



End of Term 4 Newsletter - March 2023



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Comic Relief

Great fun was had by all on Friday 17th March when we held red nose day events in school. This culminated in the gunging of the selected member of the leadership team, which was voted by all pupils and students. This year's 'winner' was Jeremy Edwards!



What's Next?

On Wednesday 15th March, we held a What's Next? event for parents/carers and students to provide advice and support for school leavers. It was very successful and well attended. We hope to run these events more frequently as they provide a wealth of information about post-school opportunities for school leavers. Huge thanks to Helen Newman and Sharon Bremner for organising this event.



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award



Following a successful trip to Finland, 9 of our students (3 previous and 6 current) have successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a real achievement!

To top this news off, we have just had confirmation that students have been invited to Buckingham Palace in May to receive their awards.

Huge thanks to Sue Yardley, Lexy Jackson, Darren Gardener and Katrina Farley for supporting the students through the award.



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Emergency Contacts

It is a requirement that schools and colleges hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil or student. Could you please ensure you provide at least one, but preferably two, additional emergency contact numbers for your child and that these numbers are current.



Radio Project



Two of our 6th Form students, Darren and Ethan, undertook a 6-week radio broadcasting placement at Academy FM.

The students learnt all aspects of radio broadcasting, including how a radio station works and how to present a radio programme. Last week they completed their training by broadcasting live.

Huge congratulations to both Darren and Ethan, and thanks go to Academy FM and to Thanet Lions who sponsored part of the training.

Coronation of King Charles



We are in the process of planning events to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. The school council have come up with a range of different ways we can celebrate the coronation including a family event. We will pass on information as soon as it has been planned.

Please remember the additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May which has been set in honour of the King's Coronation.





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Spring Fest

On Wednesday this week (29th March) we held a Spring Fest event in our hall. All pupils and students from the main site had a slot in the hall where they, among other things, hunted for chickens, explored the taste and smell of herbs and built sandcastles from soil.



Activities were planned to be fully inclusive, meaning that all pupils/students could participate. All students were engaged during their time in the hall.

Huge thanks to Charlotte Macgregor, Sarah Wood and Fiona Pearse for organising the event.

Coronation Bench Competition

A few weeks ago, we reported that Ian White's class (Key Stage 2 – Garlinge Satellite) had been working with Fiona Pearse to design a bench for King Charles' Coronation. Each child in the class contributed to the design.

We recently received the really exciting news that out of more than 1,500 entries, our school is one of the 15 winners. An artist came to the school on Tuesday (28th March) and worked with the students from the class, refining their design and getting the bench ready for construction. The coronation bench will be on display in the Tower of London during the King's Coronation, after which time the bench will be sent back to us for our use.

The children from Ian's class have won a trip to see their bench at The Tower of London.

Huge congratulations to Ian's class and thanks to Fiona Pearse for all of your hard work!

The students' winning designs for the bench are below.





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Reporting Absence

When a child is absent from school, parents/carers should phone into the school office by 9.00am on the first morning of absence and keep the school updated on a daily basis of any further absence. Any absence not reported in this way has to be recorded as 'unauthorised'. This is a safeguarding requirement in order that all parties know that children are safe and their whereabouts are known.



Can we remind parents/carers that absence should not be reported on ClassDojo, or through drivers/escorts.

Holiday During Term Time

Please be aware that time off for holidays during term time will not normally be granted. Headteachers are not permitted to agree leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

Where leave of absence is not agreed and the pupil or student is out of school, or an application has not been made in advance, the absence is recorded as unauthorised.

Please ensure that any request for leave of absence is made at least 2 weeks in advance. Please note, retrospective approval cannot be granted.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.kelsi.org.uk/pru-inclusion-and-attendance-service-pias/attendance/absence-during-term-time>



Internet Safety

The school website provides guidance to support our students to be smart and safe online. The website also includes parent/carer guides for WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat.

This guidance can be found by clicking on the following link: <http://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/our-school-community/parents-and-carers/online-safety-e-safety/> Should any parent/carer have any questions or concerns regarding online safety, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Adrian Mount or Jeremy Edwards.





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CALENDAR

2023

- Beginning of Term 5: Monday 17th April
- Bamboozle Theatre Group: Monday 17th April
- Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (School is Closed)
- Deaf Awareness Week: Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th May
- King Charles' Coronation Bank Holiday (School is Closed): Monday 8th May
- Foreland Fields School Science Week: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th May
- End of Term 5 – Thursday 25th May
- Staff Training Day – Friday 26th May (School is Closed to All Pupils and Students)
- First Day of Term 6 – Monday 5th June
- World Environment Day: Monday 5th June
- School Diversity Week: Monday 26th – Friday 30th June
- Sports Days: w/c Monday 26th June (more information to come)
- Summer Fair: Friday 7th July
- 6th Form Graduation: Friday 14th July
- Last Day of Term 6: Friday 21st July



Congratulations to Sarah Wood who, following successful interview, has been appointed Secondary Discoverers' Leader of Learning. She will be taking over from Clare

Whitehead who will be reducing her hours after the Easter break. Clare will continue to teach in her current class for 2 days with Anna Oram teaching for the remaining 3 days.

Sophie Pressley will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term. Kelly Hobbs, who has just returned from her maternity leave, will be replacing Sophie in Turtle class.

Jason Bremner will be leaving us on Friday, moving on to a position in another school. Thank you Jason for all of your hard work, and good luck in your new role.



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Fundraising

"The Hive" update

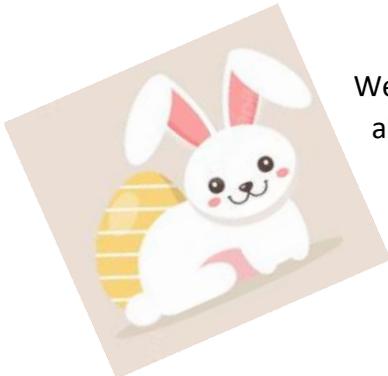
Please have a look around the details of our major new project "The Hive"

<https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/about-us/fundraising/foreland-field-of-dreams/>



It is a very exciting journey and we have now raised over £250,000! We are moving into the action phase where the building will start construction and the forming of the pathways, horticultural area and forest school will also begin.

We still have some way to go to finish the project, so if you'd be interested in volunteering, know a contact that would like to make a donation or someone who could help with a skilled area such as cladding, please get in contact with Diarmuid Molloy (Director of Philanthropy) at: fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk



We hope you all have a great Easter break and we look forward to seeing all pupils and students back on Monday 17th April.

Adrian



Foreland Fields School Safeguarding Team



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