



Foreland Fields School Newsletter – October 2022

Global Peace Games

At the start of the term, students from the school participated in the Global Peace Games in Belgium. This saw our students joining young people from across the world who all came together to promote friendship, understanding and peace. In total, 60 representatives from 16 countries participated in the event.



Students took part in a number of activities that support The United Nations' International Day of Peace. Activities included learning about and taking part in a variety of cultural games, playing football on the peace pitch with students from across the world and participating in a role play peace workshop which allowed students to see the First World War from the perspectives of many different people who were affected.

As a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, we were so very grateful to both the Children's Football Alliance and Erasmus, for offering our students this once in a lifetime opportunity. All of our students were excellent ambassadors for the country and the school and we couldn't be more proud of them.

In the near future, we will invite another school to play a football match on the school site, and it will be played with the spirit of peace.

Reception Children

We have had a lovely 6 weeks welcoming all our new Reception age children to the Infant Department. They have settled really well and have been utilising our indoor and outdoor learning areas during child



initiated sessions. Our existing children have settled back into their new classes, and like the Reception children, have been having fun, exploring and learning through all the child initiated and teacher led activities that have been on offer. Just a tiny snippet of activities.





Fireworks

Our Firework Event will be held at the school on Wednesday 2nd November. Tickets can be purchased from the school office at £3 per person. A family ticket (for up to 5 people) can be purchased for £10. Admittance is through the secondary entrance. Doors will open at 5.45pm with the main event starting at 6.30pm. Could we please ask that everyone arrive promptly as doors will be shut at 6.30pm in order to ensure that everyone can enjoy the display.



We hope to see you all there.

Please note: Foreland Fields School is a no smoking site. The use of sparklers or any other kind of personal firework is not permitted, so please do not bring them with you to the event. Dogs will not be admitted.

Should the event need to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, we will notify parents/carers on the day through ClassDojo and our website.

iSandBox

Our iSandBOX arrived in school on Wednesday!

The iSandBOX is an augmented reality product, which provides fun and interactive experiences for our pupils/students. The iSandBOX improves motor development, vision perception, teamwork, communication skills, tactile sense, memory, and imagination.

[Website:](https://isandbox.co.uk/products)

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To see the iSandBOX in action, watch a video on YouTube by following this link: <https://youtu.be/iUsAX3fMfCE>



Coffee Mornings - Parent/Carer Training Events

A family coffee morning was held at Stone Bay School earlier this term, where the focus of discussion was behaviour issues. This was well attended by parents of both schools. A full programme of coffee mornings/workshops has been planned for this academic year, with more events to be introduced.



On Thursday 10th November there will be a Sleep Workshop with Clare Whitehead, here at The Foreland Fields site, between 9.15am and 11.15am. Please contact Sharon Bremner (Family Liaison Officer) if you wish to attend.

Please see the website for a full list of events, or follow this link:

<https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/our-school-community/parents-and-carers/training-programmecoffee-mornings-2022-23/>

Explorers' Pathway Family Event



Explorers' Pathway

On Tuesday 15th November (am) we will be holding a parent event for Explorers' parents. There will be an opportunity to learn about how we do Intensive Interaction in school, before visiting your child's classroom. There will be more details in a letter after half term.

Inclusion Quality Mark

Last Friday Louise Simpson from the Inclusion Quality Mark visited school to meet staff, pupils, parents and governors. She was very impressed with the school and although we have yet to receive the final report, Louise has recommended that we become a centre of excellence for inclusion.



Harvest Festival



Last Friday, 14th October, we held the first faith celebration day of the year, focussing on the Christian Harvest Festival.

Unfortunately, Steve Cave our local vicar had to cancel at the last minute! A huge thank you to the Signing Choir, Class GS, Ian White, Steph Park, Kia Thorp and Fiona Pearse for putting a fabulous Harvest Assembly together at the last minute.

Thank you also for your donations of food for the Gap project. Andy and Dolphin Class delivered food donations on Friday afternoon.



Illness

Many of our pupils and students are vulnerable to infections which can spread quickly at this time of year. Remember, your child should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last period of sickness or diarrhoea.

Details from Public Health England about infectious diseases and exclusion periods can be found on the school website or through the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>



Details for Respiratory Infections (including COVID-19) can be found on the school website: <https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/assets/Respiratory-Outbreak-Action-Card-Education-and-Childcare-Settings-September-2022.pdf>

The current guidance is:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and, where possible, avoid contact with other people. They can go back to an education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and, where possible, avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

The Children's Bookshow

On Wednesday (19th October), 30 students attended the Children's Bookshow at St. Lawrence College. We saw Neal Layton, an author and illustrator, who demonstrated how he built up his ideas to write and publish a book. He was really funny and, as one of the students said afterwards, "I didn't know you could use a stick as a musical instrument". Every student attending had the opportunity to take home two books, so we hope you enjoy looking through them together over half term!!



Family

All parents/carers should now have received login details via email for the Evidence for Learning Family App. This enables teachers to share video evidence of your child's progress. It also enables you to share video of your child achieving at home, so that we can include this in their assessment and Learning Journeys. You can download this app for free from the Play Store/App Store.

If you have not received any login details – please could you inform your child's class teacher with an up to date email address, so that we can resend log in details to you.



Staff Training Day

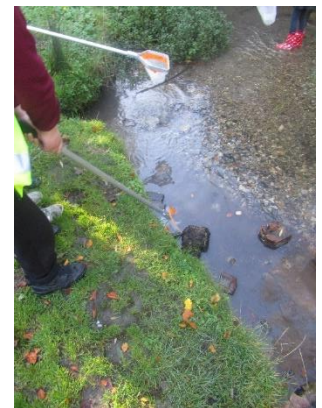
Please remember that Monday 31st October is a Staff Training Day and school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.



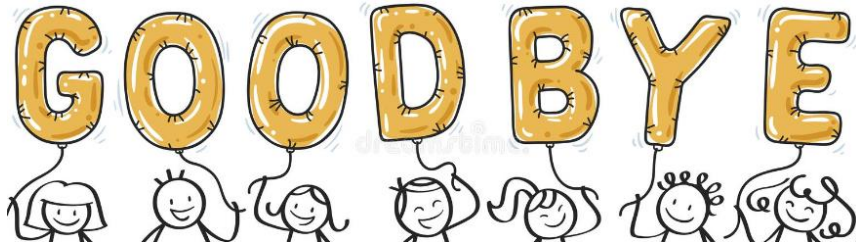
Primary and Secondary Discoverers



Discoverers have returned to Monkton Nature Reserve this term and also made new outdoor connections. Some of Primary and Secondary Discoverers have met up with a ranger, Miranda, to do some river dipping sessions on the river Dour. They have accessed part of the river at Kearsney Abbey. This is run by White Cliffs Countryside partnership which hopes that through our pupils learning about the



wildlife dependent on our rivers and streams it will help them to understand the importance of conserving our water. This was such a valuable experience for our pupils.



At the end of this term it is with much sadness that we say goodbye to 2 of our much loved staff. Aimee Elswood-Tate is unfortunately leaving us. Aimee will still be popping in from time to time, so we won't be saying goodbye completely.

Kate McGuffog is going on maternity leave today. We all wish her well and can't wait to hear news about the baby when it arrives.

Angelika Biste has been a TA at the school for the past few years however, previously held the position of class teacher. Angelika has decided to retire and will therefore, not be back after the half term break. We will all miss Angelika and wish her a very happy and healthy retirement.

Reporting an absence.

Could we remind all parents/carers to phone into the main office to report a child's absence. Parents/carers whose children travel on school transport should inform the driver or passenger assistant that their child is not attending however, parents/carers still have a responsibility to inform the school - messages cannot be passed through drivers or passenger assistants.

School times are 8.30am (school starts at 8.40am) until 2.50pm other than Thursdays when school ends at 2.00pm.

In the event that a child is late for school, they need to be brought to the main reception where classroom staff will be contacted to collect the child. If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, please ensure that the school know in advance.

It is important that every effort is made to ensure pupils arrive on time in order that they are prepared for the school day.





Dates for your Diary

2022

- Monday 31st October - Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 1st November – First Day of Term 2
- Wednesday 2nd November – Firework Display
- Monday 14th – Friday 18th November 2022 - Anti-Bullying Week
- Friday 18th November – Children in Need Day
- Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner
- Friday 16th December – Christmas Assembly
- Friday 16th December @ 2.50pm – End of Term 2



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- Tuesday 3rd January – First Day of Term 3

I hope you all have a great break and we look forward to seeing all pupils and students back on Tuesday 1st November.

Adrian