

NEWSLETTER

23rd March 2018

Nightingale Class Update

What an exciting term we have had! We have gone bear crazy and it has been unBEARlievable. We have created our own character for Goldilocks and the Three Bears, we went on our very own bear hunt to Windmill Woods and we wrote non-chronological reports all about Polar bears.

In maths, we have mastered multiplication and division and some of us can even tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. (Sorry mums and dads, we now know exactly how to measure 'ok in 5 minutes' so we will be time keeping). In science, we have been learning all about plants and we even made our very own pollen sculptures out of clay. We have become many things this term tennis superstars, gardening experts, map reading legends, time lords and punctuation masters; however, the highlight has got to be our class assembly.

We dazzled the whole school today with our performance of 'A day in the life of Nightingale', giving parents and pupils a rare glimpse into the fun we have every single day. A big thank you to Mr Digby and Miss Lawrance for all their hard work making props, and finally a HUGE thank you to Miss Evans. We say goodbye to Miss Evans today as she embarks on the next phase of her student teaching adventure, so from the whole of Nightingale we want to tell you that you've been FANNNNNNTASTIC!



Nightingale Continued



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Bach to The Future

We had a fantastic musical treat this week when three musicians from Kent Music came to the School and took us 'Bach to the future'. First, we listened to them play their instruments: a clarinet, a violin and a trumpet. Then, each musician gave a talk about their section of the orchestra and how their instruments worked. They also showed us how to make basic versions of their instruments. Did you know you can make a version of a trombone out of a piece of tubing and a funnel!

Next, everyone toe-tapped along as the musicians played a range of music from popular TV shows and films, such as 'The Simpsons', 'The Great Escape' and 'Harry Potter'. After this, we looked at some film clips and thought about how music affects our feelings - remember Jaws! Finally, we joined in with a karaoke version of 'I'm a Believer' which we all knew from Shrek. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show - what a great way to start Monday morning!



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Rewind Trip -Year 5

This Thursday, all year 5 children were invited along to Hawkhurst Baptist Church for a fun filled afternoon of Easter activities. Along with five other schools, we planted Begonia plants, had a celebrity quiz, watched some video clips about the Easter story and learnt some 'Funky Easter Facts'.

Ella and Rosie read out the prayers that they had written, beautifully.

Did you know that children in Germany give their parents a painted egg, including all of the chores they will complete over the year? Also, the biggest Easter Egg recorded was taller than a giraffe and weighed more than an elephant!



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Sport Relief

Despite the rainy weather, all children and members of staff took part in the Sport Relief Mile. KS2 went first, followed by KS1 who were accompanied by the children in year 5/6. Everyone either ran, jogged, walked or skipped their way around the playground to complete the mile or were actively moving for 10 minutes.

Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to those who kindly donated money to the Sport Relief Charity. We raised a total of £85.26. Fantastic!



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Netball

On Wednesday 21st March, a team of eight children in year 5 and 6 took part in the small school netball tournament at the High Weald Academy. The team played six great matches in total, playing a range of different positions within the team. Well done to Isaac, Rex, Alfred, Ollie R, Millie, Maiya, Amelia and Elsa for taking part in the competition. An extra well done to Isaac, Ollie and Alfred for being our goal scorers in the matches. Thank you to all the parents who were able to transport the children to the tournament and also stayed court-side to watch the matches and cheer the team on! A special thank you to Millie's mum, Kelly, for coaching them through the tournament too!



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Studybugs

Studybugs – report absence securely and help improve children’s health

We’re pleased to announce that Sandhurst Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child’s absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child’s ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children’s health.

(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

We will be transferring to the Studybugs platform for all school to parents text and email communication. This service is free, allowing us to allocate the budgeted funds elsewhere within the school. While this transition takes place, please be aware we will be using both systems; Teachers to Parents and Studybugs to communicate with you until everyone is signed up. We will continue to use School Money for all payments.

Thank you.



The graphic is a blue rectangular banner. At the top, there is a white bird icon holding a blue envelope, with two small white clouds on either side. Below this, the text reads: "Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child’s absence due to illness." Underneath the text is the website URL "https://studybugs.com". Below the URL are three icons for app stores: "Download on the App Store", "GET IT ON Google Play", and "Get it from Microsoft". At the bottom of the banner, there is a list of partners: "Working in partnership with:" followed by logos for NHS, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, and the University of Brighton. The Studybugs logo, which includes a green plus sign, is in the bottom right corner. In the center of the banner, there is a small line of text: "Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health. See what illnesses are going around. Secure system, all communications encrypted."

School Garden – Tesco Project



We were really excited to see the new outdoor classroom begin to take shape this week; the beds are now almost ready for planting too.

The gazebo finished yesterday is really beautiful.

Thank you to Mr Schooley for helping us with the design and building of this garden-we cannot wait to start using it!

Also a huge thanks to Tesco and everyone who collected the blue tokens earlier this year - it was this funding that has made it all possible.



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Easter Holiday Club

We are delighted that the Easter holiday club will run on the following days. Thank you to those parents who have already booked in. Further bookings can still be made. Payment can be by cheque or School Money. Cash will not be accepted.



Tuesday 3 rd April
Wednesday 4 th April
Tuesday 10 th April
Wednesday 11 th April

Reminder

We still have some parents (mainly dads) driving up the school drive for breakfast club and after school club drop offs and pick ups. Can we ask you again not to use the staff car park?

Thank you for your consideration.

Well done Zak

Congratulations to Zak in Churchill class for winning a £200 Premier Sports voucher for the school. Zak attended a Premier Sport club during half term where he won the voucher.

Zak can spend the voucher on sports activities for the school and he is very excited to choose.

A huge well done and thank you Zak.



P & F Update

Half term is fast approaching and we are going to mark the beginning of the spring break with our Easter Tombola which will be held after school on the last day of term.

Come and try your luck! There will be various prizes to be won - and let's be honest, you can never have too much chocolate, can you?

Look out for us in the playground (weather dependent!) next Thursday, 29th March.

Rock Steady Easter Assembly

Parents of the Rock Steady musicians are invited to attend our Rocksteady Easter Concert which will be taking place at Sandhurst Primary on Monday 26th March at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance

There was much excitement this afternoon when the bouncy castle arrived.

The Reward Bounce is for the 62 children with 100% attendance for Term 3.



Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	94.1
Nightingale	99.2
Darwin	100
Shakespeare	97.8
Churchill	94.5

Congratulations to Darwin class! At last, 100% attendance and Ted for the week. Tremendous effort.

Well done to Nightingale and Churchill classes - no lates this week. Nightingale get to have Pup for the week as their attendance was higher than Churchill class.

Community

Hospice in the Weald would like our children to take part in the Pop-Up Food Fest and is running a drawing competition. Children are asked to draw a plate of food which they think is healthy. There are two great prizes to win; one for the best infant and one for the best junior drawing.

The competition will be judged on the day and the pictures put on display for everyone to see. Children need to add their name and class to the back of their picture. This might be something your child would like to do in the Easter holidays. All pictures need to be back in school by 26th April.

This looks like it will be a really fun event, for a very good cause, please do support it if you can.

Something different to celebrate spring?

APRIL 28, 10.00am – 2.00pm

POP – UP FOOD FEST

Home cooked lip-smacking, tasty food to eat in or take home

Kiddies play area and toys * vintage theme* card stall* Kiddies drawing competition

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Want to join in? Contact Jane 01580 851025 Help us provide hospice care in the homes of our families.

Diary Dates

28th Mar	Easter Service - Mission Church Meeting for Year 6 Parents re: School Journey to France 3.30 p.m.
29th Mar	P & F Easter Tombola after school Last Day of Term
16th Apr	Term 4 begins - children back to school Year R Height/ Weight / Hearing Checks
25th Apr	Year 5 -Safety in Action
27th Apr	Storyteller in all day
4th May	School Photographer - Class Photos
6th May	P & F Sunday Carvery—London Beach Hotel
14th May	SATs Week
18th May	Year 6 Reward Day
21st May	Sports Week
25th May	Sports Day
28th May-1st Jun	Holiday
4th Jun-8th Jun	Year 6 - Residential Journey to France
15th Jun	Father's Day Sale
22nd Jun	INSET Day - children not in school
5th Jul	Reports to parents
6th Jul	Move Up Afternoon
9th Jul	Meet the teacher week after school
12 Jul	Year 6 Performance to parents
13 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Church Assembly
14 Jul	P & F Camping Day
17 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
20th Jul	Leavers Assembly
23rd Jul	INSET Day- children not in school
24th Jul	INSET Day- children not in school