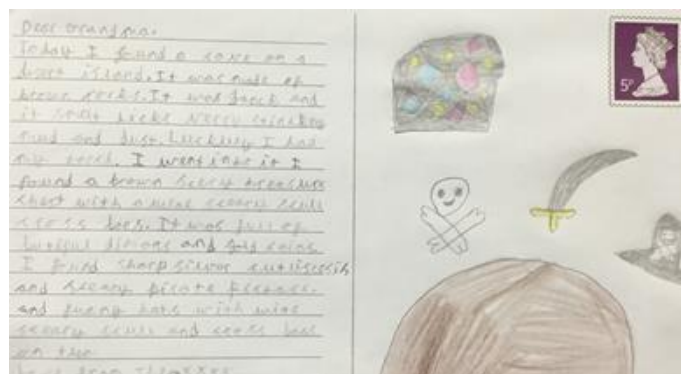
We had a real treat the day Inspector Milton came to visit! She answered all our questions and let us try on her hats, coats as well as letting us have a look at her handcuffs and radio!

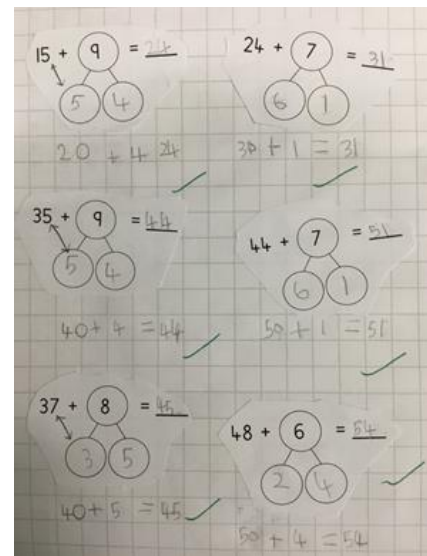


Year 2

This term's project was Coastlines.

In English, we created some fantastic diary entries, postcards and sea creature fact files. In Art and D.T, we created our very own 'The Great Wave' pictures using pencil or watercolour AND made some super 'Mr Grinling' lighthouses! We made maps with keys in Geography and have worked hard to improve and advance our place value and addition and subtraction skills in Maths. We also had a very special visit from a police officer! We learnt all about her very important job and discussed how we can stay safe





This term's project was 'Mighty Metals' and Year 3 have been investigating forces in so many fun ways applying their skills in science and DT too. The activities have included;

- ★ Parachutes- exploring the forces and making their own



★ Building cars and conducting a fair test experiment



- ★ Investigating levers and fulcrums
- ★ Exploring magnetism and the properties of materials
- ★ Making spinners and exploring friction

Year 3 have used 'The Iron Man' as a source of inspiration for their English lessons. Ms. Moss has been pleased with the amazing writing being produced and the range of complex grammatical features included. The class have explored the vocabulary used to describe the sights and sounds of a woodland at night by building their own camps.



Year 3 have also built a 'friend for the Iron Man' using recycled materials.



Year 3's Maths for this term has seen them securing their place value knowledge and beginning to apply this to addition and subtraction.

In addition to this, Year 3 have also enjoyed completing Eddie and Ellie's Wild Adventure project which focuses on the 3R's and visited the Thakeham construction site as part of this.



Year 4

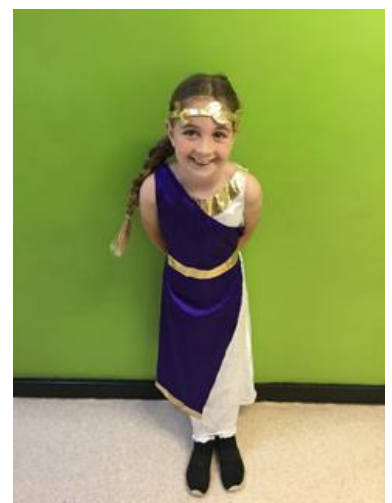
This term's project was 'I am Warrior!' The children have enjoyed learning about famous Romans, such as Spartacus, Julius Caesar and Emperor Claudius- and even a famous Celt, Boudicca!



First, they learned about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD, which buried the city of Pompeii.

The children wrote newspaper articles about the disaster, and later presented these to the class in the style of a news presenter on the television.

Year 4 experienced life as a Roman child this term as they dressed up for the day! They made Roman bread and learned about the daily routine of children nearly 2000 years ago.





The class made Roman bread from an ancient Recipe. The class were undecided whether they liked the bread as it was very salty!

Year 4 designed and made their own shields for the Roman army. They learned of the types of soldiers that could be found in the army, as well as the different parts of the uniform and weapons. They even managed to practise some Roman formations such as the 'tortoise' and the 'orb'!



The children finished this term by learning about the Colosseum and the gladiator fights that happened there. The highlight of one English 'experience' lesson was going outside to role play these battles in slow motion and freeze framing.

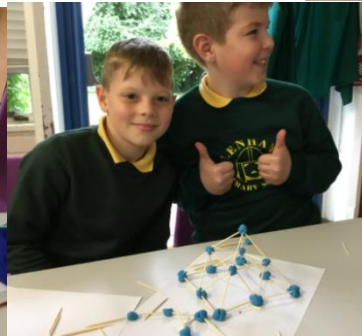
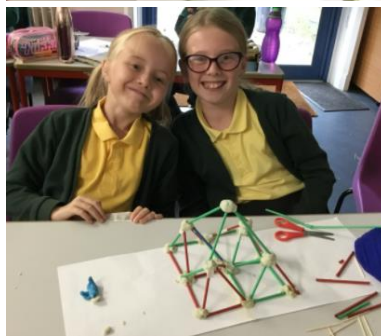
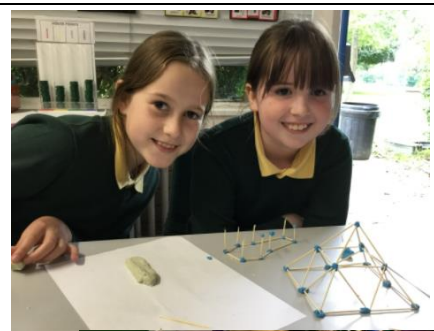
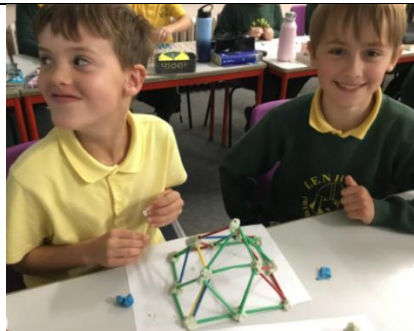
Year 5

This term's project was 'Pharaohs'. Year 5 have enjoyed a 'Memorable Experience' watching the 'mummification' of Mrs Smith!

We made Ancient Egyptian style flat breads and enjoyed eating them with dates and honey.



In DT the children were challenged to build a pyramid, choosing from a range of materials and deciding which was the best for the job.



Year 6

This term's project was 'Blood Heart' Throughout our topic this term, the children have learned about the functions of the heart and blood. This began with a heart dissection where the children were fascinated by the heart's many components.

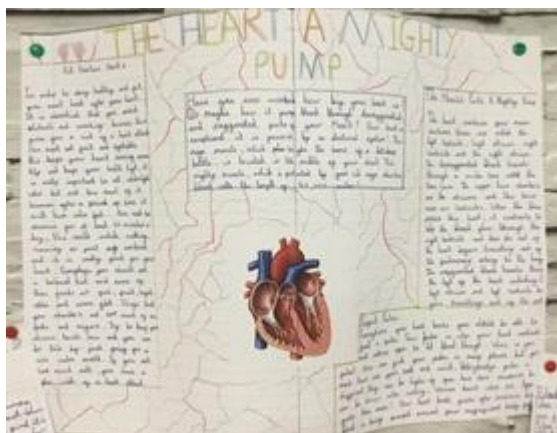


They have also carried out their own investigations into the effects of exercise on the heart and are now quite adept at finding and measuring their pulse rate!

Year 6 have also written non-chronological reports linked to the topic and produced some fantastic narrative writing inspired by the Disney short 'Paperman'. This term's mathematics has focused on place value and the four operations, with plenty of resilience on show to tackle long multiplication and division.



In art & design, the children have studied the Swiss sculpture Alberto Giacometti, and designed and created their own wire sculptures.



It certainly has been a busy term! Next stop... WWII and 'A Child's War'.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

We are really pleased to see that the introduction of Daily Zumba, at the start of every school day, has been well received by both children and parents. It is a great way to start the day as it increases heart rate and blood flow to the brain - particularly important to ensure the body and mind are ready to learn.



On Friday 24th September we held a cake sale after school in support of the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** fundraising event. We raised an amazing £220.20

After the successful Olympics and Paralympics held this year, we have renamed our School Houses. Our Houses now represent both Olympians and Paralympians in equal measure.

The Houses are;

Daley/Summers-Newton

Choong/Steadman

Kenny/Storey

Pearson/Brown



Our **Harvest Celebration** took place on Friday 1st October. As you can see from the photo the donations made were very generous. The donations were all boxed up and delivered to The Family Food Bank in Maidstone who were incredibly grateful for all the items.

The children enjoyed listening to examples of Poetry in a whole school assembly to acknowledge National Poetry Day 2021.

The poems shared included 'Eletelephony by Laura Richards' and 'The Story of Squiddly Diddily by Theodora Shilito' which focuses on the theme of marine conservation and recycling plastics





Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday Mr Nourish!

We celebrated Mr Nourish's Birthday with a special menu (and birthday cake) prepared and served by our amazing Lunch Team.

Prizes were awarded for the best birthday designed especially for Mr Nourish

#HelloYellow day, on Friday 8th October, was a fundraising event to support the Young Minds UK charity which provides essential support for the mental well-being of children and young adults.

As a school we raised £141.00.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Cross Country competition at Godinton House

On Monday 4th October, some Year 5&6 children took part in a Cross-Country race at Godinton House ran by Freedom Leisure. Wet weather didn't damp the desire to run, with 5 children running in the Year 6 race, and 1 child running in the Year 5 race. Arthur (Y6) managed to finish in third place, earning himself a nice medal and ear to ear smile. Special mentions go to Lily (Y6) for being the only girl from LPS to run, and Riley Co (Y5) for being the only Year 5 child to run.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves despite the weather, and look forward to future Cross-Country competitions (hoping for nicer weather).

Mr Holliday & Mrs Prescott

**Maidstone
United**

**Inter-Schools
Football
Tournament**

On Monday, 11th October, Lenham Primary School (LPS) returned to competitive sport after a break of almost two years. LPS were invited to participate in a Football Festival hosted by Maidstone United at The Gallagher Stadium. Feeling very excited for the overdue return of competitive sport, Lenham entered two teams, one for Years 3&4, and the other for Years 5&6.

Travelling to the tournament was an exciting experience in itself for a lot of the children, enjoying a train ride from Lenham to Maidstone East, then a short walk onto The Gallagher Stadium. But what everyone was really excited for was the football.

Our Year 5&6 team played in a very strong, smaller group. The team played a total of three matches, all against schools of a bigger size. This however, did not disrupt the spirits of the team on the field, as they battled hard against the other schools, coming off with a draw and two losses. Although initially disappointed with their results, they soon realized the quality of performances they put in.

The Year 3&4 team had slightly different fortunes, winning all but one of their group matches. The final four teams in the competition were announced... And Lenham were in! Winning the semi-final match, the Year 3&4s faced a strong looking Tiger Academy team in the final. The final did not go the way of LPS, but coming away second place with a trophy made the loss a lot sweeter.

All in all, the two teams represented the school impeccably, remaining in good spirits throughout and supporting the other team while they played. It was great to get out and compete again, and we are so proud of everyone that took part



Mr Holliday & Mrs Prescott

PRIDE VALUES AND REWARDS

This term we have focused on the **P - personal excellence**, school value. The most popular way to be rewarded was to reach the top of the Learning Ladder. Certificates were also awarded for excellent results in maths assessments or spelling tests and for using the key vocabulary linked to the current project/subject being studied. In total **309 certificates** were awarded across the school.

Next term the school will be focusing on the **R - respect and resilience**, school value.

HOUSE POINTS FOR TERM 1

The house with the most House Points this term.... is a tie between **BROWN** and **STEADMAN**

Well done to all the members of **BROWN** and **STEADMAN** House.

You will both be enjoying a Non-Uniform day on Thursday 4th November for this achievement.

TERM 2 WEEKLY MENU - CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE

<div> <h1>WEEKLY MENU</h1> <p>NOV 2021 TO MAR 2022</p> </div>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Spaghetti & Vegetable Bolognese Shepherd's Pie Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Sweetcorn Peppercorn Peaches & Custard Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots	Turkey & Ham Pie Chicken, Tomato & Herb Potatoes Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots	Mixed Beef & Yorkshire Pudding Beans & Sweet Potato Pancake Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Diced Swede Mandarin Orange Cake Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots, Yoghurt	Chicken Curry Cheese & Broccoli Penne Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Rice, Sliced Carrots Green Beans Chocolate Sweets Fruit Pots Yoghurt	Fish Fingers Vegan Burger in a Bun Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Cucumber Sticks Strawberry Bar Fruit Pots Yoghurt
WEEK 2	Macaroni Cheese Rice & Bean Burrito with Baked Wedges Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots	Homemade Sausage Roll Vegan Sausage Roll Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage Baked Beans Banana Loaf & Chocolate Custard Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots	Roast Chicken & Gamy Vegetable Fingers Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Sweetcorn Crispy Cake Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots, Yoghurt	Mild Mexican Mince Cheese & Broccoli Twists Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Rice Cauliflower Carrots Honeydew Melon, Apple & Orange Pots Fruit Pots, Yoghurt	Salmon Risotto Margherita Pizza Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Chips, Baked Beans Peas Cakes Fruit Flapjack Fruit Pots, Yoghurt
WEEK 3	Loaded Flatbread Cauliflower & Chick Pea Curry & Rice Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Mousse Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots	Beef Stew & Dumplings Cheese & Tomato Potato Bake Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Broccoli Diced Swede Vanilla Sprinkle & Custard Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots	Roast Sausages & Gamy Vegetable Meringues Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Rustic Roast Potatoes Baked Beans, Cabbage Fruit Jelly Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots, Yoghurt	Chicken Pie Tomato & Sweetcorn Penne Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings New Potatoes, Sweetcorn Cauliflower Apple & Strawberry Bars Fruit Pots Yoghurt	Fish Fingers Cheese & Onion Biscuits Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Chips, Baked Beans Peas Carrot Sticks Bony Biscuits Fruit Pots, Yoghurt
WEEK 4	Margherita Pizza Tofu Biryani Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings New Potatoes, Sweetcorn Peppercorn Strawberry Whip Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots	Cottage Pie Tomato Bakes Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Cauliflower Peas Apple Crumble & Custard Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots	Roast Chicken & Gamy Vegetable Fingers Vegan Mince Puff Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Sliced Carrots Fruit Jelly Mr Nourish Biscuit Fruit Pots, Yoghurt	Penne Bolognese Cheesy Cajun Wedges Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Seasonal Vegetables Orange, Apple & Watermelon Pots Fruit Pots Yoghurt	Chicken Bites Bruschetta Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings Chips, Baked Beans Peas Cakes Ginger Cookies Fruit Pots, Yoghurt

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Dairy Products 3 Soybeans 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Eggs 10 Potatoes 11 Nuts 12 Celery/Celery 13 Muesli 14 Lupines 15 Nut Gluten 16 Barley Gluten

Key:
 Vg Vegetarian
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Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen.
 Available Daily: Selection of Salads & Homemade Bread 1,3,7,9
 Some of our schools may use pre-prepared portions or vegetables in containers.
 These may contain sulphites and colours. Please discuss with your manager.

Allergen Accreditation

Remember, breakfast, lunch and tea are served to your school each week. This includes individual schools.

GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Governors have finally been able to be back in school after 18 + months working with the school remotely and the most enjoyable part by far was seeing the children enjoying being back in class and learning! This term, for governors, is always about strategic planning. We held our first strategic meeting with Mrs Culver and Mrs Downes (Consultant Headteacher) to discuss the school's objectives for the academic year and how we collectively will ensure they are met. Now that we can be back in school, we will be able to see for ourselves the quality of learning being delivered at Lenham.

To be able to ensure that the school meets its objectives, the governing body is split into a finance & premises group and a curriculum group. These groups meet independently of the strategic meeting to closely scrutinise objectives that are set and ensure financial spending is kept on track.

The finance group met early on in the term to discuss all the work that is being completed on our building this academic year. You will have noticed all the scaffolding I am sure, but despite the wet summer, works continue to progress well and the roof is nearly finished.

Yesterday, the curriculum governors met with Mrs Culver to discuss the quality of teaching being delivered in the classes. Governors were interested to find out how the children have been catching up with all the lost time out of school due to the pandemic. We were keen to understand if there were huge variations in knowledge due to remote learning, and how staff had worked at the end of last year to close the gaps for every child. We were very pleased with the hard work of the staff and could see that the children are on track with their learning.

This meeting was finished off by an impromptu visit to all the classrooms to see for ourselves the learning that was taking place. We were impressed by the depth of the children's knowledge and how engaged they were with the individual lessons being taught. We met the children in year R and 1 for the first time and enjoyed the laughter and fun the children in KS1 were having with Mr Holliday on the playground. In KS2 we saw art taking place in Year 3 closely linked to their Might Metals project and science taking place in year 4 and 5 - experiments and predictions for the best material the Romans could use for toilet roll and the pH of Mrs Travis's week-old milk!

In all classes, we saw how the new technology (that arrived just in time before lockdown) was being used to support learning in the classroom.

Finally, on our impromptu tour we popped into year 6 who were completing their extended writing from the study of the Paperman. We had the opportunity to see some of the extended writing that had been completed by the students in their books.

All children in every class were enjoying participating in the learning and were happy to share this learning with us- it was a lovely end to a very busy term

Mrs Ceri Norey - Chair of Governors

PTA NEWS



We are incredibly proud to announce that Debbie Brett and our amazing PTA were awarded the **'Volunteer of the Year'** award at the **'Kent Teacher of the Year Awards 2021'**, held at The Ashford International Hotel.

We are sure you will agree, that it is a well-deserved recognition of Debbie, and the wider PTA's, dedication and support

The PTA are busy organising events for Term 2 and we are sure you, as ever, will give them your support.

Oct 21

LENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA NEWSLETTER

Term 1

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are a small group of parents and friends raising money to support our children's learning. Many of us have been helping for a number of years and we would be thrilled to have new helpers with fresh ideas! It's been a strange couple of years during the pandemic, we've still managed to keep fundraising just in a smaller way.

NOW IT'S TIME TO BRING BACK THE FUN WITH SOME EXCITING FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Without more help and support we will not be able to run events for the children in the future!

- We need help organising raffle prizes for the Christmas raffle.
- Are you able to donate a prize from a business or know someone who could? We would love to hear from you.



SOME SUPER SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Sign up for the school lottery
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lenham-primary-school
- If you shop at Amazon then you can register with Amazon smile. It doesn't cost you anything, but when you register and make purchases Amazon smile will donate to the PTFA
smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1023306-0
- Remember to use the clothing bank in the school car park.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE AMAZING CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS!
WHAT HAPPENS NOW THE HARD WORK IS DONE?

THANK YOU FROM THE PTFA

<p>CHRISTMAS CARDS & THANK YOU CARDS Pack of 12 cards - £5.50 -</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS MUGS Mug - £7.00 -</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS GIFT LABELS Pack of 12 Labels - £4.00 -</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS POSTER CALENDARS Calendar - £4.50 -</p>

**CHRISTMAS
EVENTS
COMING
SOON**

JOIN US FOR
A VILLAGE PUMPKIN HUNT PTFA EVENT

**Get dressed up
GET SPOOKY**

Suggested time to complete trail Sunday 31st between 2-4pm • This includes Spin-the-wheel at the school gate (weather permitting)

HUNT MAP INCLUDES
SPIN THE WHEEL VOUCHER
HALLOWEEN LOLLY

£1 EACH

Basic trail will be available to complete between Saturday 23rd until Sunday 31st October

ALL THE MONEY RAISED THROUGH PTFA EVENTS GOES TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND OUR CHILDREN

Over the years we have supported a number of things.....

A defibrillator

Supported the accelerated reader scheme

Supported purchase of Chrome books for all years

The annual theatre production for all year groups

The new playground markings

Science day each year

Christmas crackers for school Christmas lunches plus much much more.....

All your support is very much appreciated. THANKYOU

If you can help please email- 8862168.8862168.pta@lenham.kent.sch.uk

Useful PTA Links

EMAIL - 8862168.8862168.pta@lenham.kent.sch.uk

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1023306-0>

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EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

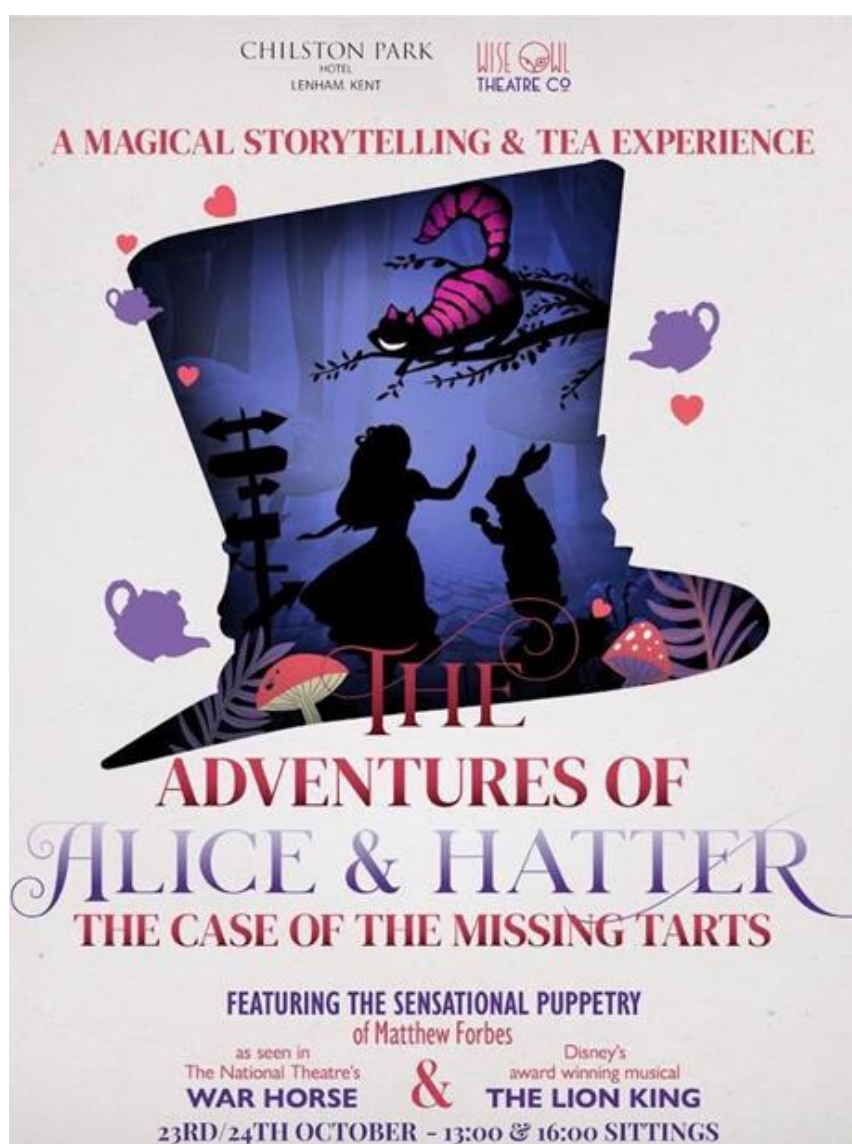
Here we will be sharing information about events going on in the wider community.
We are not responsible for the accuracy of the information contained within the adverts.

Chilston Park Hotel invite you to indulge in tasty scones while enjoying theatrical entertainment and puppetry on 23rd & 24th October.

Book online

<https://www.handpickedhotels.co.uk/chilston-park/events/mad-hatter-tea-experience>

Or telephone 01622 859 803 for further details





Half Term Drawing Competition



Come and find out which creepy crawlies are lurking in Lenham Churchyard.

How to enter:

- Turn up ready to draw**
- The winning entries will have their artwork on plaques around the churchyard for years to come.**



Goes Wild!

Hibernation & Hotel for Bugs

Saturday 13th November

St Mary's Church, Lenham

From 3pm – 5pm



Food and Drinks available